Friday, February 21 – NSPS Committee Reports

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President Leavitt at 9:24 am.

5. Student Competition (moved up to allow for groups to tour)

The 2018 NSPS Student Competition was held during the Spring Business Meetings in Las Vegas. A total of eleven (11) four-year baccalaureate program schools and one (1) two-year associate program school participated in this year’s competition. The topic for this year’s contest was “Surveying Service.”

The results of the competition were as follows:

FOUR-YEAR BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM
First Place – Oregon Institute of Technology
Second Place – Texas A&M Corpus Christi
Third Place – Utah Valley University

Honorable Mention:
Akron University
California State University - Fresno
East Tennessee State University
Great Basin College
Idaho State University
New Mexico State University
Northern Illinois University
University of Puerto Rico

TWO-YEAR ASSOCIATE PROGRAM
First Place: Northeast Wisconsin Technical College

Congratulations to all of the student and volunteers that made this competition a big success.
Recessed at 9:37 am by President Leavitt
Reconvened at 9:45 am by President Leavitt

2. Roll Call

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3. Introduction of Guests

- Jeremy Burns (MD) – MSS President-Elect
- John Thornton (AR) – Arkansas State Surveyor
- Carl C.deBaca (NV) – NSPS Past Area Director
- Chad Ainsworth (MS) – MAPS President
- Bill Coleman (NC) – NSPS Past President
- Chris Glantz (OR) – NSPS YS President
- Pat Beehler (WA) – NSPS Past President
- Jon Warren (WA) – NSPS Past President
- Ron Torrence (WA) – CST Board
- Tom Steckler (FL) – FSMS Executive Director
• Bob Strayer, Jr. (FL) – FSMS President
• Jim Ranieri (AL) – ASPLS Executive Director

4. 2018 Fall Business Meeting – College Park, MD

Jeremy Burns (MD) spoke regarding the upcoming dates for the joint gathering of the NSPS Fall Business Meeting, Maryland Society of Surveyor’s Conference, and the FIG/NSPS Young Surveyors Network being held on October 17-20 in College Park, MD.

6. Board Reports

a) Board Reports
• Hydrographer Board - Gary Davis, Chair
  No Report
• CST Board - Ron Torrance, CST Board Member
  Short oral report on continued growth, improvements to program and outreach to new board members (submitted written report here: [https://www.nsps.us.com/resource/resmgr/2018_fall_meeting_reports/cst_fall_2018_report.pdf](https://www.nsps.us.com/resource/resmgr/2018_fall_meeting_reports/cst_fall_2018_report.pdf))
• NSPS Foundation - Wayne Harrison, Chair
  Wayne provided the following Foundation updates:
  o Disaster Relief – 40 applications for $100K
  o SmartVent and Floodplain website being developed
  o Adding a “POB” monument in lieu of “Final Point” monument for deceased surveyors
  o Scholarships continue to not be fully utilized

b) Committee Reports
• Admissions - Gerry Curtis, Chair
  Ongoing efforts to review life membership and Fellows
• NSPS Fellows - Gerry Curtis, Chair
• By Laws and Resolutions - Tom Berkland, Chair
  Current revisions to Bylaws to be published with new motions coming during business to revise outdated rules
• Membership - Wayne Harrison, Chair
  o Insurance Program (Presentation) - Lisa Isom
  o Reminder of newly licensed receive free year membership
  o Declining membership
  o Actively pursuing newly licensed and technicians
• Nomination - Jan Fokens, Chair

Notes by: NSPS Secretary Timothy W. Burch
Meeting Dates: 2/21/18 & 2/22/18
Seeking four (4) volunteers to help canvas for potential officer candidates

- Government Affairs - Pat Smith, Chair

- Railroad R/W - Bob Akins, Chair
  Currently looking for historical Acts for precedents

- State and Local Government - David Holland, Chair
  Reminder of 2022 Datum and need to have updated statutes

- Certification - Tim Kent, Chair
  No report

- Federals Surveyors (CFedS) - Tim Kent, Chair

- Floodplain Surveyors (CFS) - Tony Cavell, Chair
  No report

- Geodetic (CGS) - Dave Doyle, Chair
  No verbal report

- Education - Steve Gould, Chair
  Short verbal report from Rich Vannozzi (MA) on Student competition with thanks to many sponsors and volunteers

