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NSPS President’s Report- 2017 Fall Meeting Frisco, TX.

   • Attended various meeting and sessions during the conference,
   • NSPS booth had good exposure located inside the Exhibitor’s Hall adjacent to the exhibit booth of Assurance Risk Managers. The location provided good contact opportunities during session breaks and free time
   • Had the opportunity to meet and discuss common ground issues with the conference Keynote Speaker Mr. Patrick J. Tami, PLS NCEES President-Elect was a very positive part of my attendance at the NALS Conference.
   • Discussed with Mr. Carl C.de Baca and other members of NALS the growing need of those working in the mining industry in Nevada and California for trained surveyors and utilizing the CST Program as a training vehicle. I recommended to Carl I forward his concerns on to ExComm Member Tim Burch and we would have further discussion at the Fall NSPS meeting.

2. Carried out required NSPS business at monthly ExComm. conference call meetings
3. Held discussion with Treasure and Account Manager concerning NSPS budget matters
4. Support efforts of NSPS Foundation for Disaster Relief funding
5. Accepted invitation to attend 50th Anniversary CALS Conference to be held in November 2017, Rocky Hill, Ct.
6. Prepared for NSPS Fall Meeting, Frisco, TX.

Respectfully submitted,

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NSPS President
May 11, 2017

Dear Colleges:

I was recently working with a University to look into the possibilities of starting a four-year surveying degree program. The Department Chair asked me two important questions: (1) Is there a need for Professional Land Surveyors? (2) How does the need compare to Civil Engineers and Construction Management? (their programs already offered). In response to the questions I immediately thought that if NSPS and others were working on workforce development this would be a slam dunk. So, I started with looking at the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics.

Under the website, U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, I navigated to the Occupational Outlook Handbook under Architects and Engineering I found Surveyors. There are some pull down tabs that I found very interesting.

I first went to the tab, Work Environment. This subject simply states; “Surveying includes both field work and indoor work. When working outside, surveyors may stand for long periods and often walk long distances, sometimes in bad weather.” Even though that may be true at times, my first thought was, what millennial would pick surveying, with such a negative statement.

I then went to the pull-down tab, Job Outlook stating “Employment of surveyors is projected to decline 2 percent from 2014 to 2024. Improvements in surveying technology have increased productivity, reducing demand for surveyors.” After reading this statistic, I wondered why we think we need to recruit more surveyors into the profession! Then I remembered the statement that is being used, by many, that the average age of a Professional Land Surveyor is 58. So maybe there is a need, but how can I find anyone to expend the funds for a four-year degree, when the outlook is so bleak.

Still on the website I checked the job outlook for Civil Engineering and found according to the website, that civil engineering is expected to increase 8% over the same period stating
in part because of an expected increase in infrastructure needs. My immediate reaction is to think, if engineering needs are increasing why aren't surveying needs increasing as well.

I then looked under the tab of, How to Become Licensed, a graduate has to work under a licensed professional for several years. In most states, I think that is 4 years, maximum. I don't think the site should be stating several years it seems there are enough nails in our coffin. Under important qualities I found that surveyors may need to be in the physical shape of an iron man, as we have to carry heavy packs for miles, another nail.

In checking the current status of Employment in Professional and Business Services, I found that it was trending up in April 2017 adding 39,000 jobs. The industry has added 612,000 jobs over the past 12 months. There seems to be a total disconnect between the national statistics in these areas and the reporting in our profession.

There were some categories that were very good. What Surveyors Do, for example, has good content and can inspire some to look at surveying as a career, if they get that far without being turned off. The website also has a link to the NSPS website that of course is great content, but telling a different story about the job outlook and interesting things that we do.

In the end, I feel the need to reach out to all of you in our profession who are trying to get young people interested enough to attend a surveying degree course, to guide them past the negative way our profession has been displayed. As an officer of NSPS, I assure you that we will be working to change this website to a more positive reflection of our profession. As I have visited with other surveyors around the country, they are all saying the same thing, that we need more people. Most companies will take old or young. It is perplexing to me that we are seeing things completely different than the Department of Labor and a website that is killing our profession.

In defense of the Department of Labor, from what I understand, many times trade associations and national societies are asked for input about particular professions. We will find the correct avenues to get this information changed as soon as possible. In the meantime, please send me your comments about anything we can do to help with our particular perception that we need a continuing workforce. My e-mail is listed on the letterhead.

Sincerely yours,
Kim H. Leavitt, PLS, NSPS President Elect
June 16, 2017

NSPS

I traveled to the Arizona Professional Land Surveyors meeting in Tucson on May 18th through the 20th, held at the Tucson El Conquistador Golf & Tennis Resort Hilton. The conference registration was complimentary, but I paid for the hotel at the convention rates and the meals were provided as complimentary also. I was given a booth where I set up a NSPS display with items sent to me from Trish and visited with many about surveying related issues that are effecting all of us.

I attended a planning meeting with APLS, Utah Council of Surveyors and Nevada Society about the planning of a Spring 2018 conference in Las Vegas with West Fed. I represented interest in having our Spring meeting there, because the student competition would be there, needing our support. The outcome would be decided by the NSPS leadership at a later date.

Warm regards,

Kim H. Leavitt, NSPS PRESIDENT ELECT
I traveled to Denver to the ASCA, the American School Counselors Association. This Association is a group of school counselors from elementary through high school, we also met some college counselors there. I talked my brother Darren Leavitt, PLS to take his augmented virtual sandbox with us. Darren is the instructor of the Civil Engineering Technology program at Idaho State University School of Applied Science. He made this box for the education of his students as well as a recruitment tool for his program.

For those of you that don’t know what an augmented virtual sandbox is, let me explain. It is a sandbox on wheels with about 200 lbs. of sand in it, with an overhead projector and an x-box 360. A computer is attached with the program. The program shows the contours on the sand. As you change the sand the program updates the contours. You can make it rain so those watching can see the water run to the low spots. It is all in color and very impressive to play with and watch. Darren also brought a drone, which we attached to the overhead rail, simulating that drones can collect topographic information.

There were 3300 counselors in attendance with probably 200 exhibitors like us. Their conference is very similar to a surveying society conference. When they are not in classes they come to the exhibit hall. We had great success in stopping so many that seen the sandbox and wanted to play with it. This gave us a great opportunity to explain surveying and the educational opportunities across the United States.

The PLSC, the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado manned the booth handing out NSPS flyers about surveying. They were a marvelous group, who represented our profession so well. I would like to personally thank them for taking their precious time in helping.

The counselors loved the surveying profession as we explained it. My explanation was that it is a technically related profession with such things as drones, robotic total stations, digital levels and high precision GPS, along with 3D mapping as explained by Darren and the sandbox. This explanation peaked their curiosity to ask about education requirements. They also asked how they could get surveyors to come to their local career fairs. I told them about their state society of land surveyors, encouraging them to call and make arrangements. Hundreds said they would love it if we could have the sandbox to explain the profession. Of course, we couldn’t guarantee it, but it is such a great tool for recruiting.

This was such a great connection. Each state has their own counselor’s society and we should encourage our state societies to interact with them on this level. This will continue to be a great connection for our work force development and for the recruitment into our college programs. We should see some results from this conference where we visited with a counselor from every state.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim H. Leavitt, PLS
Executive Director’s Report
Curt Sumner

September 10, 2017

NSPS Foundation Disaster Relief

The country has recently been hit by two (2) major hurricanes within a few weeks of each other, and the West has been stricken with major fires, affecting the lives and businesses of many of our fellow Surveyors. Not unexpectedly, individuals and state surveying societies have answered the call for donations to the fund making possible for the Foundation to help those who request assistance.

Boy Scouts Jamboree 2017 Successful for NSPS, and Volunteer

Many thanks to the group of volunteers who represented NSPS during the 2017 Boy Scouts Jamboree. The group included Joe Elwell, Steve Okuley, Will Clark, and Kyle Schultze. From among the estimated 25,000 youth in attendance at the Jamboree, several hundred visited the NSPS booth. Some were Surveyors who were participating as Troop Leaders, and some were just interested in Land Surveying. 90 Scouts from all over the United States complete the Merit Badge. They ranged in age from 12-17, and all of them seemed to enjoy their time spent participating in our badge. Parkland College in Champaign, IL provided all of the equipment and miscellaneous survey supplies that were required to teach the badge. NSPS provided the giveaway items, which the boys really liked, plus other supplies and financial help for the team of instructors for the badge. There were a great deal of brochures handed out to people, and the role of NSPS was discussed many times. There were several participants who showed great promise in becoming Surveyors. They were skilled at the work that we completed during the badge, asked all of the right questions, and were interested in our field or a related one. One student in particular, from the Northeast, was so interested in Surveying that the instructors walked him to another booth where a college from New York was set up so he could discuss their surveying program. The team says, “We were truly grateful to NSPS for their support and hope that we will be able to continue providing the Surveying Merit Badge at many more Jamboree’s to come”.

Regional Licensing and Hydrographer Licensing

During the recent NCEES Annual Meeting, representatives of the respective state licensing boards approved a motion to investigate regional licensing for Professional Surveyors. Such an arrangement would affect all Public Lands States, but not the Colonial States.

