1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Rick Howard who welcomed all to the meeting.
   • Operating Rules
     1.1.1 – Name and State when addressing the group and speak into the microphone.
     1.1.2 – Cell phone policy, $100 contribution to the scholarship fund for those who violate said policy.

2. Roll Call/Proxies/Declaration Quorum – Chairman Howard requested the roll call by Secretary Mark Sargent

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A majority of the Governors were present and a quorum was declared. Chairman Howard asked that all new Governors and proxies to stand and be welcomed by their fellow Governors.

3. **Approval of Minutes** – Gaithersburg, MD April 14, 2013- Chairman Howard asked for any additional changes to the minutes a motion to approve was made by Rich Leu,
Governor. of IA which was seconded by Alan Dragoo, Governor. of MD and approved on a voice vote.

4. **Additions and Approval of Agenda** – Chairman Howard reviewed the day’s agenda, mentioned that some of the items would be taken out of order, explained some minor revisions and additions, and asked if any additional items needed to be considered, hearing none requested a motion. Motion by Curt Glasoe, Governor. of ND to approve the agenda as amended, second by Henry Kuehlem, Governor. of TX which passed by voice vote.

5. **100% Membership** – Chairman Howard congratulated those Governors, who’s States have finalized their respective MOU and those that are working diligently to make the same happen, for all their time and effort in making the 100% membership program a huge success. Mr. Howard invited the Governors to speak on the status of their State to which a number did.

6. **Introduction of Guests**

   **6.1 The following guests of BOG members were introduced:**
   - Bill Coleman, NC Governor introduced Randy Rambo th in-coming NC Governor
   - Alan Dragoo, MD Governor introduced incoming MDSLS President Bill Orsinger
   - Malcolm Shaw, NY Governor introduced NY Director Patty Brook, Glen Watson and Rick Brook
   - Larry Graham, KS Governor introduced KSLS executive director Valeri Peltier
   - Jeff Black, MS Governor introduced MAPS executive director Debra Byrd
   - Jim Wengler WA. Governor introduced Past President Pat Beelher and NSPS Vice President Jon Warren
   - Debi Anderson, MT Governor introduced MARLS President Matt Morris
   - Mike Fondren, AZ Governor introduced APLS executive director Christa Heley
   - Warren Ward, CO Governor introduced Lisa Isom for Assurance Risk Management

   Other attendees – Neil Weston, Deputy Director of NGS; Curt Sumner, NSPS Executive Director; Kim Leavitt, Area 7 Director; Steve Gould, Area 1; John Fenn, NSPS Secretary/Treasurer; Jan Fokens, Area 5 Director; Patrick Smith, NSPS President-Elect; Lamar Evers, NSPS President; Bob Dahn, NSPS Immediate Past President; Jon Warren, NSPS Vice President; Joe Dolan, NSPS Past President; Joe Baird, Area 3 Director; Chris King, Area 4 Director; Wayne Harrison, NSPS Past President; Henry Kuehlem, Area 8 Director; Carl CdeBaca, Area 9 Director, Frank Lenik, Area 2 Director; Gerry Curtis, NSPS Past President; Gary Kent, NSPS Past President; John Palatiello.
6.2 NGS- Neil Weston, Deputy Director gave an update on NGS activities. Mr. Weston, who has been with NGS for 20 years, spoke of the Government furlough and the impact it had on his agency. He explained that data was still collected at all the CORS stations across the country and said data was made available after they came back on line. The CORS network is made up of 1880 station, across the country, all data is made available to the general public and for the support of aviation and weather prediction. The NGS goal is to create a uniform network across the country rather than a saturated one. Gravity measurements, for the redefinition of the datum, will start this January and there is a goal to produce a new International Great Lakes datum by 2022. Mr. Weston spoke on the OPUS program and how it is processing more than 30,000 data sets per month and on the OPUS RS which is a rapid static program. OPUS Project is a program which will allow the collection of data over a long period of time (days or months) and can be used as a monitoring tool. NGS will be releasing a 10 year plan in the near future and continue to support State and Federal programs.

