1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 9:25 am by Chairman Mark Sargent who welcomed all to the meeting.

1.1. **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 Sargent requested the roll call by Secretary Tim Burch

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A majority of the Governors were present and a quorum was declared.
3. **Approval of Minutes** – Baltimore, MD November 23, 2013- Chairman Sargent asked for any additional changes to the minutes. Hearing none, a motion to approve was made by Governor Dragoo (MD), which was seconded by Governor Burn (NV). A voice vote approved the past minutes.

4. **Additions and Approval of Agenda** – Chairman Sargent added Items 9.10, 9.11, 9.12 as well as follow up reports from Governor Leu (IA) on the Surveyor’s Historical Society and the agenda as amended, second by Governor Anderson (MT) and passed by voice vote.

5. **Introduction of Guests**

The following guests of Board of Governor members were introduced:

- **F.I.G. Young Surveyors Network Members**
  - Eva Maria Unger from Vienna, Austria
  - Amanda Askren from Washington
  - Adam Schleicher from Wisconsin
- **NCEES – Vice President David Widmer and Executive Director Jerry Carter**
- **BLM – Don Buhler and Dona Rogers**
- **NSPS Government Affairs Consultant - John Palatiello**
- **Governor Anderson (MT) introduced MARLS President Bob Rux and Matt Morris (will serve as interim Governor in Fall, 2014)**
- **Governor Crawford (TN) introduced TAPS Executive Director Lori Medley and NSPS Past President Jim Boyer (1993)**
- **Governor Graham (KS) introduced KSLS Executive Director Valeri Peltier**
- **Governor Amey (MI) introduced MSPS President James Hollandsworth and Executive Director Mollee J. Neff**
- **Governor Rambeau (NC) introduced NCSS Executive Director Christy C. Davis**
- **Governor Neathamer (OR) introduced past OR Governor Lloyd Tolbert**
- **Governor Black (MS) introduced MAPS Executive Director Debra Byrd**
- **Governor Watson (TX) introduced TSPS Executive Director DJ Kyle, TSPS President Shane Neally, and TSPS Membership Chair Dempsey Hannah**
- **Governor Shaw (NY) introduced NSPS Director Patty Brooks (NY)**
- **Governor Wengler (WA) introduced NSPS Past President Pat Beehler (2008)**
- **Governor Grizzard (AL) introduced NSPS Past President Tommy Brooks (2000)**
- **Governor Van Horn (WI) introduced WLSL President Sean Walsh, Executive Director Frank Thousand, and F.I.G. Young Surveyors Adam Schleicher and Alysen Kohlnhofer**
- **Governor Hayes (MO) introduced MSPS Executive Director Sandra Boeckman**
- **Other attendees – John Matonich, NSPS Government Affairs (Chair); Joe Dolan, NSPS Foundation (Chair); Wayne Harrison, NSPS Membership (Chair); Frank Lenik, NSPS Area 2 Director; John Fenn, NSPS Secretary/Treasurer; Lamar Evers, NSPS Past President (2013); Jon Warren, NSPS President-Elect**
6. Reports

6.1. **NSPS President**—President Smith noted that this meeting attracted the largest number of state association representatives and executives to date. He noted that 15 state executives were present at the meeting with another six participating via phone conferencing. He stated that getting these members directly involved will greatly affect the success this organization will have in the future. Our mission as the leadership body of the organization will be to keep these executives and their staffs directly involved and help us to grow what we have worked so hard to create.

6.2. **NSPS Executive Director**—Executive Director Curt Sumner followed President Smith’s comment in thanking all the State Executives for attending these meeting. It is their involvement that will sustain our push to get the State Associations directly involved and engaged. He thanked his staff, consisting of Trish, Sara, and Bob, who have carried great load in getting us to where we are. He noted there will be an ongoing silent auction during this meeting to raise funds monies for the NSPS PAC. He displayed a sample of the types of clothing items now available through Land’s End with NSPS logos. He had an opportunity to speak to the F.I.G. Young Surveyors Network, listen to what their career aspirations are and how getting involved with NSPS will benefit them. NCEES is also providing assistance with attracting young people to the profession, but all of our members and state societies will need to create further interest to grow our profession. He noted that BLM and NSPS are good partners in growing the CFedS program. He also reported that a lot of his time is spent finding ways to attract young talent and educated minds to our profession. We need to find ways to teach the young surveyors what it is we truly do rather than just “make the math work.” The pieces of the survey puzzle don’t always mathematically fit perfectly to their adjoining pieces and doing the work to determine the accurate fit is the job we do. Mentoring has also become a lost art so we need to find a way to augment the education they are now receiving due to degree requirements for licensure. He also thanked those who have contributed to **NSPS News & Views** and reported that good feedback has become the norm. He is also looking for new participants for the weekly radio show. He noted that there were over 200,000 downloads of the show during 2013 and hopes to continue these successes.

