The NSPS Board of Director’s Spring Business Meeting was held at the Luxor Hotel and Conference Center in Las Vegas, NV on Wednesday, February 21 and Thursday, February 22, 2018.

**STUDENT COMPETITION:**

Results of the 2018 NSPS Student Competition:

**Two-Year College Program**

First Place: Northeastern Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay, WI

**Four-Year College Program**

First Place: Oregon Institute of Technology, Klamath Falls, OR
Second Place: Texas A & M - Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX
Third Place: Utah Valley University, Orem, UT

Honorable Mentions: California State University – Fresno, Fresno, CA
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, TN
Great Basin College, Elko, Nevada
Idaho State University, Pocatello, ID
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM
Northern Illinois University, Dekalb, IL
Akron University, Akron, OH
University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, P.R.

Each winning team was presented with the “Michael & Ann Besch” Award in recognition of Mike and Ann’s long commitment to the education of surveyors. Ann personally awarded each team with their respecting award to a standing ovation.
**DAY 1 (COMMITTEE REPORTS):**

Opening Proceedings:
- Approval of the Spring 2018 Meeting Agenda
- Confirmation of the Board Quorum
- Silent Auction Announcement – proceeds going to the NSPS Disaster Relief Fund
- Recognition of various guests and dignitaries
- Overview of Fall 2018 Business Meeting program in cooperation with the Maryland Society of Surveyors being held on October 17-20, 2018 in College Park, MD. by Jeremy Burns, President of MSS.

Board Reports:
- Hydrographic Board – no report
- CST Board – verbal report by Ron Torrence
  - Increased interest in examinations
  - Continued renewals by majority of certificate holders
  - Review and updating of all test questions by end of 2018
- NSPS Foundation – verbal report by Wayne Harrison
  - Continuing requests from Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, and USVI
  - Over $100K in grants given to 40+ applicants
  - SmartVent working with Foundation to sponsor website
  - Introduction of POB monument in addition to Final Point monuments

Committee Reports:
- Admissions – verbal report by Gerry Curtis
  - No applications for Life memberships due to 100% program
- NSPS Fellows – verbal report by Gerry Curtis
  - New members: Bob Miller, Bob Neathamer, Henry Dingle, Cotton Jones, John Hamilton

Notes by: NSPS Secretary Timothy W. Burch
Meeting Date: 02/21/18 & 02/22/18
• ByLaws & Resolutions/Policy Review – verbal report by Tom Berkland
  o All previous revisions are now published
  o Two new motions forthcoming to clean up outdated policies
• Membership – verbal report by Wayne Harrison
  o Suggesting to states to offer new registrants first year free membership to entice future involvement
  o Lisa Isom gave a presentation on the NSPS Insurance Program
• Nomination – four (4) volunteers needed for selection committee
• Government Affairs – written and verbal report summary by Pat Smith
  o See written report for full text of committee activity
• NSPS Political Action Fund (PAC) – verbal report by Jon Warren
  o Challenge to all states to help raise $100K by end of 2018
• Railroad R/W – verbal report by Bob Akins
  o Continuing efforts on railroad interaction with recent RR tragedies being highlighted
• State and Local Government – verbal report by David Holland
  o States need to start putting plans for updating geodetic requirements to 2022 datum soon
• Certification – written report submitted
• Floodplain Surveyors– No report
• Education – short verbal report by Steve Gould
• ABET – no report
• Scholastic Activities – no report
• Professional Practice – no report
• Private Practice – no report
• Government Practice – Verbal report by Pat Beehler
  o Research and document recording continues to be main topic
• Nat. Council for Engr. & Surv. (NCEES) – no report
• Professional Standards – no report
• ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys – written report submitted
• Unmanned Aerial Systems – written report submitted
  o Discussion of AUVSI website and pending legislation
• Public Relations – written report submitted
  o Reminder to submit for various award this spring
• Youth Outreach – verbal report by Tommy Brooks
  o Committee continues to look for opportunities to promote survey to various groups
• Communications Task Force – no report
• Trig Star – verbal report by Tony Gregory
  o Program continues to grow but still needs more volunteers
• Workforce Development – verbal report by Emily Pierce
  o Efforts nationwide are building momentum, will need to continue push to see real results of surveying becoming better known within STEM
• Future of Surveying – no report
• External Affairs – verbal and written report by Pat Beehler
• American Association for Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) – written report submitted
• American Bar Association (ABA) – no report
• American Consulting Engineers Council (ACEC) – no report
• Association of Petroleum Surveying and Geomatics (APSG) – no report
• American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) – no report
• Bureau of Land Management (BLM) – no report
• Cartography and Geographic Information Society (CAGIS) – no report
• National County Surveyors – verbal report by Ron Whitehead
  o Committee is meeting during Board of Directors
• Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – verbal report by Dan Martinez
  o Currently developing website for FEMA information clearinghouse for surveyors to exchange information
• International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) – verbal and written report by John Hohol
  o Two bidders for FIG 2022 – US & South Africa
  o Will attend Congress in May to present for awarding of 2022 bid
• Geographical and Land Information Society (GLIS) – no report
• International Right-of-Way Association (IRWA) – no report
• Assoc. of Photogrammetry, Mapping, & Geospatial Firms (MAPPs) – no report
• National Geodetic Society (NGS) – no report
• Past Presidents Council – no report
• POLC – no report
• Professional Surveyors of Canada (PSC) – written report submitted
• Society of Mining Metallurgy & Exploration (SMME) – no report
• Surveyors Historical Society (SHS) – written report submitted
• NSPS Young Surveyors North America – verbal report by Chris Glantz

