New Mexico State University – Surveying Engineering Program
The Chancellor of NMSU has stated his intention to drop the Surveying Engineering program, noting that the student population is not sufficient to support the cost of maintaining program. Currently there are about a half-dozen students in the program.
NSPS has communicated with the New Mexico Professional Surveyors (NMPS) regarding this matter, and has written to the Dean of Engineering to express support for the program, and to stress that it is critical for it to continue, especially in light of the fact the New Mexico has a mandatory four-year degree requirement for licensure as a Professional Surveyor. NSPS has also reached out to the organizations (i.e. ALTA, ASPRS, MAPPS, etc.) with which it has relationships to request that, too, contact the school to express the importance of such programs.
Dialog continues, and as of this date the school has indicated to NMPS that a donation of approximately $360,000 will be required for the program to be continued for the next school year. Report from Amanda Allred at NSPS Board of Directors during 2016 Fall business meetings

Workforce Development
During its Spring 2016 meetings, NSPS established a Workforce Development initiative to work in concert with the respective state surveying societies to develop a program to create the framework for insuring the perpetuation of the surveying profession. Recently, the NSPS Executive Director met the NSPS Government Affairs consultant and a representative of the Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) to discuss strategies, in particular related to a grant being sought by VAS which would be used to develop a workforce development plan for Virginia. The process for pursuing this grant can serve as a guide for the pursuit of similar grants by both NSPS and the respective state surveying societies. A Workforce Development page has been set up on the NSPS website, http://www.nsps.us.com/page/WorkforceDev.
NSPS Workshop Database
NSPS is developing a workshop speaker database to be shared with the respective state societies for use in planning for their conferences and other educational activities. The list will include primarily those speakers who can be available on a nationwide basis. To date, 30 speakers have responded positively to the inquiry sent by NSPS. NSPS staff is currently working to compile the information for posting on the NSPS website. NSPS hopes to also coordinate with other national organizations that provide workshops to their respective members, but could also be pertinent to surveyors. The spreadsheet should be completed by the end of October.

Property Records Industry Association (PRIA)
Several years ago, NSPS began discussions with PRIA leaders with the goal of establishing an interactive relationship for dialog on issues of mutual interest. Recently, that dialog has been rekindled resulting in the NSPS Executive Director scheduled to meet with PRIA leaders during the PRIA conference in late August. The August meeting resulted in an agreement to establish a working group similar to the ALTA/NSPS Committee to work on common issues such as establishing a way to link actual surveys to property records so they are used for information rather than GIS data.

FIG XXVII Congress and General Assembly 2022
NSPS has begun its research to determine whether to make a bid to host the 2022 FIG Congress and General Assembly. FIG holds an international meeting each year, but its Congress and General Assembly meets every four years, during which meeting the FIG presidency transitions. The last FIG meeting to be held in the US was sponsored by ACSM and ASPRS in 2002. John Hohol and Curt Sumner met with meeting Colleen Campbell with Conference Managers, Disney hotel staff and the Disney Event Group to discuss the possibility of holding the 2022 FIG conference at Disney in Florida.
NSPS Student Chapters
NSPS is beginning an initiative to establish Student Chapters within the respective college programs throughout the US and Territories. Currently, NSPS Student Chapters are established at California State University - Fresno, Ferris State University, University of Maine, Douglass Houghton - Michigan Technological University, Dunwoody College of Technology, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New Mexico State University, Paul Smith's College, Purdue University, Oregon Institute of Technology, Oregon State University, and University of Tennessee - Martin. Although NSPS is aware of many of the programs throughout the country (in particular those with ABET accreditation), the NSPS Public Relations Committee is seeking information about programs in the respective states whether they be two-year or four-year programs. **NSPS Staff is compiling information from various sources to create a unified database for use in contacting each school regarding a Student Chapter.**

New NSPS Brochures
NSPS staff is working with brochure design consultant Kelly Collar (also the executive for the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors) to finalize the design for updated brochures. The work is nearing completion on brochures related to surveying careers, NSPS benefits, and information about what NSPS does. Once printed, the brochures will be available to members, the state societies, and educational institutions. **Design is complete and brochures have been printed. Samples will be available at the 2016 Fall business meetings.**

NSPS Social Media Update
Members are encouraged to take advantage of the extensive NSPS social media outlets. In addition to the very popular weekly email newsletter, *NSPS News & Views* (which is sent via email) and the weekly web radio show, *NSPS Radio Hour* (accessible at [http://www.nsps.us.com/?page=RadioShow](http://www.nsps.us.com/?page=RadioShow)), members can also get current information and share in dialog by searching *National Society of Professional Surveyors* on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube accounts.