6.3. **NSPS Treasurer** – Treasurer John Fenn welcomed all of the Governors and guests as well as noting that being placed between Mr. Sumner and John Matonich is a daunting task. He noted lots of activity and great things have been happening to this organization. The budget has been modified from last fall’s approval to adapt to the additional states that have come on board as 100% participants. The revised budgets have been distributed to all attendees so please let him know if you see anything you may have questions on. He also noted that it is our responsibility to help promote the CST program for our field and office technicians. He stated that it is each state’s association responsibility to make sure that dues are scheduled for payment to NSPS as soon as possible to keep our budget positive. He also asked for additional input.
from each member on how to grow the profession and association in order to keep surveying alive and well. We currently have more than 11,000 members and will grow that number as the remaining states come on board. To steal from John Matonich, he modified this tagline slightly: “It’s a great day to belong to NSPS.”

Mr. Fenn reported the following factors that will vary the budget:

- Differing dues timeframes and collection periods
- Revenue from membership - $466K (2013), $552K (2014)
- Revenue from News & Views - $0 (2013), $13K (2014)
- Total Income - $917K (2013), $909K (2014)
- CPA Expenses - $5K (2013), $0 (2014)
- Current balance of $182K with a goal of saving back to $500K
- Lots of cost saving measures including conference calls

Governor Howard (CT) commended the finance committee for getting the budget back into the black in order to keep us fiscally responsible. He also asked if we could change the staff charges to single line items instead of detailed in each section. Secretary Fenn replied that is easier to analyze the effectiveness of staff utilization for each section for now but will consider it for the future. Governor Russell (ID) inquired how we are generating revenue from News & Views. Secretary Fenn stated the revenue is currently coming from advertising.

6.4. **Joint Government Affairs** – Chairman John Matonich stated the written report from the April 14 committee meeting is now online and available for review and comment. Highlights from the meeting:

- 3DEP initiative trying to get funded
- COFPAES
  - Watchdog for Brooks Act
  - Works with members to keep level playing field
  - Webinar to be created for federal work procurement
- Digital Coast – new bill introduced in Spring session
- Federal Prison Industries
  - Most GIS programs are being eliminated
- FLAIR Act
  - Inventory of federal buildings/properties
- Geospatial Bill – to be created
- Pipelines & Railroads bill – potentially tied to new Highway bill
- Task force request – suspension of floodplain cost bill
o STEM – need to incorporate GIS into science specification for educational programs
o Tax Reform – cash based vs. accrual based for “small” firms under $10M yearly revenue

John Palatiello, the NSPS Government Affairs Consultant, gave a brief summary of his interaction on behalf of the Association:

- Ongoing dialog for availability for UAV use
- Report is online, please share with States
- Lobby Day 2013 was very successful and will continue to organize for future efforts with more webinars to be held
- FLAIR Act – Curt was able to speak on Capitol Hill
- Highway Bill – clarification of surveying along with pipelines and railroads
- Davis Bacon Act situation
- Professionalism vs. D of L definition of labor intensive worker
- Survey firms are not construction contractors

6.5. **NSPS Membership** – Chairman Wayne Harrison provided information regarding the membership committee:

- Currently 45 states and District of Columbia w/ signed MOU’s
- Waiting on 11 states for lists of members and monies
- 2 states currently being added
- 10,981 members that are current
- 14,741 member once all 45 states are in and current
- CST Membership – new committee
  - Looking for new members and Chair
  - Randy Rambeau will be a member
- Sustaining /Supporting Membership – new committee
  - To be chaired by Tommy Brooks
  - Looking for additional members
- Benefits – new committee
  - Charged with exploring new benefits for our members
  - Looking for new members and Chair