Motions Distributed for Consideration:
• Motion 1: Membership Request to APPAT (ExCom)
• Motion 2: Revisions – Article V, Section 6 (Bylaws Committee)
• Motion 3: Revisions – Existing Bylaws (Bylaws Committee)
• Motion 4 – Dues Increase (Akins / Burch)

Day 1 adjourned at 12:30pm, scheduled to reconvene the next day at 9AM

All submitted written reports can be found here:
http://www.nsps.us.com/page/Reports
DAY 2 (BUSINESS MEETING AND VOTING OF MOTIONS):

Opening Proceedings:

- CALL TO ORDER at 8:00am
- ROLL CALL was made with the establishment of a quorum
- INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
- APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA
  - Approval of Minutes for Board of Directors Minutes, Frisco, TX (October 7, 2017)
- ADOPTION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Executive Committee Reports:

- President – Opening comments, discussion of use of STEM monies
- President-Elect – Increased activity of committees but keep going
- Vice President – Thanks for support in election
- Treasurer – great amount of discussion and communication regarding the proposed dues increase
  - Expenditures have increased while membership has leveled off
  - Potential for financial windfall with FIG Congress in 2022 but will need funds to keep pace with spending
- Secretary – no report
- Past President – Nominations committee will be looking for volunteers
- Executive Director – quarterly report submitted
Old Business

- Motion – UAV Committee Sub-Consultant Contract (Withdrawn)

New Business

- Motion 1: Membership Request to APPAT (ExCom) - Passed
- Motion 2: Revisions – Article V, Section 6 (Bylaws Committee) - Passed
- Motion 3: Revisions – Existing Bylaws (Bylaws Committee) - Passed
- Motion 4 – Dues Increase (Akins / Burch) - Postponed
  (Final motion documentation attached)

Election for ExCom (two (2) year term for two (2) directors)
- Cotton Jones (WY), Tommy Brooks (AL)

Appointment to fulfill ExCom Director position (one (1) year)
- Dan Martinez (NE)

Re-Appointment for NSPS Foundation (three (3) year term)
- Andy Sturgeon & Robert Dahn

Re-Appointment for Certified Survey Technicians (three (3) year term)
- Celeste Van Gelder, John Fenn, Robert Moynihan, Ron Torrence

Key Director Ballot & Previous Award

The 2017 Fall NSPS Business Meeting Key Directors was presented to Emily Pierce and Joanne Williamson.

The recipient for the 2018 Spring Business Meeting Key Director by written vote is Rich Vannozzi.

Service Awards

- 10 Years – David Holland
- 15 Years – Craig Palmer

Next Meeting:
To Be Held with the Maryland Society of Surveyors Conference, College Park, MD on October 17-20, 2018
Membership in APPAT (Pan American Association of Surveyors and Topographers)

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

The APPAT (Pan American Association of Surveyors and Topographic Professionals) has written a letter of support in the NSPS bid to host the 2022 FIG Congress. APPAT is the association composed of 11 Latin American national surveying association. They would like NSPS to join APPAT as a professional association member. The annual dues are $500.00.

