The NSPS Standards Committee (SC) did not meet in 2018. Seminars on State Standards of Practice are presented on a regular basis throughout the country. The wise and consistent application of state and national standards can only help to enhance the image of the profession.

The following are the current charges of the SC;

1. Review and update the NSPS model minimum technical standards.
2. Prepare model specifications for photogrammetric control surveys.
3. Review and update the NSPS model accuracy standards for construction surveys.

The last review/revision to charges 1 and 3 occurred in 2002. I am not aware of any change or review of charge 2. A review of the NSPS Model Standards would be appropriate at this time. A review of the existing NSPS Model Standards was done in the fall of 2016. The existing NSPS Model Standards are available on the NSPS website for any committee and/or NSPS members wishing to be part of this committee and its work. You are encouraged to contact the committee to express your interest.

As the committee chair I the following recommendations were presented in a report in the fall of 2017;

1. Using the “state survey matrix” as a basis, review the current status of “State Standards of Practice” (SSP) and a compile an easy reference to the SSP for use as examples by state agencies/organizations contemplating changes/revisions to their standards.
2. If not already charged to another committee, review existing state statutes and regulations regarding the definition of land surveying and recommend a Model Definition of Surveying.
3. Formally charge a review and amendments, where appropriate, of the Model NSPS Standards. There is a significant diversity in practice and standards across
the country. This charge should be the work of a broad based group with representation from all parts of the country.

4. Contact photogrammetric service providers and request information regarding existing control survey standards. These standards should be prepared by professionals with the appropriate expertise.

As part of the most recent revisions to the standards of practice in Connecticut, the Connecticut Standards Committee requested information regarding model guidelines and suggested practices for emerging technologies like LIDAR, laser scanning, UAVs, etc. Connecticut found little existing information regarding use of modern technologies. It is suggested that this be added to the committee charges and prioritized by the NSPS BOD.

The committee does not have any motions to be considered by the NSPS Board of Directors at this time.

President Van Horn has indicated that the current list of committee members does not appear to be current. The President has been informed by the only listed committee member that he will not be able to continue as a committee member. All current members of the SC are asked to forward current contact information to the committee. Any NSPS members with ideas on completing the SC charges, with input regarding any of the suggestions contained in this report and wishing to be active members of the SC should contact the committee. The President suggested a Standards Committee Meeting be included as part of the fall meeting. A meeting is schedule for 1PM to 3PM, Thursday, 9/26 at the meeting in Orlando, Florida. Anyone who is interested in working the Standards Committee is asked to attend this meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting but wish to be part of this committee please forward your contact information.

Respectfully submitted, Robert Dahn, Chair