6.6. **Student Competition**- Governor Vannozzi (MA) provided an update on the student competition. The event was held on April 13, 2014 in conjunction with the NSPS spring meeting and the topic was ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys. The eight (8) participating schools were: New Jersey Institute of Technology, Michigan Technological University, New Mexico State, Utah Valley, Penn State University, California State University – Fresno, Oregon Institute of Technology, and Southern Polytechnic State University.
The winners were as follows:

1st Place - Southern Polytechnic State University
2nd Place - Oregon Institute of Technology
3rd Place - California State University – Fresno

He noted the level of detail and amount of information was superb for students at this level. He also thanked the judges (Robert Armstrong, Pat Beehler, Carl C. De Baca, Larry Graham, and Gary Kent) for their efforts and dedication. He stated this competition was a good test of each program and challenged each of them with a real world test. The 2015 competition will be based on a boundary and topographic survey used for due diligence purposes. He noted there will also be two divisions next year for two-year and four-year programs. He asked that our members go back to our states and recruit schools for this competition.

At 11:00am, Chairman Sargent directed the Board to take a ten minute break to finish the morning session before lunch.

At 11:15am, Chairman Sargent reconvened the meeting.

6.7. **BLM** – Don Buhler spoke regarding the new Director of the BLM, Neil Kornze, who is the youngest Director ever named. He also spoke of Dona Rogers as the new CFedS manager. He said that the BLM will continue to work with NSPS on the CFedS training/certification program. The BLM is getting more funding to their program for adding lands in Alaska to the inventory as well as transmission line alignments and geospatial activities. Dona Rogers spoke to effectiveness of the CFedS program and encouraged looking into it.

6.8. **Charles A. Tapley Memorial Fund** – NSPS Past Presidents Jim Boyer (1993) and Sam Best (1994) are requesting that the traditional $40 donation given at the end of the Board of Governor’s meeting be redirected to a new fund set up for a scholarship in Chuck Tapley’s (NSPS Past President 1990) honor. This request will be considered and placed as a New Business Item 9.11.

6.9. **ABET Accreditation** – No report

6.10. **CST** – Chair John Warren gave a short summary and PowerPoint presentation of the program. He reported that there are currently approximately 3000 active CST registrants with varied participation across the states. The committee will be contacting each state to gauge interest of gaining new certifications. Governor Howard (CT) added that we will need to add a CST classification to our membership roster.

6.11. **NCEES (POLC)** – Jerry Carter reported on the activities of the committee from their March, 2014 meeting at Clemson. There are 24 members from various professional societies working together to develop new test questions as well as testing methods.

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Governor Thurow (NM) asked about the number of test candidates and Mr. Carter responded with 245 for the FS test and 520 for the PS test.

6.12. **F.I.G.** - John Hohol reported on the next meeting to take place in Kuala Lumpur in June, 2014. He also reported on CLGE, the Council of European Geodetic Surveyors and our ongoing relationship we are building with them. F.I.G. will be voting on the International Surveying Day at their meetings in June. Governor Howard (CT) requested the status of our dues structure with F.I.G. Mr. Hohol stated that we are currently paying dues based upon 1500 +/- members and will gradually increase our reporting numbers to them.

6.13. **F.I.G. Young Surveyors Network** - Eva Marie Unger reported she has been involved with the Young Surveyors Network since 2009. She provided a short presentation on the Network and how they function. Amanda Askren joined the Network last year and is looking to introduce more young surveyors across the USA to their organization as well as NSPS. Governor Leu (IA) emphasized that this is the group we need to communicate with to further our profession. Governor Berkland (SD) asked how NSPS can get involved with the group. Ms. Askren stated that their intention is to get a young surveyor’s group started in NSPS to directly work with the network. Governor Doyle (AAGS) asked about funding to send members to F.I.G. conferences. Mr. Hohol stated that only NSPS delegation members are funded at this time. Governor Gregory (IN) stated we need to find a way to fill this need with the increased age of the surveying profession and technology. Governor Burn (NV) asked about contact information for the group. Mr. Hohol stated NSPS will provide the contact information. Governor Russell (ID) stated we need to support them and embrace new methods of communication.

6.14. **National Association of County Surveyors – Fall Report**

6.15. **Trig-Star – Fall Report**

6.16. **Surveyors Historical Society** – Governor Leu (IA) reported the Bilby Tower will be dedicated in Osgood, Indiana on June 14 as well as the annual Surveyors Rendezvous in Mobile, Alabama on September 17-20, 2014.