During the Surveyors Forum, two representatives of the Hydrographers Certification Board presented a proposal to develop a state licensing structure within the respective licensing boards. The proposal included a provision that such license would be portable among the states.

Forum on the Future of Surveying Continues its Work

Formerly known as the Future of Surveying Task Force when initiated by NCEES, the Forum’s name was changed to avoid confusion when NSPS took the lead role. Since its last meeting in June, the Forum has continued to develop strategies that have been agreed upon by the Task Force members. The Task Force continues to have broad participation from a variety of organizations within the geospatial community. Information about the activities of the Forum can be found on the NSPS website under the Future of Surveying tab.
Certified Floodplain Surveyor Program Revived

Fifteen years ago, NSPS began teamed with FEMA to create a certification program through which Surveyors who attained certification would receive “fast track” review of Letters of Map Amendment (LOMA). With Hurricane Floyd having created a disaster in the state, the North Carolina Society of Surveyors (NCSS) agreed to take on a “pilot” CFS program, with the concept that NSPS would work with FEMA to spread the program nationwide. With the introduction of the eLOMA shortly after the project began, and the FEMA contractor being changed, the program lost momentum. Earlier this year, the Tennessee Association of Surveyors (TAPS) and the Tennessee office of Emergency Services agreed to initiate the program there, with assistance from the North Carolina program for training. This action has led to a recent training session in North Carolina for which interested participants from other states were invited. Participants from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Rhode Island and Virginia joined participants from Tennessee for the training. It is hoped that this event will encourage other states to also begin the program.

American Pipeline Surveyors Association (APSA)

A representative of the APSA recently made a presentation to the West Virginia Society of Professional Land Surveyors (WVSPLS), outlining a program recently developed to certify individuals who provide surveying services for pipeline projects. The program is open to both Licensed Professional Surveyors and Survey Technicians for the stated intent to improve the knowledge and performance of services on pipeline projects. NSPS plans to contact APSA to discuss its intentions and program.

Surveying Education

The surveying program at Utah Valley University has recently established a NSPS Student Chapter.

A new surveying program has recently been initiated at Colorado at Mesa University/Western Colorado Community College.

NSPS is in the process of writing a letter of support for the existing program at St. Cloud University in Minnesota

Geospatial Data Act (GDA)

NSPS has been involved in the language for the Geospatial Data Act which has the potential to be extremely beneficial for data acquisition and use. Some member organizations of the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO), of which NSPS is a member, are opposed to the procurement language in the bill, which would codify the requirement for use of QBS in the procurement of professional surveying and mapping services. The COGO organizations have formed a task force in an attempt to work through the differences of opinion on this. If the COGO member groups do not reach consensus on this matter it is a possibility that the Bill will not go forward. If it does, all COGO member groups will likely lobby for their preferred version of the GDA.
Alaska report

A quick update on Alaska’s saga with BLM and Direct Point Position Surveys (DPPS). BLM is now backing off of DPPS and with the current administration, will likely not be pushing DPPS for the next 4 years.

However, BLM did complete 11 project groups, totaling 7.2+ million previously unsurveyed acres, by the DPPS method. Without any previous communication with the State of Alaska, BLM decisively moved away from the survey method that has been in operation since the 1963 Agreement. The 1963 Agreement between the Dept. of Interior and the State of Alaska was a result of special conference committee issuing a report, HR 5279, directing the Dept.

“to cause surveys of Alaskan land selections of the exterior boundaries of full townships with monumentation at an average of 2 miles around the perimeter.”

The State has not accepted any of these 11 projects groups to date. If the 11 projects groups were surveyed in accordance with the 1963 agreement, BLM should have set 2,000+ monuments. Under the original DPPS proposal, BLM only wanted to set the exterior angle point corners of each project, equaling roughly 300 new corners for the entire 7.2+ million acres. Since the State has balked at accepting any of the surveys completed using the original DPPS, BLM decided to return to 9 of the project areas to set the additional monuments at the interior township corners only (bringing the total number of monuments set to 671), again without any communication with the State. BLM is now calling the 9 project areas as having DPPS+.

BLM, under the new administration, has decided to communicate with the State agreeing to complete future Alaskan land selections in accordance with the 1963 agreement. However BLM does not want to revisit the 11 project areas completed using DPPS+ and wants the State to accept the completed surveys. Currently the State and BLM are meeting on how to move forward with a potential compromise between DPPS+, as it is now surveyed, or the addition 1330+ monuments to meet the 1963 agreement.

I, on behalf of the State of Alaska, want to thank NSPS for their strong support of our position in protesting and not accepting DPPS. There is no way to measure the weight of National Society of Professional Surveyors support and truly believe NSPS had influence over the current administration’s position.

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NSPS Affiliate Report Form

Reports from affiliates are crucial to maintaining communications and enable cooperation between affiliates and all of NSPS. Reports should be made annually, at a minimum. A report should contain the following:

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Seminars Held:
Chapter meetings including continuing education topic held monthly. Spring seminar held in January included presentations by the Board of Technical Registration. Annual Conference held May 2017. Golf Tournament held August 2017.

Items of interest to NSPS:

Legislative issues of concern: Board of Technical Registration - Governor's Executive Order (attached)
Mandatory continuing education not required in Arizona.

Causes for NSPS Action: A white paper on the importance of mandatory continuing education would be helpful for those states where it is still not required. The possibility of deregulation of the profession still exist. A white paper on the importance of qualifying and regulating land surveyor would be helpful for those states where deregulation is being considered.
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**Delegate to NSPS Board of Directors:** TBD (Note: As Director at Large, I cannot be the affiliate delegate. Armand)

**Seminars Held:**
2018 CLSA Conference is booked for March 23-27 in Sacramento CA. Monthly 1 hour Webinars, Different Subjects each month

**Items of interest to NSPS:**

**Legislative issues of concern:**

**Causes for NSPS Action:**
NSPS Affiliate Report Form

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Seminars Held:

PLSC Chapter Summit, August 18, 2017 in Grand Junction, Colorado. Represented the NSPS in July at a national high school guidance counselor conference in Denver.

Items of interest to NSPS:

PLSC has pledged $250,000 toward the new 2-year surveying degree program at Colorado Mesa University, which began classes in August. Thomas Sylvester, PLS was selected to be the full time faculty member.

Legislative issues of concern:

The PLSC is working toward the establishment of a continuing education requirement with the Department of Regulatory Affairs (DORA) of Colorado.

Causes for NSPS Action:

Requested a letter from NSPS and individuals stating support for the implementation of a continuing education program in Colorado.
State of Delaware

Delaware Association of Surveyors

Representatives went to 2 schools this year with the trig-star program.

A charity golf tournament was held to fund our education fund for trig-star and scholarships.

In cooperation with the Delaware Technical and Community College our State has CST examinations available, proctored by said College.

Our annual Conference is scheduled for November 2 & 3 and is to be held at the Atlantic Sands Hotel & Conference Center in Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Our quest for a Statute of Repose has been sidelined indefinitely due to lack of funding and opposition from trial lawyers and realtors who have sway in our current legislature. Any help that the NSPS could provide relative to this matter would be appreciated.

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Report from Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia

Robert Armstrong

New Officers:
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Vice-President: Phillip O. Brown
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Past President: Phillip Roberts

Legislative Agenda:

The society is working on proposed legislation to redefine Land Surveying in the State of Georgia. The legislation will follow the model law as put forth by the NCEES with modifications. The legislation will address a stipulation presently requiring work that is tied to property lines, right of ways and/or easements for the requirement that it be done by a licensed surveyor. The revision will spell out any point or feature showing location or elevation must be performed by a licensed surveyed.

We are looking to bring photogrammetrist under the surveyor’s license. Those meeting the requirements will be grandfathered and provisions spelled out for those in the future. A discussion as to those folks performing GIS work should be included in this revision. This issue will require more study before we move forward.

We presently have a hydrology section in our law. Surveyors must have taken college level hydrology and pass a test on this subject as part of the licensing exam. This is required because land surveyors in Georgia are allowed to do site design for residential subdivisions. Applicants will under the revised law decide that if they want to do this design work they will have to meet the education and testing requirements or not do the design work whereby they would not have to meet those requirements. We have found that the majority of new surveyors do not want to do design and the hydrology requirements are keeping some from passing their exams.

Possibly change the name on our license to professional Surveyor or Professional land Surveyor. There has and will be lots of discussion on this item
Hawaii Land Surveyors Association
NSPS State Affiliate Report
Submitted by: Joanne Williamson, HLSA NSPS Director
September 26, 2017

2018 Conference

The 2018 HLSA conference will be held at the Pomaika‘i Ballrooms at the Dole Cannery Ballrooms on February 15 and 16, 2018. The Ballrooms are in a local venue approximately 5 miles from Waikiki. A number of local speakers of various backgrounds related to land surveying will present on topics such as field work safety, personal experience using UAVs for aerial mapping and source land title issues unique to Hawaii. Gary Kent will be a feature of our conference, giving a day session on ALTA survey, and on another of his topics on the second day.

Annual Dinner Fundraiser

Friday, October 13, 2017 we will have our Annual Dinner BBQ at Keehi Lagoon Disabled American Veterans Park in Honolulu. The cost of the BBQ is covered by donations by our sustaining members, and we are asking for donation from the attendees to support (through the NSPS foundation) the surveyors affected by our latest US natural disasters. This is also our bi-annual membership meeting for the association.