- Accreditation Board (ABET) - Jason Racette, Chair
  No report

- Scholastic Activities - Kurt Wurm, Chair
  No report

- Professional Practice - Gerry Curtis, Chair
  No report, follow-up at Fall Meeting

- Government Practice - Pat Beehler, Chair
  Committee has discussed databasing of records and research of agencies nationwide

- Nat. Council for Engr. & Surv. (NCEES) - Curt Sumner, Chair
  Will be part of Executive Director’s report tomorrow

- Private Practice - Gerry Curtis, Chair
  No report, follow-up at Fall Meeting

- Professional Standards - Bob Dahn, Chair
  No report

- American Land Title Assoc. (ALTA) - Gary Kent, Chair
  No report
• UAS (Presentation) - JoAnne Williamson, Chair
  Submitted report here:

• Public Relations - Lisa Van Horn, Chair
  Submitted Report here:

• Youth Outreach - Tommy Brooks, Chair
  Boy Scout Surveying Merit Badge will continue to need help on keeping it in existence

• Communications Task Force - Patricia Brooks, Chair
  Committee is continuing review how to improve information throughout the organization

• Trig Star - Jerry Juarez, Chair
  Tony Gregory gave a short report on student participation, winners of the competition and scholarships

• Workforce Development - Emily Pierce, Chair
  Emily’s report included the efforts taken on by the committee along with the collaboration with the Forum on the Future of Surveying

• Future of Surveying - Curt Sumner, Chair
  Will be part of Executive Director’s report tomorrow

• External Affairs - Pat Beehler, Chair
  Submitted Report here:

c) Liaisons

• American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) - Dave Doyle
  No report

• American Bar Association (ABA) - Tony Nettleman
  No report

• American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) - Henry Dingle
  No report

• Association of Petroleum Surveying and Geomatics (APSG) - Cliff Mugnier
  No report
• American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) - Cliff Mugnier
  No report
• Bureau of Land Management (BLM) - Don Buhler
  No report
• Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CAGIS) - John Russell
• Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO) - Curt Sumner
  Will be part of Executive Director’s report tomorrow
• National County Surveyors - Ron Whitehead
  Short status report on efforts by committee
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Dan Martinez
  “Welcome to the Floodzone” newsletter is being created
• International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) - John Hohol
  2022 Congress Bid being made in May
• Geographical and Land Information Society (GLIS) - John Russell
  GLIS will be disbanding
• GIS – Ed O’Brien
  Written report found here:
• International Right-of-Way Association (IRWA) - Robert Armstrong
• Assoc. of Photogrammetry, Mapping, & Geospatial Firms (MAPPS) - vacant
• National Geodetic Society (NGS) - Dave Doyle
  No report
• NCEES Participating Organizations and Liaison Council (POLC) - Bill Coleman
  No report
• Past Presidents Council - Jan Fokens
  No report
• Professional Surveyors of Canada (PSC) - Pat Beehler
  No report
• Society of Mining Metallurgy & Exploration (SMME) - Carl CdeBaca
  No report
• Surveyors Historical Society (SHS) - Rich Leu
  2018 Rendezvous will be held in New Orleans during September
• NSPS Political Action Fund (PAC) - Jon Warren
  Challenge to all surveyors to help raise $100K this year for
  lobbying efforts
• NSPS Young Surveyors North America - Dan Kvaal
  Written report found here:

7. Distribution of Motions
   Motions will be distributed by beginning of Business Meeting

8. Adjourn Committee Portion of Spring Meeting
   Recessed at 12:30 pm by President Leavitt

Saturday, February 22 – NSPS Business Meeting

1. Call to Order
   The meeting was called to order by President Leavitt at 8:00am.

2. Roll Call / Quorum Establishment

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3. **Introduction of Guests**
   - Pat Gaylord (OR) – PLSO President

4. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
   Motion to approve consent agenda made by Director Burn (NV), second by Director Simmons. Motion passed by voice vote.

