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- 1) Email to: maps4debra@bellsouth.net
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President's Message

Joe W. Byrd, PS

"Recognizing that service to Society, to State, and to Profession is the premise upon which individual opportunity must be built, the Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors does hereby dedicate itself to the promotion and betterment of the Profession of Land Surveying as a Social Aid and Economic Influence vital to the affairs of men and of the community."

The first paragraph of the Constitution of the Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors stated above contains the reason that MAPS was formed. As we look at the situations, both economically and legislative, that Surveyors across this Country are facing, it serves as a reminder that all Surveyors need to keep up to date with events that could affect our profession.

A strong and active Professional Association is the best defense against an attack against our profession. MAPS is made up of individual members, but the strength of the association is the *combination* of these members into one voice. Currently, there is only about one third of the Professional Surveyors licensed in Mississippi that are members of MAPS. I realize I am "preaching to the choir" since this newsletter goes out to members of the association, but I encourage everyone, if you know of a surveyor that is not a MAPS member, explain to them why they should become a member. Whether someone lives in Mississippi, or is a resident of another state, if they are licensed in Mississippi as a Professional Surveyor, membership in MAPS is the best way to ensure the Surveying Profession is promoted as a vital need. We have all heard that "Membership has its benefits", and it does, even though the benefits are not always apparent. The benefits of being a member of and participating in a strong professional association are tremendous.

MAPS has grown substantially since I first became a member in 1991 as an Associate Member, and I know it will continue to grow. Remember, this is your association. Be an active member, and promote membership to other surveyors.

We have our Annual Convention scheduled for February 8th and 9th in Vicksburg. I hope everyone can attend, and I look forward to seeing you there.

Executive Director Message Debra Byrd

Hard to believe we are at the end of the year. I hope everyone has had a great year. Maps is getting everything lined up for 2024.

We have got Wendy Lathrop coming to the Annual 2024. It will be in Vicksburg; I know some are wanting a change and we are working to find somewhere. If you know of any speakers you would like to hear please let me know. We are always looking for new speakers.

The Summer seminar will be at the Golden Nugget July 18-19, 2024. We are still working on speakers.

We will be having two Workshops next year, one on November in Flowood, and one on December in Oxford.

Thank you to all the membership for your support of MAPS. Without the membership MAPS would not be able to help the surveying profession.

Remember, everything will be emailed out again this year. So please, if you change your email let MAPS know.

Please encourage anyone you know that is not a MAPS member to join. We are only as strong as our membership.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes July 19, 2023

Golden Nugget Convention Center

151 Beach Boulevard Biloxi, Mississippi

1. Call to Order 1:30 PM) Actual: 1:32 PM

2. Approve Minutes - July 19, 2023 Meeting: Motion: Jim Booth Second: Patrick Martino Approved: Unanimous

3. Treasurer's Report: Motion: Paul Stenum Second: Kevin Hines Approved: Unanimous

4. Review Membership Applications: 1 Presented - Motion: Paul Stenum 2nd: Jim Booth Approved: Unanimous

5. Additions to Agenda: New Business: Items 1-5

6. Old Business:

A. Workshops 2023

Oxford: December 2, 2023

a. Ethics / Standards of Practice 2 Hours: Joe Byrd

b. Descriptions – 2 Hours: Joe Byrd

c. Additional Sessions - 4 Hours: TBA

- B. Summer 2023
 - a. 91 Attendees Pre-Registered
 - b. All Breaks Sponsored
 - c. Profit & Loss Statement Reviewed by Board of Directors
- C. Annual 2024 Vicksburg Convention Center (February 8 & 9)
 - a. Wendy Lathrop Speaker
- D. Capitol Day January 23, 2024
 - a. 8:00 A.M.
 - b. No Food Distribution Allowed
- E. 811 Update Joe W. Byrd
 - a. New Legislation Effective July 1, 2023
 - Locate within "3 Working Days from Notice"
 - No Response Tickets
 - Impending Emergency Ticket
- F. NSPS Update: Provided by Tim Brewer
 - a. International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) Working Week May 2023. NSPS Sponsor
 - a. 1600 Attendees