6.17. **NSPS Foundation** – Chairman Joe Dolan congratulated the organization for moving forward on the 100% membership initiative. He noted that most Directors and Governors are not members of the Foundation but ask that we consider joining. In addition to managing scholarship funds, the Foundation is also set up for assisting surveyors in need from many of the natural disasters that have affected our members. Monies were paid to New York and New Jersey surveyors after Superstorm Sandy. Joe noted that the Foundation is also offering to manage state society scholarship funds as a means of increasing return on investment for them. Joe asked that members contact him with any questions.
6.18. **Observation from Pennsylvania** – Governor Miller (PA) provided insight to conversations he has had with his state society. He noted the average age of the PLS Board is getting younger and NSPS should do what we can to encourage the younger surveyors to get involved. He also reported that the membership in PA is still cautious to the 100% membership drive and wants to see NSPS lead as we intend.

7. **Lunch**
   At 12:10pm, Chairman Sargent recessed the meeting for lunch.
   At 1:30pm, Chairman Sargent reconvened the meeting.

8. **Old Business**
   Chairman Sargent is requesting to follow up on any items that are still outstanding and/or need attention at this time:

   8.1 **Ad Hoc Datum Committee** – Governor Dragoo (MD) stated he has given a presentation on datums to several organizations with good feedback. He is asking for additional groups who would like to hear the presentation to contact him.

   8.6 **Geodetic Certification Program** – Governor Dragoo (MD) and Governor Doyle (AAGS) have received confirmation from AAGS to green light the creation of a program to create a certification program along with an education program. The committee will provide timely updates on the progress of the program. Governor Howard (CT) stated that we have good programs in place for CST and hydrographic certification so we should utilize this template for the new program.

9. **New Business**

   9.1 **Appointments for Current Committees:**
   Affiliate of the Year & Surveyor of the Year (4 governors – 2-year term)
   Matt Vernon (CA) and Jim Wengler (WA) remain on until Spring 2015

   **Henry Dingle (SC), Larry Graham (KS)**

   Excellence in Journalism & Student Project (4 Governors – 2-year term)
   Robert Armstrong (GA) and Billy Grizzard (AL) remain on until Spring 2015
   Tony Blumentritt (MN) agreed to serve a second 2-year term, expiring in Spring 2016

   **David Holland (VA)**
   Map/Plat Contest (6 Governors – 2-year term)
   Tricia Kules (VT), Tim Burch (IL), and Jim Sens (NJ) remain on until Spring 2015
   Bob Miller (PA) and Lisa Van Horn (WI) agreed to serve a second 2-year term, expiring in Spring 2016

   **No other Governors were selected at this time**
Student Competition (1 Governor – 3-year term)
Tom Berkland (SD) will remain on until Spring 2016

Vanozzi (MA) will find a judge and report back

9.2 Motion – Elimination of the NSPS Board of Governors
Governor Maxwell (FL) read the motion into the record: “To request that the NSPS Board of Directors move forward to amend the NSPS Bylaws to eliminate the NSPS Board of Governors.” The background: With 90% of the Affiliates participating in the 100% Membership Program it is redundant to have the Board of Governors and the Board of Directors. 90% of the Governors would be wearing two hats. By eliminating the Board of Governors you would be streamlining the governance of NSPS. Any State Affiliate that is not participating in the 100% program would still have a State Representative/Governor. Using the current meeting format Governors, Directors, and Officers would attend and sit at the table on Day 1 and 2, on day 3 only the Directors and Officers would sit at the table so to speak. Governors would be welcome to attend the day three meeting and speak as a member of the audience as they have in the past.” Motion was seconded by Governor Dingle (SC).

9.3 Motion – NSPS Three Day Meeting Format
Governor Maxwell (FL) read the motion into the record: “Upon the elimination of the Board of Governors, continue use of the three day meeting format.” The background: “NSPS currently uses a three day meeting format: Day 1 is for travel, committee, and area/regional meetings.
Day 2 starts with a General Membership Meeting followed by the Board of Directors Business Meeting. At the end of day 2 the Board of Directors Meeting shall recess until the start of day 3.
Day 3 the Board of Directors meeting shall resume and run until the business of NSPS is completed and the meeting is adjourned.” Motion was seconded by Governor Palmer (KY).

