National Society of Professional Surveyors
Spring 2019 Pennsylvania Affiliate Report

Report Date: April 12, 2019

Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors (PSLS) 2019 Officers/Directors:

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PSLS Member Report: Total of 888 Members as of March 1, 2019

Land Surveyors Week March 17-23, 2019: Proclamation issued by Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf

Amendment to NSPS Memo of Understanding: signed by PSLS April 2, 2019

Annual Surveyors' Conference: The PSLS 2019 Annual Surveyors' Conference was successfully held again at the Hershey Lodge & Convention Center from January 13 – 16, 2019, in Hershey, PA with 549 in attendance. The PSLS celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year! The PSLS 2020 Annual Surveyors Conference is scheduled for January 12 – 15, 2020.

Pennsylvania Land Surveyors' Foundation: Each year the PLS Foundation gives over $10,000 to deserving Pennsylvania residents who are attending associate and baccalaureate surveying engineering and surveying technology degree programs. Each year at the PSLS annual conference banquet, the foundation distributes the second-half of the scholarship to the students. To date the Foundation has provided over $287,000 in scholarship to students.

Legislative Update: HB 1106 was defeated in the Senate right at the end of last session by an objection from the Comcast/Broadband Lobbyists group (via Senator Tomlinson). We have tried to reach out many times to their Lobbyists to ascertain the reason(s) for their objections. As far as we know we have not been provided any reason(s). Rep. Joseph Emrick has agreed to re-introduce this bill for us and is very enthusiastic to do so. To date we have the support of PSPE, the county commissioners, the Davey Tree Lobbyists, The Governor's Geo Board, and PA ACEC. We do not know where we stand with Comcast/Broadband, but we would expect opposition. Since the creation of HB 1106 we have included the NCEES Model Definitions and Exceptions.

Respectfully Submitted,

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