- b. Ligado Lightsquared Update
- c. Membership Committee Update
 - a. CST Membership
 - b. Technician Membership
- d. Southern Directors Meeting
- G. Annual Convention 2025 February 6-7
 - a. Potential Speakers / Topics
 - Discussion Held
- H. 2024 Summer Seminar July 18-19, 2024
 - a. Potential Topics: Field Safety, New Datum, Tree Identification
- I. 2024 Officer & Director Election Ballot
 - President Elect: Chad Ainsworth & Bob Farley
 - Northern District Director: Clay Beckwith & Justin Cleveland
 - Central District Director: Jeff Black & Stuart Green
 - Southern District Director: Gary Durbin & Paul Stenum

New Business:

- 1. Rules & Regulations
 - a. Discussion Topics: Standards of Practice, Drone Data, etc.
- 2. Credit Card Payments

A motion was made by Kevin Hines with a 2nd by Jeff Black to increase all fees by \$10.00. Motion Passed Unanimous.

3. MAPS Secretary / Treasurer Appointment

A Motion was made by Paul Stenum and a 2nd by Larry Saucier to include in the MAPS Board of Directors Ballot for the 2025-2026 elections.

- 4. New Member Recognition
 - a. A discussion was held to recognize new Association members
- 5. A motion to Adjourn was made by Garret Dendy with a 2nd by Clay Beckwith Motion Passed Unanimously



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NSRS Modernization News

For all issues of **NSRS Modernization News**, visit: geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml

GRAV-D Reaches 100%

Congratulations!

On September 14, 2023, the GRAV-D mission flew the last of its planned 4,234 flight lines, bringing the number of planned lines flown to 100%! Congratulations to all members of the GRAV-D team—past and present—who, over the course of the last 16 years, have made this possible!

How'd we get here?

In 2007, NGS officially began planning to re-define the vertical datum of the United States using a gravimetric geoid model. To support this, they acquired their first airborne gravimeter, and published a tenyear plan, announcing the beginning of the GRAV-D (Gravity for the Re-definition of the American Vertical Datum) project, a bold initiative to canvas the entire civilian-populated regions of the United States with an accurate, consistent air-borne gravity dataset, capable of supporting a centimeter-accurate geoid model. Now, after five gravimeters, 18 aircraft and 16 years, all planned flight lines have been flown at least one time.

What's next?

Does that mean we are done? No, there are two big reasons the mission continues. The first is that a small percentage of flight lines collected in the last 16 years have issues that prevent them from fulfilling their role in an "accurate, consistent" dataset. We are attempting to re-fly all of those lines before the end of 2023. The second reason is that we long ago recognized that the geoid over North America could be improved if airborne data could be collected over areas that fall outside the original plan. Our geoid model would be improved by data collection over the

Rocky Mountains in Canada and Mexico and over the Caribbean islands, with an especially significant impact in areas neighboring the collection sites. However, as NGS had to define a "finish line" for the data set that would go into GEOID2022, the gravity collected in these areas will not be used in the initial roll-out of GEOID2022, but will be used to improve future updates to it.

Multi-epoch Least-squares Adjustment **Papers**

Two papers, outlining the Multi-epoch Leastsquares adjustment (ME-LSA) problem have been published:

- NOAA Technical Report NOS NGS 79
- NOAA Technical Report NOS NGS 80

These papers, particularly #79, show how observations collected over many years can be projected through time to a single adjustment epoch, in preparation for a least-squares adjustment (LSA). This procedure will be at the heart of both OPUS and reference epoch coordinate (REC) estimates in the modernized NSRS. Both papers are highly theoretical, so additional papers are being written that provide details on implementation.



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Thoughts on Professional Practice and Education

Article 12: Life-Time Continuing Education Waiver with Academic Education

by Knud E. Hermansen[†] P.L.S., P.E., Ph.D., Esq.

This is the twelfth article I have prepared in the series offering thoughts on professional practice and education. In this article I am going to reflect on formal education and continuing education requirements.

At the outset, I must point out the elephant in the room. I acknowledge that I hold a Ph.D. and a juris doctorate. I mention this since some will accuse me of self-serving when reading this article. I'm not going to surrender my degrees in order to appear unbiased. I was never known to shy from controversy in living my life or my writing. My contact information is on the web. Feel free to write and chastise me. Don't expect much self-reflection at my age. The sand in my life's hour glass is almost run out. At my age, changing course or my opinion is not likely to happen.