6.3 NSPS Insurance Plan Overview—Lisa Isom from Assurance Risk Management made a power-point presentation. Ms. Isom explained that her firm has been the endorsed agency for the NSPS insurance program since 2011. The firm was founded in 1998 but has been putting together insurance programs for land surveyors since 1992. She explained how important it is to work with an agent who knows surveying, the importance of receiving a Certificate of Insurance in a timely manner and gave an overview the coverages offered through the NSPS program. Cyber liability, D&O and pollution liability are some of the new programs being offered as well as personal lines of insurance, term life and individual health care. Ms. Isom explained her firm is currently working in 47 states with approximately 1400 members and attends 20 state conventions per year. She stated that claims have substantially increased at the professional liability and workman’s compensation coverages. She warned that insurance carriers financial performance is down so rates will be going up and that rates for workman’s compensation, for land surveyors will be rising. Chairman Howard asked Lisa to explain the differences the NSPS program offers compared to the average coverage a member could get from their local agent and if the increase in membership will lead to a decrease in premiums. Ms. Isom explained there are coverage and pricing differences, and with her firm we get the experience and expertise of her agents. She also stated that with the increase in membership NSPS will have greater leverage and thereby better pricing.

6.4 NSPS Government Affairs Consultant—Joe Dolan reported that Lobby Day was very successful, he spoke on the 100% membership, the work that will be needed to keep it together and that in his opinion the insurance program is the best benefit that NSPS offers. Joe explained that about 20 members attended Lobby Day, which although a good turnout he felt that all Governors need to participate. Mr Dolan encouraged that the Governors to donate to the PAC.
and consider sending some or all of the dues savings to the PAC. Joe explained how the PAC works and the money needed to make the PAC run. Mr. Dolan spoke on the issues with the Davis Bacon Act and explained how changes will undermine decisions previously made pertaining to land surveyors. He requested that the membership speak with their respective representatives, not on the Act itself, but the lack of transparency in the decision to change the classification for land surveyors.

The meeting was recessed at 10:45 am and called back to order at 10:59 pm.

John Palatiello made a power-point presentation on the SWOT Analysis and the draft strategic plan for NSPS his group has developed. He explained that this is another tool the Governors can bring back to their States to show what NSPS is doing and where we are going. John reported that the plan has been emailed to the Governors and he has received feedback concerning the implementation of the 100% program, what is going to be done about governance and what will the structure of NSPS look like, not being addressed in the plan. The plan has 4 broad goals, the first to grow and strengthen NSPS as a national organization and improve its value to all of its members, to engage NSPS communication activities to more effectively engage the members, to enhance and improve the national image of surveyors, and to expand and strengthen the government affairs efforts of NSPS. John presented slides on specific action items for each of the goals. MT. Governor Debi Anderson reported that the Western Governors had reviewed the plan at their meeting yesterday and that they had four points of concern. Goal One, objective A is to promote an annual convention, it was Ms. Anderson’s understanding that a majority of the Governors didn’t want an annual convention because it would conflict with the individual States, object B, increase the frequency of news releases, it was the Governors opinion that News and Views, sent out on a weekly basis was sufficient, and Goal 3, objective E pertaining to securing funds for Trig-Star, the Governors felt the Trig-Star program needed to be looked at to determine if it was really meeting the goals of NSPS. President Evers explained that the Executive Committee had been waiting for this meeting and the BOD meeting tomorrow to discuss the plan before giving to the Strategic Planning Committee to work on and have a draft for the spring meeting. WA. Governor Wengler wanted to make sure that when the model law is reviewed that the law be technology and equipment neutral as new equipment and technologies will be developed over time and we don’t want those unintentionally excluded. Mr. Wengler also commented on the promotion of the model law to State Legislatures, it is his opinion the law does not help and may hurt us as land surveyors. President Elect Pat Smith is glad to see that the draft plan is generating comments and that the committee will be reviewing all comment. He also stated that the structure of our organization is not a strategic plan issue but an operational issue which will be taken up
by the Executive Committee. MA. Governor Rich Vannozzi spoke on behalf of Andy Sturgen, the chairman of the education committee, the committee is working on a education plan which will be able to replace Goal 3. It is the recommendation of the education committee that once there plan is complete that it become the responsibility of the strategic planning committee and that a member of the education committee sit on the strategic planning committee. RI Governor Ed O’Brian wanted to reinforce the Governor Wengler’s comments, the model rules are more in the manner we want to be defined. Governor Anderson following up on her prior comments and stated that the plan was well thought out and is very positive.

