2020 North Carolina State of the State

Membership

Growth continues as we approach the end of our 2019-2020 membership year. The totals per membership category are as follows:

- 1197 Total
- 227 Associates
- 844 Professionals
- 59 Sustaining
- 67 Students. (Several Community College programs are requiring membership because it is free.)

These numbers are particularly encouraging because they reflect growth in every category.

Legislation

We had a very successful year legislatively. We worked on two bills that were beneficial to surveyors

1. H 871 - Fair Contracting Act limits the indemnification of design professionals in contracts to defend subcontractors with no direct negligence on the part of a surveyor
2. S 332 – Clarifies the statute of repose and statute of limitations for surveyors in NC. We were previously listed in 3 different statutes and the wording was very confusing. The concise new statute lists 3 years statute of limitations and 7 years statute of repose.
3. During the recess we are working with realtors to help improve information to home buyers regarding the acceptance of subdivision roads by the Dept. of Transportation. Our goal is to accommodate real changes to help the public without causing certificates to be added to plats.
4. We are also working with a group of stake holders to clarify the condominium statute in NC.
5. We will continue to work on funding efforts for the NC CORS Network. The short legislative session is supposed to begin April 28th.

Our state continues to make progress with E-recording plats. Hopefully, this will be a positive result from the Corona Virus as many will be forced to use this option in lieu of personally dropping plats at government offices.

Education

We continue to offer photogrammetry classes as a benefit to surveyors who are beginning to use drones. This spring will offer Sections 2 and 3 again with 3 and 4 in the fall. Our first group completed the course in the fall.

NCGS and NCSS continue to work closely together to administer the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program. Expansion of the program is continuing nationwide with TN being the first state to implement the program outside of NC. Representatives from New Jersey attended our class in October and will be implementing their own program this spring.

Our FS exam review had 47 potential surveyors participate. This was the biggest in many years. It seems to bode well for the future of surveying in NC.
Our Chapter partnerships were very successful this fall. Three partnerships were scheduled for the spring but have had to be rescheduled due to the quarantines.

Finally, we filmed four two-hour segments for our online courses, which should be available soon.

**Public Promotion**

In August NCEES awarded NC, TN, VA, GA and MD a framework to implement a pilot program designed to increase licensed professionals into the surveying profession. This was based upon a grant proposal by NCSS called SCORE Surveying Candidate Objectives for Recruitment and Education. NCEES made the decision to use the grant framework while supervising the program on a regional scale. We look forward to the beginning of this program.

Our Career Ambassador program continues to grow. We thank NSPS for their help with information and “swag” to give to those who attend. We attended 5 events since January with representatives from the society. They have done an excellent job educating young students about the profession of surveying.

Our next goal is to implement a Continuing Technical Education Course in a rural high school.

We continue to have members that represent us consistently on the following Boards and Commissions:

- Geographic Information Coordinating Council
- Underground Damage Prevention Review Board
- Land Records Task Force
- Electronic Recording Council
- Geodetic Advisory Committee
- NC A&T Advisory Committee

**Other state accomplishments:**

Most recently during the governmental response to the Pandemic, Covid19, Governor Roy Cooper granted surveyors to be specifically named in his Stay-at-Home Executive Order 121 as an essential therefore exempted business. We were grateful and relieved that surveyors, who so often work in isolated areas alone or with one or two others, will be able to continue working.

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