5. **Adoption of Order of Business**
   Motion to approve of the 2017 Fall Business Meeting minutes made by Director Glasoe (ND), second by Director Allred (NM) as amended. Motion passes by voice vote.
   Conflict of Interest Policy – acceptance by Board to follow said Policy passes by voice vote.

6. **Executive & Committee Reports**
   a) Executive Committee
      (1) President – NSPS needs to get more involved with getting STEM funds earmarked for surveying activities.
      (2) President-Elect – Committees will need to continue to strengthen if NSPS desires to grow and flourish
      (3) Vice President – No report
      (4) Treasurer – Dues increase needed with more monetary requests and obligations; otherwise, budget reductions will be necessary
      (5) Secretary – no report
      (6) Past President – nominations for future officers will be top priority
7. Old Business
   a) Previous Motion #8 Sub-Consultant Contract – UAV Committee
      • Withdrawn from consideration by maker

8. New Business
   a) Motion 1 - Membership in APPAT – FIG Liaison via ExCom
      • Comments: Director Allred (NM) – Is this an MOU with them? No
      • Director Burn (NV) – Cost above $500? No
      • Director Russell (ID) – Do we have an MOU with Canada? Yes
      • Director Brooks (AL) – Will they join us? To be discussed
      • Director Glasoe (ND) – Is this an annual cost? Yes
      • Hohol (FIG) – Trimble, Leica and Repro are giving us $3000 each for our survey promotion and this membership can be part of that fund
      • Call for the question by Director Brooks (AL), second by Director Dragoo (MD), passed by voice vote.
      • Motion amendment to spell out name of association by Director Baker (AK), second by Director Simmons (DE), passed by voice vote.
      • Motions passed by voice vote, single nay by Director O’Brien (RI)
   b) Motion 2 - Revise Article V Officers, Section 6 - Bylaws & Resolutions Committee
      • Motion made by committee (no second necessary)
      • Amendment motion made by Vice President Sargent to wordsmith as recommended by Bylaws committee, second by Director Copeland (ME), passed by voice vote.
      • Motion as amended passed by voice vote
   c) Motion 3 – Revisions to Existing Bylaws – Bylaws & Resolutions Committee
      • Motion made by committee (no second necessary)
      • Wordsmithing is necessary by Bylaws committee
      • Passed by voice vote
   d) Motion 4 – Proposed NSPS Dues Increase
      • Motion made by Director Akins (OH), second by Secretary Burch
      • Comments: Director Kuehlem (TX) – What is the effective date of enforcement? State cycles vary
      • Director Kuehlem (TX) What happens if a state does not approve? State would become a non-voting affiliate
      • President-Elect Van Horn – Remove word “travel” from rationale
      • Director Dragoo (MD) – How do we justify as BOD our expenditures? Director Vannozzi (MA) noted that we (NSPS Board of Directors) approve yearly budgets and have a budget committee performing financial oversight
• Director Glasoe (ND) – give the responsibility of explaining the rationale for increasing the dues to the Budget Committee
• Director Pierce (WI) – providing a better report on our projected upcoming losses would help with this decision
• Treasurer Miller – states may drop in the future due to lack of services from NSPS because of funding issues
• Director Brooks (AL) – theoretically we could lose 20% of our members and still be in the same place with the dues increase
• Director Dale (UT) – we need to sell it to our states and members before we vote an actual increase
• Director Collins (OK) – Oklahoma became 100% state in 2015 and will not support the dues increase
• President Leavitt – an increase in overall membership by 5% would help this cause
• Director Copeland (ME) – Maine was one of the original 100% states and is willing to rework the MOU
• Treasurer Miller – initial increase request was $5 and should allow budget to remain for next five years
• Director Booda (WV) – is in opposition to motion, would like to see 3-5 year projections and would request this motion be tabled until additional information could be secured
• Director Coan (WA) – Washington has not voted yet and would like to see motion tabled until fall meeting
• Director Russell (ID) – would like to see motion tabled, have a poll of states and their positions, revisit motion in fall
• Director Gregory (IN) – the initial correspondence came out in November, 2017 with a requested increase of $5-$10 in 2019. Indiana approved the request.
• Director Dingle (SC) – South Carolina voted to approve up to a $10 increase
• Director Kuehlem (TX) – Texas board supports the increase but members must approve
• Director Morris (MT) – Montana board approved the dues increase
• Motion to postpone the motion made by Director Coan (WA), second by Director Collins (OK)
• Director Schneider (AZ) – draft of a new revised MOU would be helpful
• Motion fails
• Director Vannozzi (MA) – the board has made it clear what NSPS is worth to its members with reasonable justifications to this increase request
• Director Dale (UT) – it’s up to the directors to continue selling the value of membership to their state’s members, postpone the vote and reword the MOU to include automatic increases as necessary
• Director Baker (AK) – the amount of the increase is acceptable, postpone the vote until the fall
• Director Sens (NJ) – is given the authority to approve up to $10 but would like to see a postponement to revisit other revenue sources
• Director Akins (OH) – would like to withdraw the motion
• Past President Beehler – the maker is no longer in control of the motion and cannot withdraw it
• Motion to withdraw the motion made by President-Elect Van Horn, second by Director Booda (WV). Motion passes to withdraw motion.

