

NSPS
Area 3 And 4 Governor Meeting
 In conjunction with KAPS
 Lexington, KY
 February 21, 2006

ATTENDANCE:

| ATTEND | NAME | STATE | AREA | ATTEND | NAME | STATE | AREA |
|--------|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| Yes | William Coleman | NC | AREA 3 | No | Joe Baird | SC | AREA 3 |
| @ | Lamar Evers | FL | AREA 4 | No | John Kohl | TN | AREA 3 |
| Yes | Stephen Corley | AR | AREA 6 | Yes | Pat Smith | TX | AREA 8 |
| Yes | J (JW) King | AL | AREA 4 | Yes | Alan Dragoo | MD | AREA 3 |
| Yes | Roland (Rick) Dreist Jr. | DC | AREA 3 | Yes | Steve Douty | VA | AREA 3 |
| Yes | Michael Maxwell | FL | AREA 4 | Yes | Nelson Douglass | WV | AREA 3 |
| Yes | Charles (Ben) DeVane | GA | AREA 4 | V | David Holland | VA | VA Pres |
| Yes | Craig Palmer | KY | AREA 3 | V | Jerry Goodson | TX | NSPS President |
| Yes | Wayne Hebert | LA | AREA 4 | V | Dr. Marian Clark | TN | ETSU |
| Yes | Richard Brantley | MS | AREA 4 | V | Robert Young | TX | Speaker |
| Yes | Frank Ledford | NC | AREA 3 | | | | |

| LEGEND | |
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| Yes | Attended |
| @ | Installing State officers at Alabama |
| No | Absent |
| V | Visitor |

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1. Call to Order - William Coleman opened meeting at 8:35 AM

2. Invocation - Ben DeVane

3. Recording Secretary – Wayne Hebert/LA

4. Approval of Minutes of Area 3 and 4 Meeting @Marcos Island, FL – 09/24/2005-

FIRST: Mike Maxwell

SECOND: Pat Smith

Attached as separate PDF Document.

5. Approval of Agenda

Agenda revised and agreed by all.

6. Introduction of Guests

David Holland, President of VA Association of Surveyors

Jerry Goodson, President of NSPS

Dr. Marian Clark, Coordinator of ETSU Surveying Degree Program

Robert Young, Convention Speaker

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.1 FEMA UPDATE

Coleman led a general discussion on the present status of Certified Floodplain Surveys (CFS). It was mentioned that FEMA in conjunction with *NC PLS Society* is working on expanding CFS program in other states. This is being pursued by building a *Train the Trainer* program from existing CFS to expand program.

Steve Douty raised the issue of some type of Disaster Manual for Surveyors, encompassing something like the Hurricane Preparation Manual in FLA. It was not known if some funds from the Foundation could be used to develop such a manual.

The group discussed options of preparing a disaster preparedness video or PPT, which could include a Manual.

MOTION:

Subject: Disaster and Recovery Manual

Be it so moved that the NSPS BOG request the NSPS Board of Directors forms a committee to prepare a Disaster Plan and Recovery Manual and have the committee report back at the fall meeting.

FIRST: Steve Douty

SECOND: Nelson Douglas

7.2 LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL

The group discussed that news has been sparse. The belief is that the program may be running automatically without wide dissemination of information or the possibility of leveraging the PR value of the program.

7.3 SAFETY VIDEO (SEE 8.3)

7.4 MAP AND PLAT EXHIBIT

Discussed that the presentation in D.C. has been well received and the impact has been more positive for the surveying profession than many other efforts in public relations.

This item will be labeled complete and discontinued from future agendas.

7.5 MORTGAGE SURVEY FORMS

This item has not had new info. JGA continues to Work to lobby in this effort.

7.6 OFF-SHORE CONTRACTING

An advertisement was requested for Surveying Drafting in Texas for offshore drafting in the TSPS newsletter. TSPS decided that it was not in its best interest to allow the ad. Related with this is the security implications and sensitivity of mapping information on infrastructure issues post 911. We decided to keep this item on the Old Business agenda for future Area 3 and 4 Meetings.

7.7 EQUIPMENT THEFT – MAXWELL

The thefts have increased to include both coasts of the state of Florida.

Seems that there may be more items stolen and then shipped when enough gathered for container shipping.

Some assaults on Instrument person knocking them in the back of the head and stealing total stations and GPS equipment.

Some of the equipment is showing up on EBay and in Pawn Shops. Pawn Shops have been getting wiser. Florida Society is looking at ways to place devices such as LoJack or some other low cost tracking devices that are part of the foam in the case and not visible

There is a fear that thefts may soon involve tracking crews back to their home office and then breaking into buildings to steal all equipment stored there.

Up to 2 million dollars of instruments have been stolen in Florida to date. Insurers are starting to drop survey companies that do not adequately protect equipment.

Reports are surfacing across the Eastern half of the country.

Manufacturers are starting to place PIN Codes in newer models.