Legislature

The Board continues to work on addressing the issues of deregistered lands (lands that have been ‘deregistered’ from the Hawaii Land Court, a process initiated by legislation in 2014). The HLSA membership had voted to clarify the deregistration process in a way that was constructive for surveyors in terms of land title and mapping. We are taking this proposed ‘remapping’ process into the next stage of review with representative(s) of the land title industry. Currently the HLSA board intends to bring these changes, in the form of a bill, to the Hawaii state legislature for revision to the Land Court statutes in the upcoming session.
Mission Statement

HLSA will present a proposed mission statement (at long last) to its members at our 2018 Annual Conference for their consideration. The statement will be in both Hawaiian and English.

Website

Our website has been updated. We have eliminated sending out printed copies of the HLSA bi-monthly newsletter and now send them out via email, as well as post them on the website. We are also posting “Help wanted ads” from our sustaining members. http://www.hlsahawaii.org

Outreach

The Trigstar program has been suspended due to time, energy and financial constraints.
IDAHO REPORT TO NSPS  
10/5/17 by John Russell Idaho Director

MEMBERSHIP:
Membership declined when we adopted the 100% membership in NSPS, but has stabilized, and increased just a little.

EDUCATION/WORK FORCE DEVELOPMENT
The state board of registration hired me this year to investigate the possibility of creating another 4 year degree program in southwest Idaho to supplement our 4 year program at Idaho State University (ISU) in southeast Idaho. (I have taught Intro to Surveying at U.Idaho and at Boise State). Idaho is a low population, geographically divided state, where cross state travel is severely limited.
This involved close interaction with John Russ of our State Department of Labor, who clearly understands what surveyors do, and the need for new professionals. John wanted to help create a broad network of surveyor apprentice/interns, using Labor funds to augment salaries (adds about $4/hour) and enable them to attend survey classes, leading to full licenses. Our best option from my work appears to be to create a two year program at College of Western Idaho, feeding into the ISU program. The second best regional option is for survey interns is to enroll in the full on-line program offered by Great Basin Community College in Elko NV. Right after I submitted my report in May, we got news that ISU was, again, seriously considering cutting their program all together, as we have only one graduate each of the last couple of years, so my task seemed a little ambitious.
From our scholarship auction at our annual meetings, for the last 14 years, we easily generate enough money to offer 3 full semester scholarships at ISU of $1600 and several at the $500 level, with enough money left over to add to our growing endowment savings.
Like in most states our work force development efforts cover a lot of options. For people in grades 7 – 12, in small parts of the state we sponsor Trig Star, to little effect. We also participate in the fanciful Future City engineering competition, again to little effect. STEM activities get some of our members to show up. Others sponsor tables at college career fairs, and help with the Boy Scouts merit badges. All in all I feel our efforts are sincere, but scattered and would benefit from broader participation by practicing surveyors, and from more coordinated efforts. An interesting situation has evolved at Idaho City a very small town in the mountains 35 miles northeast of Boise. A pro-active school superintendent acquired some surplus surveying equipment from the Idaho Transportation Dept. and some adjoining land from the BLM. Private and BLM surveyors from Boise have held survey camp there for the high school students. The problem I see is that it is such a small student pool (about 20 kids graduate a year) and it would be nice to expand this survey camp idea to all the high school students in the nearby Boise area.

We have contracted out our Executive Director position, with great results so far. We are currently examining holding more of our 1/4ly section directors meetings on-line, or through video conferencing.

We are currently examining whether we want to continue the cost of sending a delegate to West Fed meetings, as that group’s work so closely resembles and duplicates that of our NSPS Western Directors Council.

After broadening our definition of Land Surveying a couple of years ago, we haven’t undertaken any major legislative efforts.
NSPS State Affiliate Report
Society of Land Surveyors of Iowa – September 28, 2017

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Current membership numbers are: Full members, 236; Land Surveyor Intern, 36; Land Surveyor in Training, 40; Honorary, 2; Associate members, 8; Life Members, 123.

The SLSI January Workshop was held on Friday, January 13, 2017 in Ames, Iowa. 186 registered for the workshop, which is almost double the normal number. The topic was Laws Impacting Surveying in Iowa. The program was presented by attorneys from the law firm of Dickinson, Mackaman, Tyler & Hagen, P.C. of Des Moines. Topics included Legal Aspects Related to Disputed Corners/Boundaries, Iowa “Fence” Law, Legal Boundary Disputes, Easements, Case Law Updates, Mechanic Liens, Succession Tax Issues, Cyber-security Issues, Public Record Research Resources and Legal Research Resources.

The 80th Annual SLSI Conference was held Thursday, March 2 and Friday, March 3, 2017 in Ames, Iowa. 255 attendees heard updates on the NGS Datum and the Iowa Land Records project. The main speaker was Dennis Moulard who took the group to Charm School on Thursday afternoon and presented an 8-hour seminar on the Public Land Survey System 21st Century on Friday.

The SLSI Board of Directors continues to work with the Iowa County Recorder’s Association and Iowa Land Records online portal to establish state-wide standards for land survey documents that will meet the needs of all 99 Iowa County Recorders, all Iowa Land Surveyors and be compatible with the Iowa Land Records online resource.
NSPS Affiliate Report Form

Reports from affiliates are crucial to maintaining communications and enable cooperation between affiliates and all of NSPS. Reports should be made annually, at a minimum. A report should contain the following:

Report date: September 25, 2017
Association Name: Kansas Society of Land Surveyors

Executive Secretary:
Address: In process
Phone: President James Meis
Fax: 
E-mail: jmeis@driggsdesign.com
Web site: www.ksls.com
Next Annual Meeting: October 18-20, 2017

Association President:
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Phone: 785-650-9864
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E-mail: jmeis@driggsdesign.com

Delegate to NSPS Board of Directors:
Larry D. Graham
Address: 4915 W 64th Terrace
Phone: 816-985-1830
Fax: 913-888-7868
E-mail: graham@skw-inc.com

Seminars Held:


Items of interest to NSPS:

KSLS sent it’s latest Minimum Standards for Property Boundary Surveys and Mortgage Title Inspections to the Kansas State Board or Technical Professions for adoption. Members met with several community colleges to try to get some interest

Legislative issues of concern:

None.

Causes for NSPS Action:

None
Items of Interest:

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Phone: 225-925-5800
Fax: 225-925-5802
E-mail: lspsebc1@att.net
Web site: lspsebc1@southeast.net
Next Annual Meeting: APRIL, MARCH 20-23, 2018

Association President:
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Delegate to NSPS Board of Directors:
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Seminars Held:

STATE CONVENTION WILL PROBABLY START ON AN A FALL TECH SESSION.

Items of interest to NSPS:

DROVES

Legislative issues of concern:

PE'S WANTING TO WATER DOWN PLS REG'S TO OBTAIN REAL LICENCE

Causes for NSPS Action:
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**Seminars Held:**

Our Spring Meeting was held on 4/21/17 in Portland Maine, speakers touch on a wide assortment of topics including MeDEP site location law, sea level rise, easements, the State’s Geolibrary Board and ground surface modeling using lidar.

**Items of interest to NSPS:**

Our Fall meeting will be held in late October in the Bangor / Orono area. Topics are still to be finalized.

**Legislative issues of concern:**

MSLS is supporting the Maine Geolibrary Board’s request for $6M, LD318. The bill was carried over from last years session to this coming session. Due to legislative oversight, the ME office of GIS funding was left out of this years budget. We are the only Office in the State that relies on State Funding.

**Causes for NSPS Action:**

None.
Legislative Issues of Concern:

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**Association Name:** Maryland Society of Surveyors

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**Web site:** www.marylandsurveyor.org  
**Next Annual Meeting:** Oct 5 – 7, 2017

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**Seminars Held:**

- **Advanced Legal Description Writing, Part I (Must take Part I & Part II)**  
  **Presented by:** Gary R. Kent  
  **Survey Archives - The Good, The Bad and the Ugly!**

**Items of interest to NSPS:**

- Worked with the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveying (DLLR) to revise CPC regulations.  
- Implemented a Workforce Development program to attract young people to careers in land surveying.

**Legislative issues of concern:**

In the 2018 legislative session we are looking to create a definition of mapping in our practice act. This evolves from the Pennsylvania and Kentucky cases where the courts ruled that certain types of mapping were not restricted to land surveyors.

**Causes for NSPS Action:**

Motion for NSPS to develop a draft strategy for work force development, consistent with its March 2016 adopted motion, and present the draft strategy to its state member organizations by January 1, 2018 for review and comment prior to action by...
Seminars Held:

Advanced Legal Description Writing, Part I (Must take Part I & Part II)
 Presented by: Gary R. Kent

Survey Archives - The Good, The Bad and the Ugly!
 Presented by: Joel Leininger, S.J. Martenet & Co., Inc.

Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System and Preparing for 2022
 Presented by: Dan Gillins, Ph.D., P.L.S., and Scott Lokken, National Geodetic Survey

Railroad Surveying & Construction

It Said, What?? The Metes and Bounds Description as an Art Form
 Presented by: Joel Leininger, S.J. Martenet & Co., Inc.