7. Reports

7.1 NSPS President—President Evers made a presentation to AAGS Governor David Doyle on behalf of the FL. Surveying and Mapping Society and awarded him an FSLS honorary membership and the FSLS scientific research award. President Evers stated that he had signed the 40th MOU today and thanked MI Governor Craig Amey for the work he had and continued doing on the NSPS 100% membership map. Mr. Evers tasked the Governors to return to their States and assist the state organization in increasing membership. With 40 States on board NSPS has not reached the 50% mark in the projected number of members. He feels we are missing the associate members and need to bring the technicians into the fold.

President Evers explained that NSPS is working on a spring conference for 2015, most likely in the DC area. NSPS is also looking at a benefits committee to enhance the benefits we offer, especially on the associate level. He feel that a lot of the states have moved away from programs that support technicians and that needs to change and become part of our strategic plan. The European Council of Geodetic Surveyor is hoping to have an International Surveyors Day which will correspond with our National Surveyors Week. Another issue that the Executive Committee is looking at is a contracting agency that works with FEMA and presents a program on Elevation Certificates as an on-line training tool. The group would like to present this program though NSPS and the Exec Com will have continued dialogue so as to present additional information in at the spring meeting. The Executive Committee has also decided to join The Business Coalition for Fair Competition. The cost to join the group $500.00 an they believe it will be a benefit to all our members, further information will be released in the future. President Evers spoke in detail on the status of the SALIS publication, the motion was made for NSPS to withdraw in June of this year. The 2012 editions had not been published nor have any 2013 publications. NSPS wrote the other 2 organizations involved requesting that the 6 month withdrawal period be waived and that NSPS would turn over all funds associated with the publication. It took more than 6 weeks to get a response; NSPS will be a partner till the end of 2013 and
are awaiting a response as to where to transfer the funds too. President Evers is optimistic that in the NSPS may have another professional publication. In closing he thanked all the Governors and Directors for their hard work over the past year and was looking forward to working on the strategic plan.

7.2 NSPS Executive Director—Curt Sumner thanked all guests for attending the BOG meeting and welcomed the State Executives, several that were attending for the first time. Mr. Sumner also introduced Neil Sandler, the owner of Flat Dog Media and the NSPS public relations firm. Mr. Sandler publishes Professional Surveyor in which he runs the NSPS column “Dual Frequency” and also acts as our social media presence with input from Trisha Milburn. Curt reported the new web site will be up and running soon which will be easier to use. Curt also announced the former GA Governor and Area 4 Director Greg Johnson donated a number of pictures for the silent auction. Mr. Sumner reported on discussions with NCEES, who last year had provided substantial monetary support to National Engineers Week and have extended the same offer for National Surveyors Week. The “Young Surveyors Effort” has become very popular on both the national and state levels, this presents an opportunity to engage with young individuals both professional and students. The Department of Labor has contacted NSPS to help define what a “Geodetic Surveyor is, and is asking for input from those members who are geodetic surveyors. Mr. Sumner reported that NCEES help NSPS with a revision to the NSPS pamphlet, which is available at the office. The spring meeting will be held on April 13-16th, 2014 in San Diego, CA at the Town and Country Resort, in conjunction with the CA. and NV Association meetings. Mr. Sumner discussed the NSPS radio show and that he is always looking for guests. He also reported that this past spring NSPS worked at the Boy Scout Jamboree.

