Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado NSPS Activity Report:

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**Colorado State Survey Conference**

The PLSC 12th Annual Rocky Mountain Surveyors Summit (RMSS) will be held February 22-26, 2021 at the Marriott Denver West, Golden, CO. This venue was new for this event 10 2020 and the conference will be a hybrid of in person and on line presentations. The RMSS will have three days of in person presentations by Gary Kent and Steve Parrish (CFedS tract). The on line presentations will be provided before, during and after the in person tract. Planning is being finalized for the 2021 conference.
PLSC Membership (9/24/2020)

124 Associate Members
4 Student Members
15 Sustaining Members
195 Voting Members

338 Total Members

Publications:

Side Shots is the quarterly publication of the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado that is available on-line. [http://www.plsc.net/side_shots.php](http://www.plsc.net/side_shots.php)

PLSC Activity:

Continue to actively participate in Colorado QBS meetings.

The dues for PLS renewal increased for 2020 from $25/year to $94/year.

Legislation:

State Plane Coordinate system will be worked on in the coming months in anticipation of the 2022 datum change.

PLSC is assisting NSPS directors to create legislation related to railroad abandonment of property in order to have the existing infrastructure surveyed prior to destruction.

Legislative Committee report – April 29, 2020

603 bills have been introduced in the 2020 session. The following are bills that came to our attention during the currently suspended legislative session.

**HB20-1318 Standards For Recording Plats**

Concerning the electronic recording of plats of land.

This bill is intended to eliminate polyester/mylar plats from being stored by the Clerk and Recorders of the state. This is a very confusing issue to most others involved as the differences between recorded plats and deposited plats is poorly understood by many. Most of the language change occurs in Title 38 concerning plats which are commonly deposited but commonly applied to recorded plats also. Note that this is also the current condition. We negotiated several revisions to make this bill better and to alleviate potential damages. These changes have not yet been posted to the bill description at [https://leg.colorado.gov/bill-search](https://leg.colorado.gov/bill-search).
2021 Action:

- Modification to HB 20-1318 CONCERNING THE ELECTRONIC RECORDING OF PLATS OF LAND

The concern is that deposit plats should not be included with recorded subdivision plats, giving them a status they should not have. Recorded plats typically have been through numerous reviews by multiple agencies and stakeholders, have the approval of the above and the owners and can create new property boundaries; deposited plats are the opinion of one surveyor and subject to disagreement by another. We plan to discuss this with the Clerks after the election; however, there is no consensus within PLSC on how to amend the current law, because of county differences.

2021 Legislative Action:

Monument Records – form and submittal revisions to provide additional details and allow electronic submittal [38-50-103] and extend time to file from 6 months to 12 months [38-53-104(2)] (this may be a DORA/Board issue more than legislative [38-53-106]). Centralize data possibly through the state GIS [24-37.5-111].

The goal is to allow the electronic deposit of monument records, and while we are at it to improve the layout and format of the form. Surveyors in the mountain communities have a limited field season and perform office tasks, such as monument records and plats during the winter. Increasing the window to file monument records would bring the time into line with the deposit plat requirement. Numerous suggestions to improve the information on the record form are to be considered. The State GIS office needs to be contacted to determine the willingness to take on the monument records as well as approval by DORA. An email blast should be sent to members for input in the features of a revised monument record form.

Free access to electronic copies of recorded documents for licensed Professional Land Surveyors

This is an attractive suggestion, but given the current fiscal situation of many local governments, it is unlikely the idea would gain any traction at the Legislature.

Education: The Colorado Mesa University/Colorado Community College are anticipating a reduction in the number of attendees for the fall semester and potential reduction in funding for staff.

PLSC Refresher Course regarding the survey profession and preparing for the LSI and PLS exams are the subject matter. For the 2021 session, the courses will be made available in real time for remote attendees.

The GIS In the Rockies conference was held virtually in October, 2020 due to the concerns of the Covid 19 pandemic.
Outreach:

PLSC members will be attending the following events this fall:

- Adams County middle school career day (PLSC staff will virtually present only)

Miscellaneous:

The Central Chapter of the PLSC is coordinating with the Colorado Railroad Museum to assist in the cataloging and digitally scanning of the voluminous number of records housed at the Museum.

Capitol Day 2021—This is unknown at this time if this will happen due to COVID restrictions at the Capitol. We will monitor the situation, and if such activities are to be allowed again, we will notify PLSC membership.

Proclamation of 2021 Surveyor’s Day. Our lobbyists will be securing this from the Governor’s office. Last year, the proclamation was waiting his signature and then the COVID 19 emergency superseded any proclamations from going into effect.