Let me get to the point of this article. Many states have adopted continuing education requirements for re-licensing. This article focuses on the disconnect between state continuing education regulations and academic education achievements.

In this article, I wish to focus on the fact that all states with continuing education requirements have decoupled the requirements for continuing education from academic education other than allow continuing education credit for an academic course taken in a renewal cycle. Specifically, states that require continuing education make no allowances for the achievement of formal academic education. By way of example, a state will require a certain number of professional development hours a year for all licensees regardless whether the licensee has no degree or a doctorate in the profession. This makes no practical sense, at least to me. Let me explain.

As a general rule, a one-credit academic course is worth fourteen professional development hours. A typical bachelor of science degree in the profession has at least 30 credit hours in focused professional course work. A master's degree in the profession has an additional 30 credit hours focused on professional course topics. Finally, a doctorate has another 60 credit hours above the master's degree focused on professional course topics. Therefore, a licensee with a master's degree has earned the equivalent of 420 professional development hours. A licensee with a master's and doctorate degree has earned the equivalent of 1,260 professional development hours. For a state that requires fifteen professional development hours a year, the licensee with a doctorate has achieved the equivalent of 84 years of continuing education. Unless the licensee stretches their formal academic education coursework over their lifetime, the licensee will only get to claim their formal academic education courses for perhaps two to three license renewals. Perhaps another renewal period can be claimed if the state allows some carryover of continuing education hours.

Unless a licensee with a master's degree or doctorate develops amnesia or dementia, the licensee with formal academic degrees will retain a significant portion of the knowledge from their formal education throughout their professional career. Continuing education regulations

should recognize this achievement and give life-time credit for academic education achievements.

I offer four reasons to permit academic education achievements to allow for life-time credit for continuing education.

First, if continuing education is meant to foster professional development, individuals with academic degrees, especially advanced academic degrees, have achieved professional development and knowledge well beyond the typical licensee.

Second, the licensee that has pursued and obtained academic degrees, especially advanced degrees, has shown a commitment for lifelong learning. The licensee will not likely put that commitment aside after completing the degree. The licensee will not need to be coerced to continue life-long learning.

Third, giving life-time credit for degree achievements will encourage licensees to have a focused approach toward meeting continuing education requirements. Completed academic courses that can be used toward a degree and also substitute for continuing education throughout a licensee's lifetime means that time and money spent on course work will save the licensee time and money later.

Finally, recognition of academic degrees for continuing education will encourage licensees to obtain degrees. States that have no degree requirements for licensure will encourage surveyors to obtain a degree by awarding life-time continuing education credit for a degree. All states can encourage licensees to obtain an advanced degree by permitting life-time credit for advanced academic education culminating in a degree.

I will add that many states already couple academic degrees with experience requirements. Those individuals seeking licensure with formal academic degrees often have to show less experience in order to obtain licensure.

Having given reasons for life-time continuing education credit for academic degrees, I now offer advice by suggesting regulations to be adopted using the same or similar wording as follows:

Licensees with at least thirty credit hours of surveying or related course work and a bachelor of science degree may waive half the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure for every renewal period. (Note any bachelor of science degree with ABET accreditation in surveying, geomatics, or similar title will be presumed to meet the requirement of thirty credit hours.)

Licensees with a master of science degree along with forty-five credit hours in surveying or related course work may waive three-fourth of the continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure for each renewal period. (Undergraduate and graduate surveying or related course work is counted toward the forty-five credits.)

Licensees with a doctorate degree along with sixty credit hours in surveying or related course work may waive all continuing education requirements for renewal of licensure for each renewal period. (All undergraduate and graduate surveying or related course work is counted toward the sixty credits.)

I will close by suggesting that the appearance of a conflict of interest in advocating this recognition, is really not a conflict of interest if the reader delves into my life. Having lived to the age I find myself at, I recognize that I will be long dead before regulations are changed and

there would be an easing in continuing education requirements that could affect me because of the degrees I have.