7.3 NSPS Treasurer – Treasurer John Fenn reported that a majority of the Governors had received the financial reports and reminded the Governors he is always available for questions. Mr. Fenn reported the following:

- Operating Account $82,610.00
- Co-America account $100.52
- Money Market account $211,963.00
- Sum total of Cash-On-Hand $294,673.46
- Accounts Receivable $6,041.00
- Pre-Paid Expenses $32,910.00
- Accounts Payable $46,679.00
- Dues to PLSS Foundation $1,400.00
- Deferred Membership dues $90,000.00
- SALIS Funds $47,518.00 (being held because magazine hasn’t been published)
- Restrictive fund for Great Lakes Regional Council $2,800.00
- Cash Reserve of $163,000.00
- Will need to transfer $30,000.00 to operating account to make it through the end of the year
- The CST program, through September has had an income of $101,955.00 and expenses of $52,358.00
- The Hydro program has had an income of $2,950.00 and expenses of $7,501.00
- The C-Fed program has had an income of $21,000.00 and expenses of $11,000.00
- The Trig-Star program has had an income of $9,660.00 and expenses of $12,717.00
- Membership dues collected for 2013 $512,187.00, a budgeted dues of $675,490.00
- Welcome packets for new members have cost over $22,500.00

Treasurer Fenn discussed and presented projected membership numbers and reviewed past years membership projections. He stated the 2014 budget will be voted on at the net days Board of Directors meeting.

The meeting was recessed at 12:25 pm and called back to order at 1:36 pm.

7.4 Professional Surveyors of Canada- Mr. Denis Blais of PSC brings greetings from the PSC President Guy Craig. Mr. Blais reported that Canada is releasing a new geodetic vertical datum, called CVDD 2013, next week. Copy right issues have been a topic of discussion in Canada, with respect to survey plans, a recent court decisions affirmed that Government agencies are subject to copy right laws. Mr. Blais also reported that free trade agreements with the European Union, is being tracked by PSC. The agreement was announced in October but still needs to be ratified by each Province. In closing Mr. Blais congratulated NSPS on the success of the 100% membership program.

7.6 Student Competition- MA. Governor Rich Vannozzi gave an update on the student competition. The event will be held in conjunction with the NSPS spring meeting and the topic will be ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys. At this time he did not know which schools would be participating and the field competition will be held on Sunday. Rich stated the schools do need financial support for and suggested that the State organization may be able to help.

7.8 F.I.G.- John Hohol handed out a report on the working week in Abuja, Nigeria and reported because of security concerns none of the federal employees from the U.S. were in attendance. Mr. Hohol reported that the next F.I.G. International Congress will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, which is held every four years. He also spoke on the Budapest declaration which he signed on behalf of NSPS President Bob Dahn this past March. Mr. Hohol spoke on the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors which is made up of 54 nations from Europe, representing about 100,000 surveyors. Last year was the first time they held a European Surveyors Day and set it
up to be within our National Surveyors Week. Next year’s goal is to establish a Worldwide Surveyors Day within to be held on a day within our National Surveyors Week. John was invited to attend training course in topography for young surveyors, in Madrid as part of the F.I.G. Foundation. John noted that there were no American in the program and was able, through NSPS, to get two young Americans, one from Washington State and one from Wisconsin, to attend the program in Lisbon, Portugal. John reported that he will be trying to put together young surveyors program for our spring meeting.

7.12 National Association of County Surveyors- Chairman Howard reported that CO Governor Warren Ward had to leave the meeting but asked that it be reported the County Surveyors forum will be holding a meeting in San Diego and that the County Surveyors are not affiliated with NSPS.