Discussed the disproportion selling of accessories to support the Equipment that has been stolen such as cables, rods, etc., which may provide some leads on thieves, unfortunately there are some companies that only sell such equipment and a correlation may not be done on such accessories.

Discuss drying up service on units from dealers. This is where the serial number is important for tracking. This helps for US tracking. Somehow we need to cover INTL.

Pawn Shops seem to be contributors to the market for thefts and FL is looking at a law to cover Construction and Survey Equipment thefts for profit at Pawn Shops.

Discussed having information articles in all Professional Society and Trade Magazines.

Tennessee had whole truck stolen. FL is to prepare the beginning of an article to be placed immediately for widespread publication in state and national magazines and newsletters.

After break we continued discussion on theft and decided that information needs to be published to raise awareness across the states.

Area 3 / 4 Governors are charged with notifying their states of this dire state of affairs for the protection of members and field personnel that they represent.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 INSURANCE PROGRAM – COLEMAN

Coleman provided update on the new offering. The broker is selling the new program, but there still is some work on finalizing premiums to be completed in April. This will be a complete suite of insurance offering by the **broker**. **The Broker** will find the best rates possible for members specific to their area. This will give better rates in a larger group mode with local needs being met.

Terms of availability of this insurance: All registered surveyors will need to be members of NSPS, but employees will be able to use the program too (as long as all the licensed people of the firm must be members of NSPS).

Area 3 / 4 Governors are charged to notify States Association Boards that a representative from the broker can be at state meetings to promote the program and to encourage membership in NSPS. This

Broker can provide workshops relative to insurance, etc. that could be used for CEU. Please consider and give this alternative a chance.

8.2 NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES – SMITH

Para-Professional group discussion: Action is being undertaken by TX to address voting rights for SIT or CST type of members within the state. Officer in TX state level require license members at the higher levels. Is this something that we can change at the national level to provide incentives to this level to be members of NSPS? We discussed that the possibility of hostile voting at a national or state level of such a person is unlikely given that they would take an interest in the profession at a level above that of a disgruntled employee. Additionally numbers would be low and thus not form a formable voting block. However, due diligence should be done in how this is constructed and implemented.

MOTION:

SUBJECT:

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

The BOG requests that the NSPS Board of Directors direct the NSPS MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE and the CST BOARD to develop a membership category for SIT/CST member with full voting rights.

FIRST: Pat Smith

SECOND: Alan Drago

We discussed the possibility of the membership category tying into the Insurance program, which also lends to the weight of addressing items of interest for the professional societies.

8.3 SAFETY VIDEO

BACKGROUND:

Some states are requiring OSHA recognized safety instructions. This evolved into a motion by the BOG to have the video made. Motion is years old.

UPDATE:

NSPS foundation has contracted with a firm to make a video of about an hour length. This will be training program covering all related safety topics for surveying activities. The foundation is asking for state sponsorship from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Based on the level of financial support, each state may achieve benefits of reduced copy costs and appropriate recognition. Those states that support the effort will be able to obtain additional copies at \$250.

The group discussed the possibility of corporate sponsors. Apparently this angle of support has apparently not been developed. We also discussed that insurance providers provide some safety video or other resources to membership. We acknowledged that the safety videos that are provide Safety resources such as videos are not germane to the Surveying profession.

We discussed the possibility of some type of certification for completion of Safety Program. Closed discussion until more info is available.

8.4 SMALL BUSINESS INSURANCE LETTER

Frank Ledford brought up a letter to withdraw a bill that is in the national legislature to support a bill that does support firms that are under 10 members (statistically this is representative of Surveying firms). Apparently opposition is at the House Level. We discussed getting the NSPS Board of Directors to address this issue at the national level and to alert the State Surveying Societies to obtain their support on this cause. Timing could be managed to support this in the Lobby Day efforts.

Frank Ledford will forward the NC Letter to other governors to notify their states.

Area 3 / 4 Governors are charged with notifying their states of the legislative issue with regards to small firms and to request that they use the NC letter as a model to send a similar letter to their House representatives in US Congress.

8.5 REGIONAL MEETING OF EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Steve Douty introduced Dr. Marian Clark presented an idea for a program on a regional meeting at ETSU. Bill Coleman stated that an appeal to have AREA 3 & 4 States conduct their State Association Board of Directors MEETINGS co-located with the Area 3 meeting at ETSU. We discussed the possibility of using the fall of 2008 as a target date for such a regional event. We could possibly have a little CEU activities and vendors present. Possibly expand to a regional conference.

Ben DeVane mention doing the Area 3 / 4 Governor Fall 2006 Meeting at ETSU in the future so that we can investigate the idea and support a Survey Education Program. Date of **Area 3 / 4 Governor Fall 2006 Meeting will be Saturday, Aug 26, 2006 at ETSU**. This will give the Area 3 / 4 Governor first hand experience of the benefits and opportunities for the 2008 Regional Meeting.

ACSM/NSPS Fall 2006 Meetings will be the Last weekend in September 2006.