† Other books and articles by Knud can be found at https://umaine.edu/svt/faculty/hermansen-articles/

MAPS 2024 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

February 8 - 9, 2024, Vicksburg Convention Center, Vicksburg, MS

MAPS Member	* Full Package Includes:				
Member – Full Seminar P	Registration for				
Thursday only	8 PDH	\$210.00	\$	Thursday and Friday Seminar	
Friday only	7 PDH	\$210.00	\$		
Spouse or Extra Lunch -	Per day \$25.00 x			Lunch is Included with registration for	
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Friday only	7 PDH		\$	·	
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MAPS 2024 Annual Convention Agenda

Vicksburg Convention Center

Thursday, February 8, 2024		Friday, February 9, 2024			
7:00 AM	REGISTRATION	7:00 AM REGISTRATION			
7:30 AM	FEMA Flood Insurance Mapping Issues Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)	7:30 AM Title Commitments and Reports: What's in Them and Why We Care Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)			
9.30 AM	Break/View Exhibits	9:30 AM Break/View Exhibits			
10:00 AM	FEMA Flood Insurance Mapping Issues				
	Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)	10:00 AM Applied Ethics			
12:00 PM	Lunch/View Exhibits- Lunch Included with Registration	Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)			
1:00 PM	Record Research: Paper Versus Ground Truth	12:00 PM Lunch/View Exhibits- Lunch Included with Registration MAPS General Membership Meeting (PDH: 1.0)			
	Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)				
		1:30 PM Board Forum			
3:00 PM	Break/View Exhibits	(PDH: 1.0)			
3:30 PM	Record Research: Paper Versus Ground Truth	2:45 PM Break/View Exhibits			
	Wendy Lathrop (PDH: 2.0)	3:00 PM Standards of Practice			
5.30 PM		Paul Stenum (PDH: 1.0) Tim Brewer - 5 year or less (PDH: 1.0)			
	ADJOURN	4:00 PM LA Standards -			
		Tim Brewer - (PDH: 1.0)			
	<u>Hotel Details</u>	5:00 PM ADJOURN			

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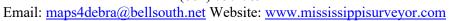
MEMBER DUES and MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STATEMENT

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING: MS PS Number _____ Name: Last MS PE Number _____ First Address: City & State Zip Code County Cell Phone: ______Employer *All correspondence will be by Email **CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP-Check One Annual Dues \$ 170.00 REGULAR MEMBER:** A registered surveyor in the state of Mississippi (includes NSPS Membership dues) **NON- RESIDENT REGULAR MEMBER: Annual Dues \$ 130.00** Surveyors registered in the State of Mississippi, but not a resident of Mississippi. **NON- RESIDENT REGULAR MEMBER** (WITH NSPS MEMBERSHIP): **Annual Dues \$ 170.00 ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** Annual Dues \$ 80.00 Any person registered as a Surveyor Intern (SI) or interested in becoming licensed as a Professional Surveyor, one engaged in surveying or related work. **ASSOCIATE MEMBER** (WITH NSPS): **Annual Dues \$ 120.00** Associate member that would like to be a NSPS member STUDENT MEMBER: **Annual Dues \$ 20.00** Any person, who is enrolled as a full-time student (taking a minimum of 12 semester hours) at any school in the State of Mississippi, or enrolled in high school. (includes NSPS Student Membership dues) Membership dues are payable on January 1 and must be paid prior to February 1 each year. If the dues are not received by or postmarked by January 15, a 25% late fee will be assessed. If the dues are not received by February 15, the membership will be considered inactive. • I agree to abide by the By-Laws and Constitution for the Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors. Signature______ Date_____ Year____



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2024 BUSINESS DUES / MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION STATEMENT

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These are the 2023 Business Members of MAPS. We would like to thank these businesses for there support of MAPS. If your Business is interested in becoming a Business member, please fill out a membership application and mail in with fee .









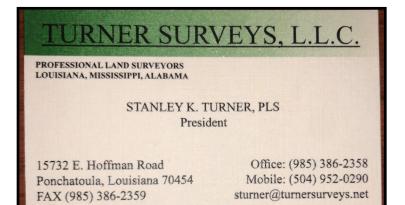




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