7.13 Trig-Star- PA Governor Bob Miller spoke on behalf of the Trig-Star committee, Bob noted that during the Strategic Planning committee meeting concerns were brought up about Trig-Star which was a surprise to the committee. To this end the Trig-Star committee has put together a presentation for the Governors and in Mr. Miller’s opinion he believes the problems may stem from miscommunication and interpretation of the Trig-Star program. He explained that changes to the program will be coming, for example getting to students earlier than their Junior year. Bob introduced the Trig-Star committee chairman Jerry Juarez who mentioned that next year marks the 30 year anniversary of the program. Jerry review the purpose of Trig-Star and read a number of testimonials. Mr. Juarez announced the 2013 Trig-Star winners, first place-Adeesh Alok Jain from Flower Mound, Texas; second place-Taylor McReary from San Luis Obispo, CA.; and third place-Ivan Ye from Iowa City, Iowa. The committee also gave away two $2,500.00 and one $5,000.00 scholarships to students attending Ferris State and OIT. Committee member Tony Gregory spoke on his passion for the program and played a video in which teachers throughout the country spoke on the benefits of Trig-Star.

7.14 Surveyors Historical Society- IO Governor Rich Leu gave a presentation on the Surveyors Rendezvous 2013, he gave a slide show of a trip to England, spoke on the Mason Dixon line and the remonumentation of the star gazers point. The Society placed a maker explaining the significance of the pin and Mr. Leu explained the various pieces equipment used and individuals involved. The Society also established the southernmost point in Philadelphia with the help of Area 2 Director Frank Lenik. Rich spoke on the recovery and rebuilding of the Bilby tower, last year’s presentation, in Osgood OK. and that a dedication ceremony will be held in June of 2014. In closing Mr. Leu reported the 2014 rendezvous will be held in Mobile Alabama.

7.15 NSPS Foundation- John Swan stands by his written report.
8 Old Business
Chairman Howard reported that items 8.1 through 8.7 had either been approved at the BOD level or otherwise disposed.

8.8 ALTA/ACSM Surveyors Certification- S.D Governor Tom Berkland reported that he and Gary Kent had met the previous evening to discuss details. Tom noted that the draft copy of the Strategic Plan does mention the program indirectly. The committee is recommending that the Board of Governors set up a Board to create an ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Program. The program will contain the following parameters: Curriculum for the teaching of the program; testing procedures to determine competency; a process to develop qualified trainers; a method to promote those members who become certified; the program will be operated by NSPS; all trainers to be members of NSPS; and program is open to members and non-members. Chairman Howard explained there was a motion on the floor at an earlier meeting and that direction from the Board needs to be given to Mr. Sumner and Mr. Kent before the program can move forward. LA. Governor Tony Cavall moved that the recommendations of the committee be accepted which was seconded by NV Governor Paul Burn. Chairman Howard suggested the motion be amended to Board of Directors, rather than Board of Governors, which was accepted by the motion maker and without further discussion was approved on a voice vote.

9 New Business
9.1 Discussion-Map it Once, Use it Many Times- AAGS Governor David Doyle spoke on the program, he is concerned of the impact the program may have, and feels there needs to be more dialogue as to the NSPS stance on the program. Dave has experienced a number of these efforts and cautions there may be unintended consequences and conversations should be had between members and the various agencies they work with and how the program may impact those agencies.

9.6 Discussion Bylaw Change for Electronic Voting- Past President Wayne Harrison as part of the nominating committee was going to present two motions, pertaining to electronic voting and Area Directors. The committee did come up with some wording for the motions but upon review of the Bylaws minor changes in one section caused changes in other sections, so there was not a simple fix. President Evers has appointed a committee to review all the Bylaws with the charge of having a document to review by the Board of Directors in January for a possible vote at the general membership meeting in April.

9.2 Motion-Arizona Professional Land Surveyors Continuing Education Support- AZ Governor Mike Fondren read the motion into the record: “Arizona Professional Land Surveyors requests that NSPS write a letter of support to the Arizona Board of Technical Registration (BTR) in support of
Continuing education for Land Surveyors” which was seconded by NM Governor Glen Thurow.

9.3 Motion-Continued NSPS Participation in SALIS- NM Governor Glen Thurow withdrew the motion with the concurrence of the second.

9.4 Motion-NCEES Model Law Review- WA Governor Jim Wengler read the motion into the record: “That the NSPS Board of Governors request the NSPS Board of Directors develop a process to review the NCEES Model Law definition of surveying to determine whether the definition is still current concerning methodologies and technologies being utilized in the market today” which was seconded by TX Governor Henry Kuehlem.

