This year we celebrated our 79th Annual Convention of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors. Our Annual Meeting was held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo.

Association Management Resources (AMR) is in their third year as the MSPS’s management group. They provide their expertise to us on a daily basis, and perform the multifarious tasks as needed.

Michelle and Tammy from AMR continue to strive to increase our membership, but it is not an easy task given our shrinking numbers in the profession.

As of the end of December 2019, our current membership is:

- Professional 441, down from 453 last year
- Sustaining 22, up from 20 last year
- Life 148, down from 160 last year
- Associate/Affiliate 119, up from 92 last year
- Student 39, down from 59 last year
- Overall 769, down from 784 last year

Legislative Day was held in Lansing on April 17, 2019.


February: Governor Whitmer restructured the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) into the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE).

New MDOT Director: Paul C. Ajegba, PE

H-1 Substitute for HB4055 (2019) Land Division Act changes introduced.

March: MSPS participates at LARA (BPL) PS Licensing Rules Committee Workgroup.

LARA (OLSR) opens Land Division Act Rules and are under review.
April: 25th AESLC Lobby Day. Key Topics: Certificate of Merit, Restoration of Historic Tax Credits, Transportation Funding, Water Infrastructure Funding. (see below for more on this topic)

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June: Land Division Act amendment passed and signed by Governor (2019 PA 23).

September: Land Division Act amendment (2019 PA 23) goes into effect.

October: AESLC HB5169 (Certificate of Merit) introduced.

November: LARA (BPL) Draft Rule Language for PS Licensing made publicly available.


January: Total # of PS’s licensed to practice within Michigan: 800 (as of 1/3/2020).
(800 includes non-resident MI PS license holders.)

MSPS reviewing potential changes to PA132 (Certified Surveys).

MSPS to attend public hearings in possible support of MARD against combining the positions of Register of Deeds with County Clerk for various counties around the state.

2022 DATUM COMMITTEE

This committee has been spearheaded by Bob Burtch. He and the committee members have worked diligently this year to develop the parameters for state plane coordinate systems we would like for Michigan in connection with the proposed 2022 Datum.

Bob has compiled information from other states and been in contact with NGS to help develop a system amenable to Michigan relative to a possible Low Distortion datum. There have also been meetings and contact with other Michigan stakeholders to make sure we are also addressing their concerns.

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

TRIG-STAR

This year Michigan had 11 high schools participate in the competition, thanks to the 10 professional surveyors who brought the exam to their local school. In total, 343 students attempted the exam this year.

TwiST

The TwiST (Teaching with Spatial Technology) instructional workshop took place at Michigan Tech in Houghton on June 24-28 with ten teachers.

RE-ENACTMENT GROUP

The MSPS Foundation has a Surveying Re-enactment Group that displays antique surveying instruments and equipment to educate and promote surveying to the public.

State Historic Museum in Lansing – January

Feast of Saint Clair in Port Huron - May 25 & 26

Curwood Festival, Owosso - June 8 & 9

Wood Shaving Days, Hartwick Pines - Grayling - July 20 & 21

Rendezvous in the Sault, Sault Saint Marie - July 27 & 28

CAREER QUESTS

MSPS volunteers actively participated in the following events during 2019:
- Michigan Construction Career Days held in Howell on May 1-2
- Career Quest by Network Northwest at the Grand Traverse Civic Center in Traverse City on May 22, 2019
- MiCareer Quest Southwest – October 29-30 at Kalamazoo County Expo Center
- MiCareer Quest Southeast – November 9 at Suburban Collection Showplace, Novi

A big thank you goes out to those persons who lent their time and expertise to reach out and explain the surveying profession to thousands of career minded school kids and their teachers. Be on the lookout for more of these events slated for 2020!

**MSPS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP REPORT**

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At the end of 2016, we started a drive to raise $200,000. The scholarship funds are around $130,000 as of January 2, 2020.