

NSPS Directors report, Spring Meeting, Las Vegas, NV 2018.

On behalf of fellow members of the Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming, I attended the Spring NSPS meetings held in Las Vegas, NV at the Luxor Hotel and Casino.

The Student Competition was held in Nevada and consisted of three days beginning Sunday with field work, Monday students prepared for a presentation and completed the office portion of the competition, Tuesday the students presented to judges and the awards were presented on Wednesday (as part of the Board Meeting).

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.

The committee meetings began Tuesday morning and ran throughout the day, I attended the Joint Government Affairs committee, made a brief stop in the membership committee and attended the Western States Directors Council. Topics discussed at the western states council included: a WestFed report and continued discussion about sending a representative to WestFed, a DPPS update, Lobby Day, Twist (specifically if FVCC would be interested in hosting an event), preparing a mission statement, Geospatial Act, Licensure Compact and topics for Lobby Day.

The NSPS Board of Director's Spring Business Meetings were held Wednesday and Thursday morning, being summarized through highlights as follows:

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
- ByLaws & Resolutions/Policy Review – verbal report by Tom Berkland
 - All previous revisions are now published
 - Two new motions forthcoming to clean up outdated policies
- Membership – verbal report by Wayne Harrison
 - Suggesting to states to offer new registrants first year free membership to entice future involvement
 - 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
 - See written report for full text of committee activity
- NSPS Political Action Fund (PAC) – verbal report by Jon Warren
 - Challenge to all states to help raise \$100K by end of 2018
- Railroad R/W – verbal report by Bob Akins
 - Continuing efforts on railroad interaction with recent RR tragedies being highlighted
- State and Local Government – verbal report by David Holland
 - 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
 - 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
 - Discussion of AUVSI website and pending legislation
- Public Relations – written report submitted
 - Reminder to submit for various award this spring
- Youth Outreach – verbal report by Tommy Brooks
 - Committee continues to look for opportunities to promote survey to various groups
- Communications Task Force – no report
- Trig Star – verbal report by Tony Gregory
 - Program continues to grow but still needs more volunteers
- Workforce Development – verbal report by Emily Pierce
 - 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
 - Committee is meeting during Board of Directors
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – verbal report by Dan Martinez
 - Currently developing website for FEMA information clearinghouse for surveyors to exchange information
- International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) – verbal and written report by John Hohol
 - Two bidders for FIG 2022 – US & South Africa
 - 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.nspis.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

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- 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

Respectfully Submitted,
Cotton D. Jones
NSPS Director - Wyoming