Scanning, Point Clouds and More
 Presented by: Chris Branas, SmartDTM

Hot Topic #1: Human Resources & Personnel Management for Surveying Firm Principals
 Presented by: Russell Teter, III, Director of Training for Small Business and Technology

Hot Topic #2: Proposal Writing

Hot Topic #3: Land Surveying’s Bright/Perilous Future
 Presented by: James Shaw, Greenman-Pedersen Inc. & John Palatiello, MSS Executive Director

Hot Topic #4 - The Surveyor & The Banker
 Presented by: Eric M. Rosenberg and Joshua Stonko., PNC Bank
 No Handout Needed for this Session

Exam Prep
 Presented by: Mike Boyce, ESE Consultants Inc.; Dan Burke, Charles P. Johnson & Associates., Inc.; Dave Copeland, CCBC
 Topics covered: Math Topics; The Fundamentals of Surveying (FS); Principles and Practice of

Celestial Observations for Land Surveyors
 Presented by: Wayne Twigg, Secretary, MSS Appalachian Chapter; Luke Baseley, Greenman-Pedersen Inc., Mike Loveland, Greenman-Pedersen Inc.

Health and Safety in Surveying - Field and Office
 Presented by: Gary R. Kent, PS, Integrated Services Director, The Schneider Corporation

Real Estate Settlements, Title Related Issues & Entanglements of the Law Presented by: James J. Demma, Esquire, Miles & Stockbridge P.C.
 UAV Flight Operations and Data Accuracy
2016 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys – A Field Perspective
Presented by: Gary R. Kent, PS, Integrated Services Director, The Schneider Corporation

UAV LiDAR and other Specialty Sensor Applications
Presented by: Ben Houston, Spatial Analytix, LLC

Hot Topic #1: State of and Pending Changes in the National Flood Insurance Program
Presented by: Tom Little, Smart Vent

Hot Topic #2: 21st Century Marketing of Professional Surveying Services
Presented by: John Palatiello, MSS Executive Director

Hot Topic #3: There Is No "I" In Team But There Is In Risk
Presented by: Justin Klein, Klein Agency, LLC

Hot Topic #4: When to Use Ground, Aircraft and/or UAS Mapping Techniques
Presented by: Justin Lahman, AXIS GeoSpatial of MD

Exam Prep

Elevation Certificates – What They Are And Why They Matter
Presented by: Wendy Lathrop, Cadastral Consulting LLC

Ethics and Standards
Presented by: Gary R. Kent, PS, Integrated Services Director, The Schneider Corporation

Items of Interest to NSPS:

• Worked with the Maryland Board for Professional Land Surveying (DLLR) to revise CPC regulations.
• Implemented a Workforce Development program to attract young people to careers in surveying and earned a cover story in P.O.B. magazine.
• Secured 2017 Surveyors Week proclamation from Governor Hogan.
• Successfully nominated a member of the DLLR Board for Professional Land Surveying for appointment by Governor Hogan.
• Began development of a cloud based archive to store, search, and share plats, data, documents, and other valuable survey information.
• Sponsored the 2nd place winner in the NSPS National Trig-Star competition and 2nd place in the NSPS National Teaching Excellence competition winner
• Defeated a bill in the Maryland Legislature that would have eliminated the corporate permit requirement for firms in surveying and engineering.
• Provided scholarships for the education of future surveyors through the MSS Educational Trust.
Legislative Issues of Concern:

In the 2018 legislative session we are looking to create a definition of mapping in our practice act. This evolves from the Pennsylvania and Kentucky cases where the courts ruled that certain types of mapping were not restricted to land surveyors.

Causes for NSPS Actions:

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Meetings:

Past:

2017 Annual Meeting – Duluth, MN

2017 Summer Meeting - Mankato, MN

Upcoming:

2017 Fall Seminar – St. Paul, MN – November 30, 2017

2018 Annual Meeting – Brooklyn Park, MN – February 14-16, 2018

Education:

St. Cloud State University is in a very bad financial condition which has resulted in not re-filling one of the two instructor positions for the Land Surveying program. This has caused a loss of ABET accreditation but more critically has put a lot of pressure on the remaining instructor. There is no energy within the university for low enrollment programs such as this one and we fear that it will be eventually terminated by the university or by loss of the remaining instructor.

Government Relations:

Created draft rules change for ‘survey’ utility locates giving locators more flexibility in providing maps in exchange for quicker turnaround.

Membership:

Individual membership continues to slowly decline, Firm membership is more quickly declining, a renewed membership committee effort has begun in hopes of bolstering member benefits and retention.

Public Relations:

No significant efforts were made this year.

2018 Points of Contact:

Executive Director:
Lee Helgen
Executive Director
Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors
1000 Westgate Dr., Suite 252
St. Paul, MN 55114

President:
Chris Mavis
plss_efm@live.com
(952) 941-3491
NSPS Affiliate Report for Missouri Society of Professional Surveyors
Prepared 9/18/2017 by Troy Hayes, PLS, NSPS Director for Missouri

Sandra Boeckman remains as our Executive Director. Joe Clayton the current President of the Society will remain in office until our annual business meeting which will take place on Friday, October 20th, 2017 in Springfield, MO. During that meeting Gerald Bader our President-Elect will assume the office. Gerald’s contact information is:

Gerald Bader, PLS
Bader Land Surveying Inc.
16255 Sugar Bottom Road
St. Genevieve, MO 63670
573-483-2777
baderlsls@brick.net

MSPS will be holding our 60th Annual meeting October 19-21. The meeting will open with concurrent technical sessions throughout the day on Thursday the 19th. On the afternoon of the 19th will also host a golf tournament fundraiser for our PAC committee and Sporting Clays shoot which will benefit our Scholarship Foundation. On the 20th we will hold our Annual Business Meeting and election of officers. That will be followed by a Leadership Keynote Address by Lt. Col. Danny White, USMC (Ret.) and our annual awards luncheon. The luncheon this year will include a special ceremony to honor past Presidents of MSPS and our predecessor MARLS (Missouri Association of Registered Land Surveyors). The day will conclude with BBQ buffet and Texas Hold’em Tourn. The Meeting will conclude on Saturday the 21st with concurrent technical sessions running throughout the day. Technical sessions for this year’s meeting include:

How to Ensure Quality Surveying and Mapping with Drones
Original Field Notes and Plats
Safety Essentials for Surveying Companies
Surveying Standards
Easements from the Title Company Perspective
GLO Fractional and Anomalous Sections
How to Use the Land Survey Repository Databases for Research
Missouri Riparian Boundaries
Missouri Water Law
GPS Modernization and GNSS
Grid to Ground: What is it and How to Use it
Combining Survey, GIS, CAD, LiDAR and Imaging Technologies to Increase Productivity, Profitability and Performance
Best Practices for GPS Today
Modern Geospatial Data Generation
Lessons Learned from a Small Company’s Evolution into the Virtual World of 3D with Laser Scanning and Mobile LiDAR
Other activities that have taken place since Spring Meeting in Washington DC include our 39th Annual Spring Technical Workshop and Board Meeting. This took place April 27-29, 2017 at the Lodge of Four Seasons in Lake Ozark, MO. We also held a regular board meeting in Jefferson City on July 15, 2017.

We are currently working on legislation to increase the education requirements for licensure from 12 hours of surveying course work to 30 hours. Like most states we have seen declining number of registrants for the exam and high failure rates. We are also dealing with work force issues and lack of good sources for surveying education within the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Hayes, PLS
Missouri Director for NSPS
State: Montana
Date: September 29, 2017
Website: http://marls.com/
Executive Director: Kay McDonald kay@marls.com
Date of next annual meeting: February 21 – 23, 2018
Date of next Conference: February 21 – 23, 2018
Association President: Mike Lapp
Delegate to NSPS: Matt Morris
Seminars Held: Multiple seminars held at the February 2017 conference; John Matonich - June 2017; OPUS Projects - September 2017.

Items of Interest to NSPS:
MARLS currently has a committee working on updating our standards of practice manual, last year as part of that process we prepared and published a book containing statutes and rules associated with land development and surveying in Montana. That book was provided to dues paid members and is available for purchase.

We are still in the process of revising our By-Laws, with the goal of presenting them to the membership for approval at some time in the future. We have continued to participate at events as a vendor, such as the Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders conference, The Montana Association of Planners conference, and the Montana Association of Counties Conference.

Legislative Concerns:
Montana is not scheduled to have a legislative session in 2018; however, in the 2019 session we will again be watching exempt Water Well rules and regulations, showing Ground vs Grid Distances on surveys, requirements and standards for easement exhibits, and removing engineers from statutes allowing them to prepare right-of-way applications across state lands.

