The MAPS Board Officers and Board of Directors sworn in on February 8, 2019:

President – Mark Whitney, PS PE
Past-President – Chad Ainsworth, PS
President-Elect – Ronnie Leggitt, PS
Secretary-Treasurer – Tim Brewer, PS
North Director – Mike Thornton, PS & Bob Farley, PS
Central Director – Chris Pesnell, PS & Colin Baird, PS
Southern Director – Larry Saucier, PS & Patrick Martino, PS
NSPS Director – Joe W. Byrd, PS
Executive Director – Debra Byrd

There were two legislative bills introduced in this year’s session that attempted to change the definition of surveying in the MS Statute to exclude:

“work products that represent only a generalized location of a feature, object or boundary upon which the public would not reasonably rely as the precise location of that feature, object or boundary, or the transcription of previously created data into any presentation format by manual or electronic means, and the maintenance thereof, provided that the data is clearly not intended to indicate the authoritative location of property boundaries, the precise definition of the shape or contour of the earth, or the precise location of fixed works of humans.”

This legislation was sponsored by the MS Bankers Association (MBA) to provide an alternative to “expensive surveys” needed for loan transactions. MAPS, with the assistance of ACEC of MS, was able to get the legislation killed in both chambers of the legislature. However, we do expect legislation to be introduced next year with the same goal of allowing any individual to provide a map or drawing of property to be used in a loan or mortgage transaction as long as it contains a statement that it is not a survey.

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