The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors Board of Directors voted to approve the NSPS revised MOU reflecting the modification of the language regarding the dues increase.

As far as issues and concerns of our Society that have been brought up over the last year are the usual ongoing frustrations with the unlicensed practice of Land Surveying and the inability of our State Agencies to enforce any penalties or action against those parties. It appears that there is an influx of companies offering to perform services that fall under the definition of land surveying when it comes to the production of products utilizing UAV and other technologies without having a Licensed Land Surveyor on staff. Other issues that have been a recurring subject of conversation include an apparent drop in membership and the need to reach out to both the younger generation and those Surveyors that are not aware of the benefits that NSPS and CALS provide to the profession behind the scenes. As usual much discussion has been had regarding the need for mandatory continuing education and how to implement a program that would either fall within the purview of the State Regulations or have a program run by the State Society. The argument against implementing a degree requirement for licensing due to the lack of Surveying Degree programs in the State has basically become a moot point with the advent of on-line degree programs being offered by the University of Maine and other institutions. Conversations are ongoing. The Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors has been active in offering many seminars that have been well attended even though there is no current continuing education requirement.

Our State Society has been active in monitoring and responding to legislation proposals the we feel may have a negative impact on our profession. Among those has been changes to the Surveyors Right of Entry requiring Surveyors to give 7 days’ notice to adjacent property owners prior to performing a survey, raising our license renewal fees as well as the potential for instituting sales tax on Land Surveying Services. Our lobbyist has been very busy lately.

Our upcoming 52nd Annual Meeting is scheduled for November 1 at the Sheraton Hotel, 100 Capital Blvd., Rocky Hill, CT.

Sincerely,
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