9.4 Motion – Inclusion of Aligned Professions in NSPS Annual Meetings
Governor Maxwell (FL) read the motion into the record: “The NSPS Board of Governors Request the NSPS Board of Directors make provisions for aligned professions and or Institutional/Organizational Affiliates to participate in Committee and Area/Regional meetings, General Membership and the Business portion of the NSPS Board of Directors meeting, (formerly known as the Board of Governors meeting). (These representatives may attend the NSPS Board of Directors meeting as a guest(s) just as Governors have in the past.)” The background: “NSPS has discussed including professions that are closely aligned with the Surveying and Mapping Profession and are currently under represented or not represented at all. This can also include the Equipment Manufacturers, the Universities that have programs closely aligned with Survey and Mapping as well as representatives from the Federal Government.” Motion was seconded by Governor Dragoo (MD).
9.5 **Motion - Create a Committee of NSPS Ambassadors to help represent NSPS at meetings across the United States when an Officer of NSPS is unable to attend.**

Governor Maxwell (FL) read the motion into the record: “NSPS Board of Governors requests the NSPS Board of Directors create a Committee of Ambassadors to help represent NSPS at meetings across the United States.” The background: “With 50 + different Affiliates spread out across the United States it is almost impossible for the president or the executive director to attend all of the Affiliates Annual Meetings representing NSPS. This pool made up of past leaders of NSPS from around the United States would help represent NSPS at State Affiliate meeting, as well as Local, State and Federal Agency meeting across the United States. It is a lot to ask a person to give so much of their time and their employer’s or their spouse’s time to a great cause for the good of the profession, especially when there is a way to share that burden with many others who are willing to serve. Do you ever wonder why it is hard to get people to run for office?

Having an Ambassador from a region of the US, represent NSPS in that region would help reduce NSPS travel cost as well as having a professional surveyor who is known and respected in that region who can meet with either members of NSPS or members of a governmental agency when requested on even a more frequent basis when needed.” Motion was seconded by Governor Palmer (KY).

9.6 **Motion - Makeup of the Executive Committee of NSPS**

Governor Maxwell (FL) read the motion into the record: “NSPS Board of Governors requests the NSPS Board of Directors amend the bylaws of NSPS to amend the Policies and Procedures to create four positions on the Executive Committee of NSPS to add four Directors who will be selected from the NSPS Affiliate Directors. These four Directors shall serve a term of one year; when these terms are completed an election of another four Directors shall be made. These four Directors shall be selected from diverse and geographical locations. Directors who wish to serve shall make their desire to be nominated submitted to the secretary prior to the fall meeting for a vote at the fall meeting with the one year term beginning with each spring meeting.” The background: “Throughout time and across the globe it is perceived (right or wrong) that the ruling party, (executive committee, political party, tribal council or the FAB FIVE or whatever name they have, that there is a clique, a small group of people who run things, who make all of the decisions and who make all of the illicit PROFITS whatever!). What better way to keep things open and honest than to have some of the sheep (Directors) inside the tent and be an active part of the day to day, week to week decision making that goes on to make an organization like NSPS function. It is a great training ground for the future leaders of NSPS to see how an organization like NSPS functions. The alternative is they learn on the job when they take over as treasurer or as president and are thrown into the game when they really don’t even know where first base is (we won’t have the Secretary or the Chair of the Board of Governor’s any more for a training ground). These positions cannot be selected by a popular vote or appointed by the president or the executive committee or the nominating committee. It needs to be completely open and honest. It
should probably be one director from the east and one from the west.” Motion was seconded by Governor Dragoo (MD).

9.7 Motion - Creation of a National Continuing Education Speaker and Topics Database
Governor Vanozzi (MA) read the motion into the record: “To request that the NSPS Board of Directors create and maintain a database of continuing education speakers and topics by charging this task to the most appropriate NSPS standing committee.” The background: “The members of the Great Lakes Council believe that as a service to the state affiliates NSPS is in a unique position to create, populate and manage a database of basic information about state affiliate run continuing education programs. The members of the Great Lake Council believe that with the growing need for more, better and varied CE programs by many state affiliates, a database of this nature will provide an extremely valuable resource.” Motion was seconded by Governor Leu (IA).

