WALTER STEPHENSON
1929 - 2017

"I NEVER GOT TIRED OF DOING THAT. I NEVER GOT TIRED OF IT, EVEN AT THE END. I STILL ENJOY WHAT WE DID."

Walter R. Stephenson was born on January 5, 1929, in Norfolk, Virginia. Walter was licensed as a Land Surveyor in March, 1963 (#866) and had been a member of the Virginia Association of Surveyors since the mid 1960's, serving on the Education Committee for a while. Walter remembered when the VAS was still a young organization. "I can remember going to a VAS meeting, if we had ten people there, we thought we had plenty, because there wasn't ten surveyors in this area. When we had ten people, we had a heck of a meeting. I used to really enjoy going to the convention. I can't begin to tell you how nice they were."
Ino Tadataka: Mapping Japan
David Jordan Visits Japan

This picture is a statue of Ino Tadataka at a museum in Sawara. Ino Tadataka is known as Japan's first modern surveyor and his maps and instruments are national treasures. Learn More

The Next Surveyors? (AKA Steve Hates Kids)
by Steven P. Douty, L.S.

In case you missed it, I've been in this profession for a very long time; my suspicion is a majority reading this have also been shuffling along grown-over boundary lines for a great many years as well. And that's the point: look around you and you are bound to notice most of the participants in our profession aren't getting any younger. Some are even making the dire prediction that the bugle is playing taps for our profession. Read More.

VAS Annual Convention on January 18-20
A great program of educational sessions and social events is planned for the annual convention. Registration is now open. Reserve your hotel room now for a reduced rate. Learn more about the convention by clicking here.

NSPS lobbyist John Byrd has been working with our federal legislators and agency officials on a number of issues that affect the surveying profession. Learn More.

Board Meeting Highlights
The VAS Board of Directors met September 16 in Woodbridge, VA and took action on several important issues. Among the decisions made by the Board are:

- Adoption of a 2018 budget with no dues increase;
- Approval of a contribution of $1,000 to the NSPS Foundation Disaster Relief Fund to assist surveyors who have had their homes or businesses damaged by recent hurricanes;
- Adoption of an implementation plan for the VAS Strategic Plan;
- Adoption of a motion for NSPS leadership on a national workforce development program;
- Approved a slate of officers for election by the membership in December, as proposed by the Council of Past Presidents;
- Endorsed Doug Richmond and Vickie McEntire Anglin for recommendation to Governor McAuliffe to fill a vacancy on the APELSCIDLA Board; and
- Approved a motion to bring to the attention of the APELSCIDLA Board certain unlicensed surveying by UAS.

Recruit a Member

Did you know that when you recruit a member to VAS, you will receive a 25% discount on your membership dues? Spread the word about the great work VAS is doing for the surveying profession and be sure to tell the new member to include your name on the recommended portion of their application.

Send Your News

Have you recently completed a project using ingenious, inventive or innovative methods that you wish to share with your colleagues? Do you wish to recognize a senior surveyor in your chapter who has contributed exponentially to our land surveying profession? Is your chapter planning an upcoming networking event or seminar that your colleagues would find fun and educational? Old Dominion Surveyor wants to hear from you. News, articles and feature stories of interest to surveyors across Virginia are welcome additions to the VAS newsletter.

Send your news to ODS editor and VAS 2nd Vice President Gary Faulhaber at gfaulhaber@bowmanconsulting.com
VAS is pleased to work with Land's End to provide an opportunity to purchase quality clothing with the VAS logo embroidered on it. Go on, showcase your membership in VAS. To start shopping and place your order, click here.