Causes for NSPS Action:
Follow up on the letter to the National Board of Realtors, and possibly write a letter supporting grid or ground bearings on surveys rather than Geodetic Bearings as currently required by the BIA Rocky Mountain Region Office

Schools with surveying course work within state:
Flathead Valley Community College (2 year), Kalispell, MT
Highlands College of Montana Tech (2 year), Butte, MT
Montana State University, minor available for engineering students, Bozeman, MT

MARLS Scholarship Foundation’s 2017 2nd Year Student in the Field of Surveying Scholarships Awarded
$1250 Kevin Violette, FVCC 2nd year student, in memory of Donald L. Ebbutt
$1250 John Bruckner, Great Basin College 2nd year student, in memory of Robert R. (Rick) Gustine

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$1000 Kristina Counts, FVCC 1st year student, in memory of James Hahn
$1000 Mitch Edger, FVCC 1st year student, in memory of Tiny Tillotson
$1000 Sam Negron, FVCC 1st year student, in memory of Roy Bandy
NMPS report to NSPS October 2017, Frisco Texas meeting:

The next NMPS conference will be April 27-28 2018 at Sandia Resort and Casino. Our annual golf tournament will be held the 26th of April at the Sandia Golf Club at the same resort. The previous tournament raised over $14,000.00 for the New Mexico State University Surveying/Geomatics program. We are confident that number will be much larger at the next tournament.

The NMPS working with NMSU has made efforts to revitalize the surveying program at the university. The program is restructured and has the potential to grow significantly. The NMSU Geomatics program will offer 3 online courses the spring 2018 semester and grow the online catalogue each semester with the goal to have all classes available online.

Another innovation the NMSU is looking into is to offer in state tuition for students that would like to take the Geomatics degree.

Below is a Frequently asked question and answer list about the program and a donation form. The NMPS would ask that each of the states ask their membership to donate $999.00 a year for the next three years to bolster the program.

The NMPS would like to recognize both Hawaii and California surveying societies have generously donated $1000.00 each.

FAQ NMSU Geomatics/Surveying program:

Approximately how many students are enrolled in the major now? Currently there are 15 active majors
How many of those are graduate students? 0 – we currently do not have a graduate program but have plans to incorporate one once the program proves successful
How many professors do they have for the major now? 1 – we had one retirement (Prof, Frank) and one move to Calif (Dr, Elkahar). We expect to hire one College Instructor in Spring 2018.
Do you have a Strategic Plan for the endowment and/or MOU, and if so, can we see them? The program’s strategic plan is on the academic side of the house; Development does not touch those activities other than what the money can or cannot be used for based on the agreement. Development’s goal is to raise money, I have worked with all Fundraisers that have engineering alumni on their contact list to spread the word about NMPS’s leadership donation. Leadership gifts usually cause other donors to back the program. I have personally met with businesses and alumni to call on support for the program. Anytime a development staff
member is in from of a surveying alumni we are talking about this program/fund. We will continue to push the program and to ask for

What is the final destination of the funds you are raising? Funds donated to NMSU go to the New Mexico Professional Surveyors Current Use Fund, held at the NMSU Foundation. The Department Head of Engineering Technology will request disbursements, as per University and College of Engineering standards, policies and procedures. NMSU Foundation reimburses NMSU the program for the disbursements. Therefore the final destination is the program.

Are the funds going directly to an endowment and who is in control of disbursements? The funds are not going into an endowment; they are going into a current use fund. Think checking account; money can be used as soon as it comes in. In an endowment, the amount donated (the principal) is invested, and the annual income (interest and/or dividends) is available for spending. The original donation is not touched. The fund is held within NMSU Foundation. The Department Head of Engineering Technology requests disbursements from accounts payable (NMSU), NMSU Foundation reimburses NMSU for the disbursements, per University and College of Engineering standards, policies and procedures. NMSU Foundation reimburses NMSU the program for the disbursements.

Will NMPS be able to monitor or otherwise be receiving any financial reporting from the endowment? Since it is not an endowment, NMSU Foundation would not send out an annual report on the fund. You can request information at any time.

If the New Mexico State University Geomatics program should fail, where would unused donated funds go? If the program fails, we would contact NMPS (you) to update the agreement. In any cases we cannot get a hold of the agreement holder (this would not be the case for your fund) then, the College of Engineering Academic Department will manage the fund use. If future circumstances render the use of the Fund for the purposes set forth in this agreement either impractical or impossible, then the Fund’s balance of unspent gifts shall be used to improve the quality of education at New Mexico State University as approved by the Foundation Board of Directors, keeping in mind the original intent of the donor. In any such alternative application of unspent gifts, it shall be clearly identified that the funding source is the New Mexico Professional Surveyors Current Use Fund.

I want to support the new Geomatics program at NMSU within the Engineering Technology Department

NMSU is partnering with New Mexico Professional Surveyors (NMPS) in seeking financial contributions to the Geomatics program for a three year period. This program is a modernized industry desired redesign of the former survey engineering program while continuing a pathway to 4 tenure. Due to current budget constraints, NMSU continues to provide higher education for students seeking a career in the geospatial industry dependent on outside financial support. Your contributions will help support one of two needed faculty positions for this industry desired program.

I would like to support the NMSU Geomatics program (105400) with a one time gift of:

☐ $10,000  ☐ $5,000  ☐ $1,000  ☐ Other $ __________

Please mail to: NMSU Foundation • PO Box 3590 • Las Cruces, NM 88003-3590

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Armitage at (575) 646-5457

I would like to make an annual gift of $ ________ for a period of

☐ 2 years  ☐ 3 years  ☐ _______ years

I would like to make a rePETE recurring monthly credit card gift of $ ________

☐ for the next 12 months  ☐ until further notice.

☐ Check (made payable to NMSU Foundation)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Card # __________  __________  __________  __________
Exp. date ______ / ______  CVV ______

Name on card __________

Signature __________

E-mail __________

Preferred phone __________

Double your impact: submit a matching gift request to your employer or send a matching gift form with your gift.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Pappas, President NMPS
State: North Dakota
Date: September 19, 2017
Website: NDSPLS.ORG
Executive Director: PMS Inc. 701-222-3499; info@NDSPLS.org
Date of next annual meeting: February, 2018, Bismarck, ND
Association President: Charles Rebsch, Fargo, ND
Delegate to NSPS: Curtis Glasoe, Dickinson, ND
Seminars Held: next one-December 6 - 7, 2017 in Bismarck, George Southart -Presenter

Items of Interest to NSPS: Governor Proclamation of Survey week with pictures, Industry committee formed to develop minimum easement standards for private lands; New building for ND land survey museum in Jamestown, ND is complete; Have new Administrative Secretaries, double the cost of old one; formed right of entry committee.

Not only is NDSU, nationally ranked #2 at press time, but the New Miss America is from North Dakota, and Carson Wentz continues to make the Eagles fly. GO North Dakota.

Legislative Concerns: Education requirements (minimum) for ND Land Surveyors, failed in House by six votes after 45-0 pass vote in Senate. Still work to do.

Causes for NSPS Action: Any help with easement requirements would be good.
Schools with surveying course work within state: NDSCS – Wahpeton, BJC - Bismarck, ND
Scholarships awarded: 11 totaling over $10000 for school year 2016-2017

I will be bringing a scribed axe, caps, plumb bob holder, and back scratchers to the Foundation auction.

Curtis W. Glasoe, NSPS Director
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Seminars Held:
- 3/16/17 Temporary Traffic Control and Work Site Safety
- 6/22/17 Topographic Surveying, Isolines and Contours (offered free to members)
- 9/14/17 Case Studies

Items of interest to NSPS:
- NHLSA involvement with Construction Career days which engages high school students who are leaning towards a technical education, Attendance at the NH High School Guidance Counselor Conference

Legislative issues of concern:
- Limits on Drone flights, Town line perambulations

Causes for NSPS Action:
- Work force development
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Seminars Held:

Items of interest to NSPS:

Legislative issues of concern:

**Alaska - dpps**

Causes for NSPS Action:
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**Seminars Held:**

Please visit the "Education" tab on the NYSAPLS website to see the many educational opportunities available

**Items of interest to NSPS:**

**Adoption of regulations by NYSAPLS Ethical Practices Committee.** Met with State Office for Professional Discipline to obtain information on how to report professional issues of concern and what to expect in the review process.

**Legislative issues of concern:**

Continuing to work on increased education requirements for licensure eligibility and definition of Land Surveying

**Causes for NSPS Action:**

None raised to date that NSPS is not already addressing - thank you
OHIO DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO NSPS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2017

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CURRENT TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 1100 +/-

NO CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY PLSO

VIRTUAL SANDBOXES:
THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON IS BUILDING A VIRTUAL SANDBOX
THE FARM BUREAU AND SOME DNR OFFICES HAVE THESE SANDBOXES FOR DEMONSTRATIONS

CPD CLASSES WILL BE HELD OCTOBER 12 AND 13 IN COLUMBUS
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IN AUGUST, WE HAD REPS GO TO BOTH OHIO MEETINGS OF SBA CONCERNING THE DEPT. OF
LABOR CLASSIFICATION OF SURVEYORS AS LABORERS AND MECHANICS. WE WERE WELL
RECEIVED
September 29, 2017

AFFILIATE REPORT
NSPS FALL BUSINESS MEETING
FRISCO, TX

On behalf of the Professional Land Surveyors of Oregon (PLSO) I respectfully submit this affiliate report.

Thanks to the strong leadership of Chairman David Williams, Chair-Elect Patrick Gayloard and Executive Director Aimee McAuliffe, PLSO is doing quite well.

