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ALTA/NSPS Standards Subcommittee of the NSPS Standards Committee

Overview
This committee works on behalf of NSPS and with ALTA on the Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys. The committee meets every spring and fall in conjunction with the NSPS annual and semi-annual meetings.

Discussion
The latest version of the standards – now known as the 2016 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys - became effective on February 23, 2016. The new standards were the successful culmination of 2 years of effort by dozens, if not hundreds, of surveyors and a dedicated group of attorneys comprising the ALTA committee.

Since the Standards were adopted (on October 8th by ALTA and on October 9th by NSPS), the Chair has presented programs on the new standards 36 times in 14 states. A number of other surveyors have received support from the Chair in presenting programs in other states.

The Chair and NSPS Executive Director Curt Sumner collaborate on a regular “questions and answers” feature in the NSPS News and Views publication on the ALTA/NSPS standards.

The Chair, who also chairs the corresponding committee for the American Land Title Association, maintains frequent contact with ALTA’s Kelly Romeo, the staff person responsible for assisting the ALTA committee. ALTA and the Chair have responded to questions posed by the HUD Multi-family group regarding the new standards.

At the joint NSPS/ALTA committee meeting in August, it was agreed that the two committees would strive to meet more frequently than every 5 years. The Chair and Judy Beale, PS are participating in a program on the new Standards at the ALTA Business Strategies Conference in Indianapolis immediately following the spring NSPS conference in Crystal City.

The concept of an ALTA/ACSM Surveyor Certification program was brought before the Board of Governors and supported by the ALTA/NSPS Subcommittee approximately five years ago. Its status is unknown. In order to facilitate the discussion, several years ago the Chair and Curt Sumner developed a framework of a certification program. It has been provided on request to a number of NSPS committee persons off and on the last few years.

Recommendations - None at this time.

Motions to be considered by the NSPS Board of Directors - None.

Committee Members: Subcommittee membership is essentially those who attend the NSPS subcommittee meetings and are on the Chair’s email distribution lists. Members who participated at the joint meeting with ALTA in August 2015 were, in addition to the undersigned as Chair, Curt Sumner, Judy Beale (VA), Todd Rakstadt (AZ), Paul Burn (NV), and the late Malcolm Shaw (NY).

Respectfully submitted by Chair Gary Kent on Terminalia - the 23rd day of February 2016