Recessed at 10:00 am by President Leavitt
Reconvened at 10:30 am by President Leavitt

6. Executive & Committee Reports
   a) Executive Committee
      (7) Executive Director Sumner – quarterly report posted, terms book update, ACSM scanning project, scheduling of Spring meetings, interaction with partnering state societies, PRIA looking to include survey info, Geospatial Data Act and procurement issues with COGO, Ligado, CFedS, FIG Presentation

8. New Business (cont.)
   e) Election for ExCom (two (2) year term for two (2) directors)
      • Nominations: Cotton Jones (WY), Jim Sens (NJ), Thomas Brooks (AL), Tony Gregory (IN), Henry Kuehlem (TX) – motion to accept slate made by Director Glasoe (ND), second by Director Baker (AK) & passed by voice vote
      • Election results of written ballot vote: Directors Jones and Brooks to fill a two (2) year term as members of ExCom, motion to approve members made by Director Baker (AZ), second by Director Pierce (WI), passed by voice vote.
   f) Appointment to fulfill ExCom Director position (one (1) year)
      • Appointment of Director Martinez (NE) to replace Vice President Sargent for remaining term of ExCom member, motion to accept appointment made by Director Brooks (AL), second by Director Jones (WY), passed by voice vote.
   g) Re-Appointment for NSPS Foundation (three (3) year term)
      • Andy Sturgeon & Robert Dahn
      • Motion to accept appointment made by Director Brooks (AL), second by Director Simmons (AZ), passed by voice vote.
h) Re-Appointment for Certified Survey Technicians (three (3) year term)
   • Celeste Van Gelder, John Fenn, Robert Moynihan, Ron Torrence
   • Motion to accept appointment made by Director Marios (At-Large), second by Director Rambeau (NC), passed by voice vote

i) Nomination Committee
   • Committee will consist of the following: Past President Fokens, Director Dragoo (MD), Director Birth (PA), Director Jones (WY), Director Dale (UT), Director Murphy (IL), motion to accept committee made by Director Marios (At-Large), second by Director Allred (NM), passed by voice vote

9. Awards and Recognition
   a) Service Awards
      • 10 Years – David Holland
      • 15 Years – Craig Palmer
   
   b) Key Director
      • Emily Pierce and Joanne Williamson – Fall 2017
      • 2018 Spring Business Meeting Key Director Award to Rich Vannozzi by paper ballot

10. ExCom Authority – Vice President Sargent
   “To hereby delegate to the executive committee the authority of the Board of Directors to act on its behalf on specific matters delegated to it and routine administrative matters relative to the conduct of NSPS activities and objectives within the provisions of the by-laws of NSPS until the next meeting of the Board of Directors provided all actions of the committee shall be subject to the approval of the Board.”

   Motion to accept made by Director Baker, second by Director Burn, passed by voice vote.

11. Time and Place of Next Meeting
    The 2018 Fall Business Meeting will take place in conjunction with the Maryland Conference on October 18-20, 2018 in College Park, Maryland.

12. Adjournment
    Motion to adjourn made by Director Marios, second by Director Allred, passed by voice vote at 11:20am.
Respectfully submitted,

Timothy W. Burch, PLS
Secretary – NSPS Board of Directors
(w/ attachments)