Therefore, I move

that the NSPS Board of Directors approve the membership request to become a professional association member of APPAT.

Action Taken: Passed  Person responsible for implementation: NSPS Treasurer
Projected Cost: $500/year  Schedule: Send dues to APPAT
Meeting Date: 2/22/2018  Location: Las Vegas, NV  Agenda Item # 2

Bylaws Committee

Name and Title of maker of the motion: Not Required

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title: Revise Article V Officers, Section 6

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas, Revised language to better define the succession plan in cases of resignation by an officer of NSPS. With the direct ascension of the Vice President to President-Elect, changes to the policy are required. Further refinement of the replacement language is also suggested.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move the Board of Directors revise Bylaw Article V Officers, Section 6 as recommended by the Bylaw Committee. (See attached)

Action Taken: Passed  Person responsible for implementation: NSPS Staff

Projected Cost: $0  Schedule: Include in Bylaws ASAP
**Vacancies.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, shall be filled as follows. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-elect shall serve the remaining term of the vacated office and then shall serve the terms to which he or she was duly elected and then shall continue in said position for the following term. The Vice-President shall serve the remaining term of the President-Elect and then shall continue in said position for the following term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Immediate Past President, the most recent Past President shall serve the remaining unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-Elect, the Vice-President shall assume the position and fulfill the remaining unexpired term of President-Elect and advance to the position of President for the following term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, Secretary, or Treasurer, the President shall appoint an acting officer with the consent of the Board of Directors by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any meeting to serve the remaining unexpired term. The vacancy in any officer positions not addressed above shall be filled by election at the next regular election.

Deleted sections are XXXXX

Added sections are XXXXXX
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Meeting Date: 2/22/2018  Location: Las Vegas, NV  Agenda Item # 3  

Bylaws Committee

Name and Title of maker of the motion:  
Not Required

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:

Revisions to existing Bylaws

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

Several references within the Bylaws are incorrectly citing Sections and need to be revised. There is also a passage referring to indemnification of ACSM staff in regards to NSPS actions, which no longer applies.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

the Board of Directors revise the NSPS Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaw Committee. (See attached)

Action Taken: Passed  Person responsible for implementation: NSPS Staff  
Projected Cost: $0  Schedule: Include in Bylaws ASAP
**Article II Section 1. B. (5) Affiliate Member** Revise “.....granted Membership through Article VIII  Article VII.....”

**Article IV Section 10. Notice** Revise “.....in the manner set forth in Section II of Article XI  Article X......”

Remove the following paragraph in **Article XI Indemnification** as it is no longer applicable:

Indemnification shall extend under the same conditions to the officers, Congress delegates and staff of ACSM when authorized by action of the NSPS Board of Directors to act on behalf of NSPS.
(Use this form to request items be placed on the NSPS Board Meeting agenda.)

Meeting Date: 2/22/2018  Location: Las Vegas, NV  Agenda Item # 4

Bob Akins (OH)

Name and Title of maker of the motion:

Tim Burch (Secretary)

Name and Title of second to the motion:

Agenda item title:

Proposed NSPS Dues Increase

Rationale: (i.e., why is recommendation made, how much will it cost, when it should be done, and possible alternatives? Brevity is good but thoroughness is important. Attachments may be made if necessary.

Whereas,

The 100% membership program has resulted in a significant increase in travel expenses for staff and officers. A dues increase is requested because of the following: The current $40 rate is 5 years old and was based on a projected estimate of 20,000 members. The actual membership is approximately 16,000 (up from 3,000 prior to the 100% program). During this time, no additional staff has been added, and current staff has put in more time and more travel to compensate for the additional load. NSPS has also implemented upgrades to websites and existing programs. We have also added new programs, including workforce development, UAS standards, certification programs, increased legislative endeavors, young surveyors, and public relations to increase awareness for future surveyors.

Actual motion.

Therefore, I move

Request that the NSPS Board of Directors approve a $10 increase in the current dues for 100% State Affiliate Members (from $40 to $50) with an effective date of January, 2019.

Action Taken: Postponed  Person responsible for implementation: 

Projected Cost: 

Schedule: To be discussed at Fall 2018 Meeting