



Young Surveyors Network

We would like to thank our friends, supporters and fellow networks. We look forward to working with you and watching this Network grow.



Introducing the NSPS Young Surveyors Network to you!

The NSPS Young Surveyors Network is just getting its feet on the ground and we appreciate the fact that you are interested in helping, supporting and just being a part of it. We are excited to see what we can accomplish together and the benefits we will bring to the surveying profession and our future.

The NSPS Young Surveyors Network is part of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Young Surveyors Network. Our aim is to establish a national network of Young Surveyors within NSPS and its affiliate organizations.

The FIG Young Surveyors Network was started by a working group created in 2006 at the Munich FIG Congress. One of the main reasons that this working group was established within FIG Commission 1 – Professional Standards and Practice – was to improve the number of Young Surveyors participating within FIG and its events, to help Young Surveyors in the beginning of their careers with a network and to increase co-operation between the FIG commission boards and the Young Surveyors. FIG realized that the current age structure of FIG and its members associations is lacking of Young Surveyors involvement and so they decided to do something. Through their hard work, its recognition and their involvement in many activities and events the Working group got upgraded in 2009 to the FIG Young Surveyors Network. Please find more information of FIG and the FIG Young Surveyors Network here: <http://www.fig.net>. Also you can find the current Workplan with their vision, mission and focus here: http://www.fig.net/ys/ys_2013_%20report_%20revised_%20workplan.pdf. This network helps to expand our personal network, professional network and continues to entice people to be involved in the network as we believe this is a strong motivator for many.

The NSPS Young Surveyors are also working with the FIG Young Surveyors Network definition of a Young Surveyors which is : surveyors aged 35 years or under, students of surveying or those surveyors within 10 years of graduating from a Bachelor or Master’s Degree. Every surveyor is welcome to join to the group; however the focus is to provide support for those individuals that meet the definition.

Our first meeting was held in San Diego on April 14th and 15th, 2014. We had over 20 participants and were very encouraged by the ideas, comments and visions we were able to discuss. During these 2 days, we established our Mission, Vision and Organizational structure. We realize that these will change and evolve over time, but you have to start somewhere.

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Mission



- **Promote** - Ensure young surveyors are working together with NSPS to promote the surveying profession to the public by sharing materials, ideas and opportunities
- **Connect** - Ensure young surveyors are connected with local and national surveying organizations and associations
- **Represent** - Ensure young surveyors are present and represented at local and national surveying organizations and associations
- **Participate** - Ensure young surveyors are engaged, active and have the opportunity to get a voice at local and national surveying organizations and associations

Vision



- Working together with NSPS in promoting the profession from a Young Surveyors perspective in showing the public the advanced technological, mathematical, engineering and analytical skills surveyors have to benefit society.
- Engage Young Surveyors and NSPS members to stay connected and informed by using Social Media
- Connecting the NSPS Young Surveyors Network and its members with the FIG Young Surveyors Network to ensure the progress of a global Network of Young Surveyors
- Active Young Surveyors participating and being involved, by giving them a voice, in NSPS and its member associations

Organizational Structure



- Affiliate member status of NSPS to be able to communicate, attend meetings and have a voice with NSPS
- Young Surveyor Coordinator for the USA that will communicate with our NSPS liaison
- Coordinator for each State to communicate with the National Young Surveyor Coordinator
- Prepare and maintain database of State Coordinators
- Plan to meet in conjunction with either the NSPS Spring or Fall Meeting

Why do we need this Network?

Young surveyors should feel part of a wider community of professional surveyors, both locally and nationally.

Many issues of concern for the young surveyors will also overlap with those of professional bodies – for example, skills shortages, technical skills, community profiles and networking. Young surveyors can make significant contribution towards these issues, but therefore they would need the support of the greater organization.



Larger pool of ideas, goals and resources to promote the profession . Many states face the same challenges and problems. By having a nationwide platform, where challenges and problems can be expressed but also ideas can be shared that would benefit not just the state association but also the surveying profession in general.



Greater opportunity to be proactive in communicating and marketing the young surveyors message, ideas and concerns. To not only the young surveyors and the professional bodies, but to all stakeholders – including employers and teaching institutions.

I AM IN!

But how do we start?

We recognize that each state is unique – starting from the structure of the organization all the way to the day-to-day issues that the surveyors face. However, we believe there are a few key things we all have in common. These key items are the working base and now it is up to YOU to create, promote and successfully start your own Young Surveyors Network within your state. Our goal as mentioned above is that all states will have a Network and be a contributor on a National level as part of the NSPS Young Surveyors Network.

VISIBILITY

- It is essential that your state association is getting to know you. A Young Surveyors group will not be successful if the membership does not know about it.
- A few ideas for accomplishing this include:
 - Young Surveyors sponsored events
 - Social Media Presence
 - Newsletter reports
 - In Minnesota, they have a group “sponsor” fund raising events for our foundation, usually in conjunction with the annual meeting.
 - Additionally, at the Minnesota annual meeting, the Technical Track of the seminars is “brought to you by the MSPS Young Professionals Group.”

ADVERTISING

- Advertise yourself and advertise the importance of having a Young Surveyors representative on the board of your state organization. Tell them and also show them why it is important to include Young Surveyors.
- Hold Young Surveyor events and publicize them well.
- These events may not be well attended in the beginning, so make sure there is a group of supportive individuals, young or old, who are committed to attend each event. But don't give up and just keep trying and have some fun!
- There does not need to be an agenda, and it can be more of a networking event where you can figure out what the Young Surveyors may be interested in doing at future events.

REPRESENTATION

- Make sure Young Surveyors have a voice at the board level. Whether this is through direct representation or a liaison of sorts. The board should assign this task to a motivated individual and active Young Surveyor.
- In Wisconsin, the board established a Young Surveyors Chapter. This will allow the group the venue to bring their comments, concerns and voice to the Board.
- In Washington, the board is working on establishing a liaison for the Board to communicate the Young Surveyors' voice to the organization.

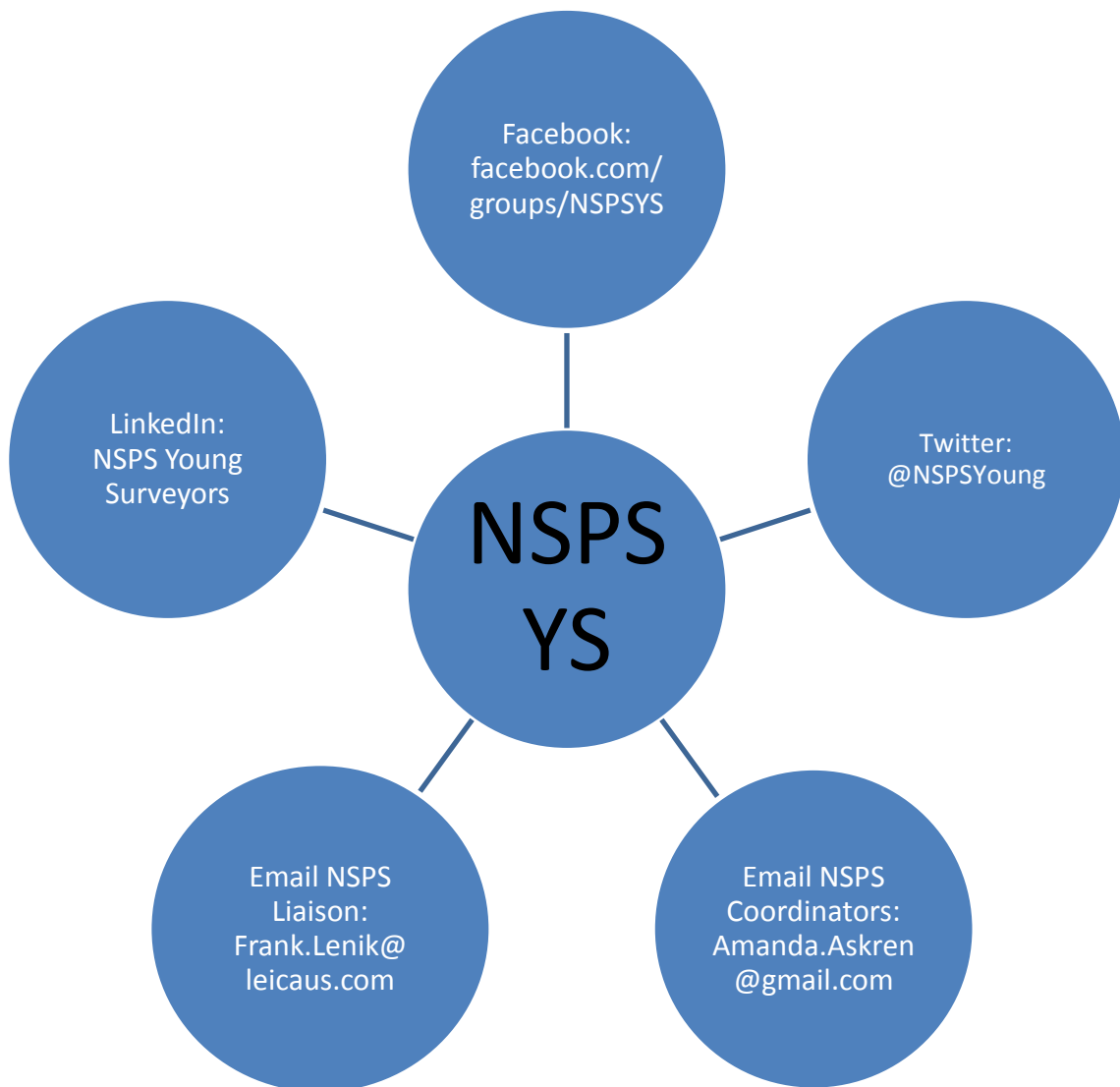
PLANNING

- Develop a plan of attack for getting more people interested in your State Society to bolster the Young Surveyor membership. Once the qualifying membership is more formidable, the group will have a larger audience.
- Think about reducing dues for technical and training members to try to get them involved. Additionally, this could include speaking engagements at local colleges/technical schools to simply inform the students (and professors) about both the State Society, and the Young Surveyors Group.

We believe that the information presented above is limited and does not cover everything or all angles. We would love to add ideas, information or any other suggestions that can be provided to help out other states trying to achieve a Young Surveyors Network. Please feel free to contact us to help enhance this list.

How do we contact you?

We have started working on our Social Media presence to spread the word and also attract Young Surveyors throughout the United States. The FIG Young Surveyors Network has grown significantly through the Social Media and we hope to do that as well.



How does NSPS YS fit in?

We are working with NSPS to determine our exact role and how we will fit in for the future. As of now, we work with Frank Lenik, our Liaison to the NSPS Board to make sure our voices, concerns and issues are heard. We hope to eventually be seated at the table with all the players.

NSPS Young Surveyors Network is a part of the FIG Young Surveyors Network. NSPS is an affiliate member to FIG and therefore we can be a part of them as well. Below is the contact information for the FIG Young Surveyors Network.