9.5 Motion-MAP-21 Act Reauthorization- WA Governor Jim Wengler read the motion into the record: “That the NSPS Board of Governors request the NSPS Board of Directors seek a provision in the MAP-21 Act Reauthorization (Highway Bill) to clarify that for the purpose of determining services subject to the Brooks Act qualifications based selection (QBS) process, the follow definition be used: ‘surveying and mapping services’ includes geospatial activities associated with measuring, locating and preparing maps, charts, or other graphical or digital presentations depicting natural and man-made physical features, phenomena, and legal boundaries of the earth” which was seconded by TX Governor Henry Kuehlem.

9.8 Motion-Geodetic Certification Program- MD Governor Alan Dragoo read the motion into the record “Move that NSPS develop a plan for a Geodetic Certification Program in collaboration with AAGS” which was seconded by GA Governor Robert Armstrong.

9.9 Motion-National Geodetic Survey Letter- MD Governor Alan Dragoo read the motion into the record “that NSPS send the attached letter to NGS. That NSPS establish an adhoc committee to develop presentation materials and NSPS web site information that members of local organizations can use to inform their members on how to provide GPS observations on bench marks that NGS has requested and submit this data to NGS using the OPUS-DB utility. That NSPS encourage NGS to proactively provide speakers at the various state surveying conferences who can address the rational for the change in the datums and articulate the impact that these changes will have on the vast amount of geospatial information maintained by the many federal, state and local government agencies that the members of NSPS represent and support with surveying services” which was seconded by LA Governor Tony Cavell.

10. Assignment of Motions & Action Items to Task Committees - The following assignments were made:

- Task Committee One and Two– Items 9.2 & 9.4
- Task Committee Three- Items 9.8 & 9.9
- Task Committee Four – Item 9.5

11. Task Committee Breakout Sessions taken at 3:05pm
Meeting reconvened at 3:52pm

Meeting Date: November 23, 2013
12. Reports and Recommendations from Task Committees – Voting on Issues
   Task Committee Three- Recommended passage of motion 9.8 as originally presented, with no additional discussion the motion passed on a voice vote. Recommended passage of motion 9.9 as originally presented with a minor change to the proposed letter to NGS, with no additional discussion the motion passed on a voice vote.
   Task Committee Four- Recommended passage of motion 9.5 as originally presented, with no additional discussion the motion passed on a voice vote.
   Task Committee Two- Recommended passage of motion 9.2 with a minor revision, changing the word “write” to “send”, without further discussion the motion passed on a voice vote. Recommended passage of motion 9.4 as follows: “That the NSPS Board of Governors request the NSPS Board of Directors to create an Ad-hoc Committee to review the NCEES Model Law and Model Rules definition of surveying to determine whether the definition is still current concerning methodologies and technologies being utilized in the market today, and make recommendations to the NSPS Board of Directors.” Without further discussion the motion passed on voice vote.

13. Elections/Presentations
   13.1 Governor Service Award Presentation—Chairman Howard presented 5 year service awards to the following individuals:
   - Rich Vannozzi, MA
   - Henry Dingle, SC
   13.2 Key Governor Presentation—Chairman Howard presented Bill Coleman, NC Governor the Key Governors plaque for the spring 203 meeting.
   13.3 Nominations and Elections for BOG Chair & Secretary (Term 2014-2015) MT. Governor Debi Anderson nominated IL Governor Tim Burch for Secretary, SC Governor Henry Dingle nominated NH Governor Mark Sargent for Chairman. Without any further nominations Chairman Howard called for a vote of affirmation for the two candidates which passed on a voice vote.
   13.4 Key Governor Vote- MI Governor Craig Amey was elected key governor for the fall 2013 meeting.

14. Good of the Order—Chairman Howard instructed the BOG to complete the envelopes which were passed out for funding of the Governor’s Scholarship Fund.

15. Next Meeting—San Diego, CA April, 2014

16. Adjournment—Chairman Howard declared the meeting adjourned.