Below is a brief summary of activities this past year and upcoming events:

- 2017 Conference was a success. NSPS Executive Director Curt Sumner and NSPS Lobbyist John Byrd were featured speakers. The 2018 Conference is scheduled for January 17-19 in Salem, Oregon. NSPS President-Elect Kim Leavitt will be a featured speaker at the 2018 conference. The theme will be Expanding Our Horizons. Vendor booths are currently on sale and seminar speakers are being engaged.

- PLSO has begun the rebranding process and most recently interviewed three firms as potential partners. The Rebranding Task Force will be reporting its decision to the Board of Directors at the Fall Meeting on October 7. Questions the group asked each firm to address were:
  - Knowledge of industry and how you could be a benefit for the needs of the profession and PLSO as a non-profit
  - Samples of works with previous clients who had similar needs and what work you did for them
  - Present a very broad concept relevant to PLSO needs – explain how you might approach our objectives:
    - Increase the public awareness and professional image of the surveying profession, and its importance.
    - Increase the number of young people coming into the profession.
    - Make PLSO an easily recognizable organization to the public and the legislature.
Make PLSO relevant to Oregon surveyors and increase membership by giving a clear message about who we are and our value to professionals.

PLSO is now entering the contracting phase with the selected firm.

- $18,000 in scholarships was awarded for the 2017-2018 school year.
- PLSO currently has 500 members and will start seeing an uptick in renewed and new members the closer we get to the 2018 Conference.
- PLSO received some press recognition over its mentor program.
- Participated in various job fairs throughout the state.
- Approved a new student chapter out of Oregon State University
- Very active Young Surveyors Network program. Chris Glantz serves as NSPS’ VP and Kelly Miller is the Oregon state coordinator. They held a very successful networking event at the 2017 Conference and have continued to hold events throughout the year.
- Participated in the Trig-Star program. Oregon finalist finished middle-of the pack.

Thanks to efforts of Lobbyist Darrell Fuller and the Legislative Committee, PLSO was well represented during the 2017 Oregon Legislative Session. Following is a portion of Lobbyist Fuller his end of session report:

There was no action of any kind on hydrographic surveying. That can be viewed as both a success and a failure. The hydrographic surveyors were unable to submit legislation separating them from the statutory requirement to be an Oregon registered PLS (though many still are not).

As part of a broad coalition, PLSO successfully helped to thwart an effort to water down Oregon's Qualification Based Selection (QBS) law. We also helped pass House Bill 3432 (in cooperation with the Association of Oregon Counties) to relax the statute mandating County Surveyors report uncorrected surveys to OSBEELS if they are not completed within 30 days. This bill literally changed one word in the law from "must" to "may" in ORS 209.250(4)(c).

Finally, PLSO supported House Bill 2906, which has now created the Oregon Geographic Information Council to manage the sharing of geospatial data between government entities. The Council includes "one member who represents a nonprofit organization with an interest in
geographic information systems and in enhancing geospatial data sharing among public bodies." PLSO will advocate that a PLS fill that spot.

Lobbyist Fuller meet with Oregon Congreemen Greg Walden (R-Hood River) who Chairs one of the most powerful committees in the U. S. House of Representatives: The House Committee on Energy and Commerce. Many, if not all, issues of interest to PLSO and NSPS will be debated in Walden's Committee, including the large infrastructure proposals promised by President Trump.

U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan joined Walden for a series of fundraisers in Portland in August. The NSPS Federal campaign fund purchased a ticket to one of the fundraisers so PLSO lobbyist Darrell Fuller could attend. The goal was for Fuller to talk with Ryan and Walden about ensuring LIDAR and 3DEP enhanced elevation data mapping are included in any infrastructure spending. Fuller successfully spent a few minutes with Speaker Ryan, who seemed familiar with the issues, especially their nexus with the National Flood Insurance Program. NSPS Federal lobbyist John Byrd has already scheduled a follow up meeting with Ryan's key staff member on these issues.

By Bob Neathamer, PLS

Bob Neathamer, NSPS Oregon Director
National Society of Professional Surveyors
Pennsylvania Affiliate

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Much of Pennsylvania’s effort since the NSPS Spring meeting in Silver Springs has been focused on legislation. However, some other items have not been neglected. Starting with legislative news.

Pennsylvania House Bill 1106 has been passed with additions and now is under review by Pennsylvania Senate. This Bill is to revise terminology and definitions to better protect the public by eliminating vague or general terms of language such as “engineering surveys”. Although not supported by the PSLS some additional language was added that would allow Electric Co-ops without PLSs or PEs to hire non-professional contractors to map their facilities. The PSLS has allowed this to progress through the Senate without additional changes although the PSLS’s lobbyist has been in contact with the Electric Co-op to possibly rewrite their entered change. It believes there is better good to continue than to oppose this change which could have resulted in the bill being eliminated altogether. Not much movement now as Pennsylvania’s lawmakers still are in budget talks.

Another law that was enacted was for the increase in Licensing Fees for Engineers, Surveyors, and Geologists. The fee for the next licensing term will be increased from $50 to $100. There was no opposition from any of the three entities involved.

Other items of interest are as follows:

A three-day UAS Expo was held at Penn State. There were over 80 individuals attending to listen to vendors speak about equipment types, mapping software, parameters to meet specific accuracy standards, as well as share their experiences. The last day was an overview of the FAA 107 points and what may be expected on the Remote Pilot’s Exam.

Several Chapters and PSLS as a whole contributed $1400 to support the Surveyors Merit Badge at the annual Boy Scout Jamboree.

Complications had arisen from the online licensing renewal for Engineers, Surveyors, and Geologists. There apparently were glitches in the network and some individuals had to resort to paper renewal forms which in turn bogged the system down and may result in some individuals not receiving their new license by the time their previous license expires.

Pennsylvania Department of Occupational Affairs contracted with Pearson View to administer the state portion of the licensing exam. This created issues as the PSLS has the copyright of the bank of questions that have been used over the last several decades. The PSLS has offered to assist Pearson View with providing those questions for a fee. However, PV chose not to use them and create their own question bank and the PSLS has formed the opinion that the test has been diluted and the integrity of the exam is jeopardized by changing the focus of the questions used.
Curt Sumner, NSPS Executive Director, attended and spoke at the September meeting of the PSLS Board of Directors with his usual wit and humor while informing the attendance with news and events of the NSPS.

Member numbers for the PSLS has not fluctuated much over the past several years up or down and appears to be staying at status quo, although it is always trying to reach out to individuals of the profession to become members and get involved.

The 2018 Surveyors’ Conference will be held in Hershey, PA on January 21st-24th. Special Guest Speaker will be Tony Nettleman. More information can be found at https://www.psls.org/conferenceinfo.
NSPS Affiliate Report Form

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Seminars Held:
| Oct 21, 2017 - Quarterly Membership/Board Meeting | March 21, 2018 - Surveys Day at SC State House |
| April 21, 2018 - | |
| June 22, 2018 - | |

Items of interest to NSPS:

Legislative issues of concern:

Brokering QBS

Causes for NSPS Action:

Help with other states wording for brokering in the PEBB Act.
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Seminars Held:
1. SDSPLS Annual Convention January 11 - 13
2. West River Chapter - Fall Seminar

Items of interest to NSPS:
Some of the surrounding State’s 2-year programs are closing their doors because of lack of attendance. Is there a way that NSPS can help with scholarships or marketing to get students in the doors of these programs? This could be a big hit to the Midwest.

Legislative issues of concern:
None as of now.

Causes for NSPS Action:
1. More scholarships for 2-year programs.
2. Workforce Development.
This year, Tennessee has focused a great deal on the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program. However, last fall, we attended the Tennessee school counselor's state meeting. In fact, the meeting this year was held the weekend of September 29/30, just last week. It has been a tremendous success with many requests throughout the year for surveyors to visit classrooms. High schools are paying attention to our profession.

East Tennessee State University, the only four year surveying school in Tennessee has an opening for an instructor. A Doctorate is not required for this position. With an extensive background in land surveying, any candidate with a Masters degree can qualify for the position. Tennessee Tech is going to offer a surveying program. If anyone wishes specific information on these programs, please contact me and I'll direct you to our Education Committee Chairman.

Now the big news: 2018 marks the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors. We have a huge celebration planned March 8-10, 2018 during our annual meeting. There will be so much going on, it's going to be a blast. Entertainment, prizes, competitions and all kinds of special events, all planned by our Irish member surveyor, Mario. Mario is big on pomp and celebration. NSPS area 3 / 4 will be holding a meeting in conjunction with the Tennessee meeting. Everyone across the country is invited to attend. We'd love to have you. Keep your eyes on the TAPS website, details should be posted soon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bart Crattie
NSPS

TEXAS ANNUAL REPORT

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Thanks again,
Cole
**GeoLearn:** The online classes have not taken off like we expected. I do think we will have more success with TSPS brand courses. Fortunately, Shane Neally is still planning on handle that for TSPS and we hope to have an online Ethics class before the end of the year.

**Annual Convention: Get Your Kicks at Convention 66!** Registration is open online and we currently have 87 registrants. The complete schedule of events and registration form was also included in the July magazine. The Attendee Brochure that is mailed to the entire TBPLS list will go out at the beginning of August. We do encourage members to register online by signing into your member profile first. This will ensure your CEU’s are tracked through your profile and allow you to print certificates at the completion of each course.