9.8 Motion - NSPS Strategic Plan
Governor Vanozzi (MA) read the motion into the record: “To request that the NSPS Board of Directors deliver the final draft of the NSPS Strategic Plan for BOG action at the Fall 2014 meeting.” The background: “The members of the Great Lakes Council believe that a strategic plan is essential to the re-visioning of NSPS at this time. The success of the 100% state membership initiative dictates that the strategic plan be completed so that association efforts and resources can be focused on identified strategic goals. The members of the Great Lakes Council believe that the immediate attention and prioritizing of the completion of the Strategic Plan by the NSPS leadership is a critical expectation of the state affiliates as they assess the continuance of their affiliation with NSPS pursuant to their recently signed MOU’s.” Motion was seconded by Governor Leu (IA).

9.9 Motion – Elimination of Area Director Positions
Governor Shaw (NY) read the motion into the record: “To request the NSPS Board of Governor’s recommends to the NSPS Board of Directors eliminate the remaining Area Director positions on January 1, 2015 and make the required changes to the NSPS Bylaws.” The background: “It is the request of the Great Lakes Regional Council that we eliminate these redundant positions as the additional states joining the 100% Membership drive has rendered the need for Area Directors unnecessary. The remaining states that have not signed on for the 100% membership will have representation to the Board of Directors through an At-Large director within the revised Bylaws.” Motion was seconded by Governor Glasoe (ND).

9.10 Motion – NSPS Board Of Governors Scholarship
Governor Wengler (WA) read the motion into the record: “Change the annual $1,000 NSPS BoG Scholarship to an every other year (even years) award of $2,000, beginning in 2016.” The background: “The NSPS Foundation has been reviewing our scholarships over the past year, and has come to the conclusion that we need to make
some modifications to the scholarships to make sure we are receiving applications from the best possible candidates to receive these awards. One of the realizations that we have discovered is that most scholarships need to be in the amount of at least $2,000 to attract the best possible candidates and to keep their interest through our extensive application process. In other words, because we are very thorough and demanding in our application process we believe we are losing possible candidates, because the awards are not large enough to meet the efforts required for award. While this might sound hard to believe, considering the costs of an education today and the effort needed to acquire funding, it is a huge undertaking.” Motion was seconded by Governor Doyle (AAGS).

9.11 Motion – Charles A. Tapley Memorial Fund
Governor Leu (IA) read the motion into the record: “Request the NSPS Board of Governors reallocate the Governors’ Spring 2014 contribution to the NSPS TrigStar Scholarship to a Charles A. Tapley Memorial Fund.” The background: “Chuck was a pioneer in advocating the structural changes that have recently occurred within our National Surveyors society and was a primary motivator in creating the NSPS Foundation, Inc. It would be appropriate for NSPS to honor those efforts by providing seed money to initiate a memorial fund in his name.” Motion was seconded by Governor Crawford (TN).

9.12 Motion – Creation of an NSPS Audit Committee
Governor Bennett (OK) read the motion into the record: “That there be created an Audit Committee to review the proposed NSPS annual budgets on behalf of the NSPS Board of Directors. The Audit Committee will be comprised of three members; the NSPS treasurer, and two members appointed by the board of directors. The Audit Committee’s responsibility will be to review the annual budget, provide a summary for presentation to the Board of Directors, and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors in regards to acceptance.” The background: “A more detailed analysis and summary of budgetary provisions beyond the treasurer’s report is desired by those seeking greater understanding of the budgetary process. The audit committee’s purpose is that of review and analysis, not of formulation. The purpose is to summarize the most salient points and make recommendations to the Board of Directors in regards to acceptance.” Motion was seconded by Governor Thurow (NM).

10. Assignment of Motions & Action Items to Task Committees - The following assignments were made:
- Task Committee One – Items 9.2, 9.6 & 9.9
- Task Committee Two – Items 9.3 & 9.5
- Task Committee Four – Items 9.4, 9.7 & 9.8

11. Task Committee Breakout Sessions taken at 2:30pm
Meeting reconvened at 3:40pm
12. Reports and Recommendations from Task Committees

Motion 9.2
Amendments to Motion 9.2 as read by Governor Maxwell (FL): “Request the NSPS Board of Directors move forward to amend the NSPS By-Laws to eliminate the NSPS Board of Governors at the end of the Spring Meeting of 2015.” Amended motion acceptable to Governor Dingle (SC) as prior second. Governor O’Brien (RI) asked if this motion would require a Membership vote. Membership Chair Harrison responded with the requirement of approval by the Board of Directors and the general membership. Governor Berkland (SD) asked if we shouldn’t come up with our governance before we start eliminating things. NSPS Vice President Cavell added that by putting Spring of 2015 limits on the motion we are limiting what we can do if the changes could not be put in place. Governor O’Brien (RI) also added that he likes the term of “Governor” over “Director” for each representative. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Motion 9.3
Amendments to Motion 9.3 as read by Governor Maxwell (FL): “Day 1 is for travel, council and area/regional meetings. Day 2 starts with a General Membership Meeting followed by the Board of Directors Business Meeting. At the end of day 2 the Board of Directors Meeting shall recess until the start of day 3. Day 3 the Board of Directors meeting shall resume and run until the business of NSPS is completed and the meeting is adjourned. The thought is to hold the committee meetings after the Board of Director’s meeting so new committees can take action before the end of the scheduled meeting timeframe. Amended motion acceptable to Governor Palmer (KY) as prior second. Governor Glasoe (ND) asked if this was in conflict with our current bylaws. Membership Chair Harrison responded with the change wouldn’t take effect until the elimination of the Board of Governors. NSPS Vice President Cavell noted that if the Board of Governors still exists, then this motion will be a problem. Governor Anderson (MT) requested that we add “Upon the elimination of the Board of Governors” to the motion. Governor Amey (MI) noted we are preparing to vote on adding opportunities for aligned professions to participate in our meetings and the schedule listed in the motion is not clear. Governor Anderson (MT) added that voting should take place on the 3rd day to allow time for further dissemination of the items being discussed. Governor Maxwell (FL) also added that if the Board of Director’s meeting would proceed quickly enough to end on Day 2, only Board Members and Directors would be allowed to vote. NSPS Vice President Cavell agrees with the voting statements and notes that Day 2 is to allow for the committee reports with the meeting ending at the end of these reports. Governor Leu (IA) commented that previous Board of Governor meetings used to start in the afternoon, hear the committee reports and adjourn until the next day. Governor Berkland (SD) asked if the Board of Directors doesn’t like this format change that they can change it to another schedule. Governor Anderson (MT) added that we are the Board of Directors as well so this schedule will be created to suit our needs. Governor Glasoe (ND) added that putting the committee meetings at the end is a big change. Governor Akins (OH) stated he feels that this wording is limiting our ability to change the schedule on an as-needed basis and offered a friendly amendment to replace the words “as follows” with “such as.” This friendly amendment was seconded by Governor Amey (MI). Amendment to the motion passes by voice vote.
Governor Gregory (IN) commented that ending the meetings with committees puts that information provided by said committee off until the next meeting. NSPS Vice President Cavell added that this motion now doesn’t make sense and becomes more of resolution than action item. Governor O’Brien (RI) also added that having the committees at the end of the three day meeting doesn’t make sense and will not allow for action items to get immediate attention. He offered a friendly amendment to eliminate the specific schedule and simplify to “NSPS to stick to a three day format,” with a second by Governor Gregory (IN). Discussion continued with Governor Palmer (KY) stating that it was their group who added the committee meetings at the end in an effort to jumpstart efforts with newly formed committees resulting from Board actions. Governor Howard (CT) also stated that it would be advantageous for committees to meet immediately following the Director’s meeting to develop a course of action. Governor Vannozzi (MA) added it should be up to each committee chair to decide when their committees meet. Governor Akins (OH) noted that by adding “such as” it allows flexibility to the schedule. Proposed amendments to the motion passed by voice vote. The final wording of the motion is as follows:

“Upon the elimination of the Board of Governors, continue use of the three day meeting format.”

The amended motion passed by voice vote.

**Motion 9.4**

Amendments to Motion 9.4 as read by Governor Howard (CT) included correcting several minor typos. The Task Committee recommended passing the motion. The makers of the motion (Gov’s Maxwell and Dragoo) agree with the modifications. Governor Gregory (IN) requested that references to specific days be eliminated with makers agreeable to the amendment. The amended motion passed by voice vote.

**Motion 9.5**

No changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Motion 9.6**

Amendments to Motion 9.6 were read by Governor Maxwell (FL) and included a small change to the title: “Revisions to the makeup of the Executive Committee of NSPS.” Governor Glasoe (ND) asked where the one year term originated. Governor Maxwell stated that based on the varying terms of the Governors/Directors, using the one year term made the most sense. Governor Van Horn (WI) added she would prefer to see the positions be two year and staggered to keep from service disruption due to all new members in one cycle and offered it as a motion with Governor Glasoe (ND) as a second. Governor Shaw (NY) commented that the elected Director would lose their position if their state drops from the 100% Membership program. Governor Vannozzi (MA) added that the Board can deal with vacancies as they happen. NSPS Vice President Cavell spoke against the amendment and would prefer to keep the one year term. Past President Evers added that one year is the current term now for members of ExCom. Area 2 Director Lenik (NJ) asked if these
positions would preclude someone from running for an officer position (No). Governor Berkland (SD) asked if these modifications require a bylaw change (Yes). Governor Palmer (KY) asked if we should split the motion or wait until the amendment is finalized. The amended motion fails by voice vote. Governor Amey (MI) questioned if the positions would be voted or selected. Governor McDonald (Large State) offered an amendment to state “vote by the Board of Directors at the Fall Meeting” with agreement by both makers of the motion. Governor Howard (CT) would prefer that the motion be split into two. NSPS President Smith noted that the motion would require two actions by the Board of Directors and Robert’s Rules of Order does not allow for this parliamentary action. Membership Chair Harrison noted that NSPS Bylaws allows for the voting of an At-Large Director but they must be from the area they represent. NSPS Vice President Cavell offered an amendment to state “vote by the Board of Directors at the Fall Meeting” with second by Governor Burn (NV). Amendment to the motion passes by voice vote. NSPS President Smith added that two items can be specified as long as the results lead to one solution. Governor Berkland (SD) stated he would prefer taking additional time to determine the ExCom makeup then decide how to install the correct number of members. Governor Howard (CT) asked why we needed to add four members instead of just two. Governor Maxwell (FL) noted that the committee wanted more than two to assist with developing new member for the ExCom. Governor Palmer (KY) commented that the committee was mainly looking at how the members were selected and not necessarily how many. Governor O’Brien (RI) questioned how a non-voting state has representation at the Board of Directors. Past President Dahn commented that discussion on non-voting states is not part of the motion at hand. The final wording of the motion is as follows:

“NSPS Board of Governors requests the NSPS Board of Directors amend the bylaws of NSPS to amend the Policies and Procedures to create four positions on the Executive Committee of NSPS to add four Directors who will be selected from the NSPS Affiliate Directors. These four Directors shall serve a term of one year; when these terms are completed an election of another four Directors shall be made. These four Directors shall be selected from diverse and geographical locations. Directors who wish to serve shall make their desire to be nominated submitted to the secretary prior to the fall meeting for a vote at the fall meeting with the one year term beginning with each spring meeting.”

The amended motion passed by voice vote.

Motion 9.7
Slight verbiage changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion 9.8
No changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion 9.9
Slight verbiage changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.
Motion 9.10
No changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion 9.11
No changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

Motion 9.12
Slight verbiage changes were offered on this motion by the Task Committee with recommendation to pass as presented. The motion passed by voice vote.

13. Elections/Presentations

13.1. Key Governor Vote

13.2. NESS / VSL 50th Anniversary Meeting - Governor Kules (VT) gave a short presentation on the upcoming conference / meetings that will take place on September 10-12 in Burlington, VT.

13.3. National Surveyor’s Week - Area 2 Director Lenik presented information on this year’s National Surveyor’s Day and Week festivities throughout the US and called to action all NSPS members to get involved with next year’s activities.

13.4. Governor Service Award Presentation—Chairman Sargent presented service awards to the following individuals:
   • Troy Hayes, Missouri – 5 years (Spring 2014)
   • Glen Thurow, New Mexico - 5 years (Spring 2014)
   • David Holland, Virginia - 5 years (Fall 2013)
   • Mike Fretwell, Alaska – 5 years (spring 2014)
   • Mike Maxwell, Florida - 10 years (Spring 2014)
   • Rick Howard, Chairman Board of Governors – 2012-2013

13.5. Key Governor Presentation—Chairman Sargent presented Craig Amey, MI Governor with the Key Governor’s plaque for the Fall 2013 meeting

13.6. Key Governor Vote – Mike Maxwell, FL Governor was elected key governor for the Spring 2014 meeting.

14. Good of the Order—Chairman Sargent instructed the BOG to complete the envelopes which were passed out for funding of the Charles Tapley Fund.

15. Next Meeting—Kansas (KSLS)/Missouri (MSPS) Conference, September 23-25, 2014 in Overland Park, KS (outside of Kansas City)

16. Adjournment—Chairman Sargent declared the meeting adjourned at 5:25pm.