Area 3 / 4 Governors are charged to bring up this concept at each of our State Societies Board Meetings to obtain the receptiveness for such an idea of having a co-located State Board Of Directors meetings within the Area 3 and 4 areas. Governors are requested to report their perceptions as to this idea at the fall Area 3 and 4 Governor meeting.

8.6 WEB SITE UPDATES

Governors need timelier advance notice of dates so that local events are NOT in conflict.

Last Thursday in September will be Lobby Day with subsequent days to be the Fall Meeting Days of ACSM/NSPS (Carry forward to business items on agenda)

8.7 RAIL ROAD RIGHT OF WAY ENTRY

We discussed the issues around access for surveyors. Maybe we can get some type of liaison to the railroad to appeal some type of access. It is suggested that this be brought to the JGA's attention.

8.8 SURVEYOR'S WEEK RESOLUTION (UPDATE)

Passed Senate - - need support at house level. Need grass roots effort to support.

The 3rd week of March will be Surveyors Week.

9. STATE REPORTS

AL *J.W. Kennedy*

There are 750 Members in the AL Surveying Society. Troy University is looking for a replacement for Dr. Elithorpe at Troy University. Troy University has 60+ students in the program. The Alabama Surveying Society is looking into establishing a separate board for Surveying. Members of Alabama Surveying Society are working on CORS densification. Comments from Jerry Goodson that AL Registration Board should be self funded, off budget from the state. They are looking at NM as a possible model.

AR *Steve Corley*

Arkansas Judicial is considering mandated School funding of some sort which may impact the Surveying Businesses. Steve is still working on new members for NSPS from Arkansas. AR Survey Society has put money in the budget to implement the Certified Floodplain Survey.

DC *Rick Dreist*

DC is organizing efforts and events on the professional society level. DC presently has 160 members; 50+ of which are licensees. DC just started licensing Land Surveyors in 2000. There are two PLS on the Licensing board.

FL *Mike Maxwell*

There are 52 students in the Survey Degree Program. Geomatics program moved into the earth sciences section of the university system. Florida Surveying Society hired a recruiter for the degree program. The recruiter is working all levels of the education system and there has been a marked increase in recruiting. Geomatics program is recruiting of majors that can NOT find work, i.e., Education Majors to consider Geomatics. Florida Surveying Society is looking into Pawn shop legislation to address some of the theft issues. Some of the GIS companies have been performing services that are relegated to the practice of surveying and the issues are being addressed. Florida Surveying Society will have a CPD cruise in Alaska.

KY *Craig Palmer*

FEB 2007 KAPS State Meeting will be in Bowling Green, KY. Dual Registrants in State do not want to adhere to CPD requirements for Surveying. KAPS is trying to establish a CORS consortium. KAPS is working on licensing of County Surveyors (mostly an honorary position). The States GIS Agencies are having a bill requiring any entities acquiring aerial images with public funds to provide same without charge to the states GIS agency.

MD *Alan Dragoo*

MD now has a Statute in place to have liability up to 10 years after the date of Survey.

MS *Richard Brantley*

5 Surveyors and their companies have lost house and business. 15 others have been significantly impacted. The Surveying Society has collected about \$5000 in funds to help provide assistance. The states Legislative Issues – Castle Doctrine - “you can shoot anybody on your property if you feel threatened.” Surveying firms in MS have as much as 2-3 months of backlog work.

NC *Frank Ledford*

Alabama Surveying Society Just is concluding their convention with the largest attendance ever. Working and developing the 30 hour training course on the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program. Other issues: Right of Entry and Copyright. NC has added a Four year degree option to their license process and is changing to a text based exam for licensure in NC. It has become apparent that a degree greatly increases the likelihood of an examinee passing the exams.

TX *Pat Smith*

Spring symposium – TSPS is offering CEU with location to rotate at one of the smaller areas of the state to provide more diverse access across the state. TSPS annual meeting is on a cruise in 2008. Legislative – working on right of entry, looking into registration of firms. Big legislative items: new business tax scheme on small firms to fund a new judicially mandated education system for the state. The Texas Registration Board is asking TSPS for a scheme to certify field personnel at the state level. There are issues with education requirements and the mechanics to implement.

VA *Steve Douty*

VA Surveying Society raised some money for Education. Photogrammetry Registration has been commenced as a mapping profession in the state. VA Surveying Society is working on Right of Entry. They have recently held their convention and it was energized greatly with the inclusion of the Surveying and Geomatics students with the program.

WV *Nelson Douglas*

WV Surveying Society has moved offices to a new location. WV Surveying Society worked on Collection Agencies as a service for members WV Surveying Society is rewriting its By-Laws. Web Site Development is in progress for WV Surveying Society. WV Surveying Society is working on a Statue of limitation and licensures of County Surveyors.

10. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

Area 3 / 4 Governor Fall 2006 Meeting will be [Saturday, Aug 26, 2006](#) at ETSU

See following links

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