The exhibit hall will feature 70 booths this year. We have sold 60 exhibit booths, 3 are for Pubs and another 5 are complimentary for TxDOT, Texas811, NSPS/YSN, TSFI, and History. The surveying colleges will have booths outside of the hall entrance again this year. The Exhibitor Prospectus was emailed first to sustaining members, secondly to last year’s exhibitors and then finally to all potential exhibitors. There are only two booths remaining to sell and then the exhibit hall will be sold out!

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**Sponsorships!** As of July 12th, we have $14,000 in committed sponsorship dollars. $35,000 was budgeted leaving $21,000 remaining to meet our goal. There are many great events still to sponsors and we hope the chapters and members will consider these opportunities. The updated Sponsorship Opportunities form is included in my report. Both the golf tournament (chaired by David McCullah) and the skeet shoot (co-chaired by Brad Sparr and Jerry Lehew) will also be seeking sponsorships. The team registration and donation form for the golf tournament is included in my report as well if you’d like to participate.
**Mobile App:** The 2017 TSPS Convention & Tech Expo app will be available for download in iTunes and Google Play in early September! Some of the features will include:

- Save your sessions and events to your agenda to view at a glance
- View exhibitor information and booth location
- Connect with other attendees

We currently have six mobile app sponsors and the cost of the app has been more than covered by these sponsors.

**NSPS/Auxiliary:** Registration pages have been set up individually for our Auxiliary and those attending from NSPS. All registration pages can be found at: [http://www.tsp.org/page/convention](http://www.tsp.org/page/convention).

**Convention Hotel:** We do expect the Embassy Suites Frisco hotel to sell out so please make your reservations early. I have secured an overflow hotel which will be announced once the Embassy Suites is full.
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Thanks again,

Cole
GeoLearn: The online classes have not taken off like we expected. I do think we will have more success with TSPS brand courses. Fortunately, Shane Neally is still planning on handle that for TSPS and we hope to have an online Ethics class before the end of the year.

Annual Convention: Get Your Kicks at Convention 66! Registration is open online and we currently have 87 registrants. The complete schedule of events and registration form was also included in the July magazine. The Attendee Brochure that is mailed to the entire TBPLS list will go out at the beginning of August. We do encourage members to register online by signing into your member profile first. This will ensure your CEU’s are tracked through your profile and allow you to print certificates at the completion of each course.

The exhibit hall will feature 70 booths this year. We have sold 60 exhibit booths, 3 are for Pubs and another 5 are complimentary for TxDOT, Texas811, NSPS/YSN, TSFI, and History. The surveying colleges will have booths outside of the hall entrance again this year. The Exhibitor Prospectus was emailed first to Sustaining members, secondly to last year’s exhibitors and then finally to all potential exhibitors. There are only two booths remaining to sell and then the exhibit hall will be sold out!

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In addition, 31 have bought a ticket to the Annual Luncheon and to the Gala, 6 to the Sporting Clay Event and 9 to the Golf Tournament. We need to begin marketing both the skeet shoot and golf tournament to increase participation.

Sponsorships! As of July 12th, we have $14,000 in committed sponsorship dollars. $35,000 was budgeted leaving $21,000 remaining to meet our goal. There are many great events still to sponsors and we hope the chapters and members will consider these opportunities. The updated Sponsorship Opportunities form is included in my report. Both the golf tournament (chaired by David McCullah) and the skeet shoot (co-chaired by Brad Sparr and Jerry Lehew) will also be seeking sponsorships. The team registration and donation form for the golf tournament is included in my report as well if you’d like to participate.
**Mobile App:** The 2017 TSPS Convention & Tech Expo app will be available for download in iTunes and Google Play in early September! Some of the features will include:

- Save your sessions and events to your agenda to view at a glance
- View exhibitor information and booth location
- Connect with other attendees

We currently have six mobile app sponsors and the cost of the app has been more than covered by these sponsors.

**NSPS/Auxiliary:** Registration pages have been set up individually for our Auxiliary and those attending from NSPS. All registration pages can be found at: [http://www.tspso.org/page/convention](http://www.tspso.org/page/convention).

**Convention Hotel:** We do expect the Embassy Suites Frisco hotel to sell out so please make your reservations early. I have secured an overflow hotel which will be announced once the Embassy Suites is full.
TEXAS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 5, 2017
San Antonio, Texas

LEGAL COUNSEL’S QUARTERLY REPORT

Below is a status report regarding pending issues and significant developments/activities which have occurred since the April 29, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting.

(1) **Sales Tax** – On November 21, 2008, the Tax Policy Division, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, advised TSPS that a new publication clarifying the application of sales tax to surveying services would soon be available in draft form for TSPS to review and comment. The draft “Tax Bulletin #94-103 on Surveying Services” was provided to TSPS on February 25, 2009. Meetings were held with the Comptroller’s staff to discuss revisions on March 3, 2009, and October 13, 2009. TSPS prepared a matrix with definitions listing all taxable and non-taxable activities and submitted this proposal to the Comptroller on November 23, 2009. On June 30, 2010 we were notified by Robin Corrigan, Team Leader, Sales Tax Policy, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, that they are finalizing a revised “Tax Bulletin” draft and will be available to meet with TSPS regarding same in the very near future. On December 1, 2010, Mr. Bryant Lomax with the Comptroller’s Office requested that TSPS revise the draft “matrix” as appropriate so as to provide that each “activity” is either always taxable or always non-taxable without regard to the type of survey that is being prepared. The TSPS Sales Tax Task Force met in Austin on December 16, 2010 and revised the matrix as requested. On January 20, 2011, we met with the Comptroller’s staff to discuss the revised matrix. The TSPS Sales Tax Task Force met in Austin on November 23, 2011 and revised the matrix pursuant to discussions during the January 20, 2011 meeting with the Comptroller’s Office. In December, 2011 TSPS requested a follow-up meeting with the Comptroller’s Office to discuss the revised matrix. On March 23, 2012, a TSPS member from Houston notified TSPS that (1) his surveying firm is undergoing a sales tax audit and (2) the Comptroller auditor is taking the position that “charges for the provision of a FEMA Elevation Certificate for the purpose of determining flood insurance rates or obtaining flood insurance coverage are taxable insurance services.” In this regard, it is important to note that, during the ongoing discussions with the Comptroller’s sales
tax staff, TSPS has always taken the position that the "location of elevations" and "elevation certificates" are not taxable. Accordingly, via correspondence dated April 4, 2012, TSPS once again requested a meeting with the Comptroller’s staff to discuss the revised matrix and to clarify the elevation certificate issue. The meeting was held on May 1, 2012 and a follow-up meeting was held on July 24, 2012 via conference call. In response to the staff’s request, TSPS submitted 18 types of surveys that should be addressed by the new/revised surveying rule as follows:

**TAXABLE**

- Right-of-way/easements
- Boundary
- Land title
- As-built title
- Create subdivision plat

**NON-TAXABLE**

- Elevation certificates
- Topographic
- Tree
- Hydrographic
- Construction
- Geodetic/control
- As-built construction
- Monitoring/deformation
- Design
- Oil/gas unit preparation (for Railroad Commission)
- Surface location of oil/gas well (for Railroad Commission)
- Existing oil/gas well ties (for Railroad Commission)
- Pipeline location (for Railroad Commission)

In response, the staff has requested a summary description for each type of survey and the purpose for which it is used. The TSPS Sales Tax Task Force met on March 12, 2013 to draft a summary description for each type of survey. The draft was revised, finalized and submitted to the Comptroller’s staff on October 30, 2013. On April 2, 2014 we were advised that Mr. Lindey Osborne, Supervisor, Sales Tax Policy has completed drafting a revised “Tax Bulletin on Surveying Services.” On
October 2, 2015 representatives from TSPS met with Mr. Karey W. Barton, Associate Deputy Comptroller for Tax, and Ms. Teresa G. Bostick, Director of Tax Policy, to discuss the status of the revised draft. They advised us that it is their intention to add the TSPS proposed definitions of “taxable” and “non-taxable” services to the Real Property Services Rule . . . then prepare a new publication based on that Rule. On December 19, 2016 Ms. Bostick advised TSPS that the draft rule will be ready for informal comment by the end of January. However, on July 11, 2017, Mr. Tommy Hoyt with the Comptroller’s Office asked us to contact him in two weeks for a more definitive timetable regarding the status of the new draft rule . . . as they are running behind schedule due to the 2017 Legislative Session. We will keep you informed.

(2) Railroad Commission of Texas – In 2010, the Railroad Commission of Texas proposed draft amendments to various rules in Chapter 18, Underground Pipeline Damage Prevention. Highlights of some of the more prominent draft proposal amendments include: change from 16” to zero depth, change from working days to calendar days, life of a locate ticket, changing reporting deadline from 10 to 30 days, size of a locate request, clarifying and further describing the tolerance zone, and a requirement for the pipeline operator to inform excavators of the obligation to report pipeline excavation damages to the Commission. On October 8, 2013, representatives from TSPS met with David Ferguson, head of the Commission’s Damage Prevention Section, to express our concerns about the zero penetration issue. Mr. Ferguson informed us that the Commission is now proposing twelve inches which is what will appear in the new proposed rules that will be published within the next couple of months. On January 17, 2014 the Pipeline Safety Division published revised draft proposed amendments to the Chapter 18 rules. These proposed rules, which decrease the current 16 inches exemption to 12 inches, were considered at a public Stakeholder Meeting on February 10, 2014. On March 14, 2014 TSPS submitted written comments requesting that the current 16 inches exemption be left intact without change. Once published in the Texas Register, there will be a thirty day time period for comments. After the comments are received, the Commission can revise the proposed rules further or not make any changes. Then the Commission can adopt or not adopt the proposed rules. If TSPS requests a public hearing on the proposed rules, the Commission will hold a public hearing and consider the concerns expressed, make or not make changes and then adopt the rules. Mr. Ferguson advises that the draft proposed rules are currently under review by the Railroad Commission legal staff and a future Texas Register publication date is unknown.
(3) **Eighty-Fifth Legislature** – The Eighty-Fifth Legislature convened in Austin on January 10, 2017 and adjourned *sine die* on May 29, 2017. The TSPS Governmental Affairs Committee has actively monitored all legislation of interest to the surveying profession and the Texas State Board of Professional Surveying. Please see Chairman Bill O’Hara’s Governmental Affairs Committee report for a current update.

(4) **Special Session** – On July 10, 2017, Governor Greg Abbott called for a Special Session of the 85th Legislative to convene at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 to address the following 20 items.

1. Sunset legislation to renew five state agencies, including the Texas Medical Board.
2. Teacher pay increase of $1,000.
3. Administrative flexibility in teacher hiring and retention practices.
5. “School choice” for special needs students.
6. Property tax reform by limiting local property tax increases by creating automatic rollback elections to gain taxpayer approval for increases above a certain percentage.
7. Limit all state and local government budget increases to no more than population growth and the rate of inflation.
8. Preventing cities from regulating what property owners do with trees on private land.
9. Preventing local governments from charging rules midway through construction projects.
10. Speeding up local government permitting process.
11. Municipal annexation reform.
12. Pre-empt all local ordinances that limit the use of mobile devices in vehicles.
13. Limit transgender-friendly bathroom policies, particularly in schools. Abbott said he favored legislation that would pre-empt local anti-discrimination regulations, which also would overturn ordinances giving housing and employment protection to gay, lesbian and transgender Texans.
14. Ban state and local agencies from collecting union dues for employees.
15. Prohibit local governments from using taxpayer money to pay Planned Parenthood or any abortion provider.
16. Banning abortion insurance coverage in private and government plans.
17. Strengthening abortion reporting requirements when health complications arise.
19. Cracking down on mail-in ballot fraud.
20. Extending maternal mortality task force.

The TSPS Governmental Affairs Committee will actively monitor all legislation of interest to the surveying profession and the Texas State Board of Professional Surveying. We will keep you informed.

For additional information regarding the foregoing, contact TSPS Legal Counsel Mark J. Hanna, 900 Congress Avenue, Suite 250, Austin, Texas 78701; telephone: (512) 477-6200; facsimile: (512) 477-1188; electronic mail: mhanna@markjhanna.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark J. Hanna
NSPS Affiliate Report Form

Reports from affiliates are crucial to maintaining communications and enable cooperation between affiliates and all of NSPS. Reports should be made annually, at a minimum. A report should contain the following.

**Report date:** September 26, 2017

**Association Name:** Utah Council of Land Surveyors (UCLS)

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- **Web site:** www.ucls.org
- **Next Annual Meeting:** February 21-24, 2018 Western Regional Survey Conference

**Association President:**
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**Seminars Held:**

**UCLS Conference, Feb. 22-24, 2017 at Dixie Center, St. George, Utah. UCLS Fall Forum, Nov. 10, 2017 at Utah Valley University, Provo, Utah (Survey Technician Training/CST testing). Various chapter luncheons were held throughout the year.**

**Items of interest to NSPS:**

**February 21-24, 2018 Western Regional Survey Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. Combined Conference with APLS, NALS, UCLS, WFPS along with NSPS spring meetings and student competition.**

**Legislative issues of concern:**

**Threats to professional licensing, monument preservation.**

**Causes for NSPS Action:**

**Workforce development, public relations (What do we do and why is it important to the average person?)**
September 19, 2017.

Report to the National Society of Professional Surveyors from the Land Surveyors’ Association of Washington. Director James A Coan Sr., PLS, CFedS

Land Surveyors Association of Washington (LSAW) is currently reviewing its bylaws and regulations to ensure they are more in line with each other. This is a major undertaking and will take some time to complete, but is important, and needs to be done.

The LSAW has put a Professional Land Surveyor refresher course online for any surveyor preparing to sit for their professional exam. This course is intended for Washington surveyors to prepare for their PLS exam, but is open to anyone interested. A link to the syllabus of this course can be found on the LSAW website.

Renton Technical College is putting the 2nd year of their two-year surveying program online. This will allow surveyors working in the profession to further their education.

Clark College is offering a surveying program through evening courses. This has become a successful model, and is taught by adjunct instructors.

Several surveyors in Washington have inquired about the NSPS Certified Floodplain Surveyor program and would like to take advantage of any training, and certifications offered. During the upcoming meeting I will be talking to the appropriate people, or committee to find a way Washington surveyors can get involved with this training. The state of Washington is one of the top 10 states for flood insurance, and as surveyors we need to take advantage of any training available for elevation certificates, and LOMA’s. Becoming a Certified Floodplain Surveyor would be a great benefit to the surveyors and their clients.

I am very sad to report the passing of one of the great surveyors in the state of Washington, the LSAW, and the NSPS. John Abenroth recently passed away after a long battle with cancer. He will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted

Jim

James A. Coan, Sr., PLS, CFedS
LSAW Education Committee Chair
Washington State Director to NSPS
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Wisconsin held its last membership and board meeting on July 29th, 2017 in Green Bay, WI. Here is a report of the most recent happenings in Wisconsin:

- **Gov’t Affairs** – About 1.5 years ago, the administrative codes in the state that govern the minimum standards for any property survey were revised and published. Since then, the surveying community has been required to follow these codes, some of which could be considered above the minimum standard, or opening up the liability of the surveyor. Since then, an Ad-Hoc committee has been created to review, report, and possibly lead the charge with attempting to communicate with the governing board on the reality of their minimum standards and how that relates to the surveyor, as well as the general public. Letters have been sent to the Rules Committee of the joint governing board to approve a scope statement, which is the first step in the rules process. There is still a strong push in Wisconsin for the de-regulation of the profession. The state budget bill included specific language to establish a committee to review all licensing in Wisconsin. It has since been dropped from the budget bill, but has been taken up as separate legislation. This would cover all licensed professions, from medical professionals, to pet groomers. The Gov’t Affairs committee is closely monitoring this and is planning on trying to build a coalition with other like-minded professions. WSLS has reached out to both the NSPS Executive Director and the NSPS Gov’t Affairs Committee for help on this, including asking to provide information on the effects that de-regulation would have nationwide, what NSPS could do to help this cause, and to show national trends in increasing requirements for licensure. WSLS had Curt Sumner reach out and share, but was hoping for a white paper of some sort. The NSPS Gov’t Affairs Committee did not respond. We ask for any input that NSPS, or a committee thereof, would like to provide to us on this matter as it could set a precedent for other states to follow.

- **Nominations and Elections** – Wisconsin has gone through a by-laws change to now have the ability to hold elections online through a balloting system like “Survey Monkey” or “Balloteer”, similar to how NSPS holds their elections. Nominations for the candidates through the nominating committee have been submitted. Any additional nominations will have to come in through a signed petition from members. Elections will take place between December 15th and January 15th and will be presented at the annual membership meeting in January.

- **45/90 Monument** – The Central Chapter of WSLS is looking for donations for the completion of the monument that will be set at the 45/90 intersection. The construction has already started and the point is installed in the ground. There is still additional work to be done, including the construction of a pathway, fencing, landscaping, and other improvements to the site. Donors of $500 - $2999 will be recognized as a bronze donor, $3,000 - $9,999 is silver, and $10,000 or more is gold. Anyone wanting to donate can contact Chris Fieri at (715) 261-6025. There will be a sign memorializing the donors. This position is considered one of the four corners of the world, halfway between the equator and the North Pole, and one quarter of the way around the surface of the earth from the Greenwich Meridian. It is one of only 2 positions that fall on dry land, and the only one easily accessible, as the other falls in a mountain range in China.

Our next WSLS board meeting is October 14th. More to follow after that meeting. This coming January marks our 69th annual WSLS Institute in Wisconsin Dells, WI. If you are in the area and would like to attend, I highly recommend it.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Pierce, Wisconsin Director, WSLS
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Report date: March 6, 2017
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Seminars Held:
Fall Technical Session, Casper, WY Nov. 3-4, 2016 Topic - How to fix a boundary Line; Prescriptive Easements

Items of interest to NSPS:
Governor Mead to sign the proclamation for Wyoming Land Surveyor's week Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at Governor's Kendrick Gallery Conference Room

Legislative issues of concern:

Causes for NSPS Action: