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2024 Summer Seminar

July 18 & 19 , 2024

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Presidents Message

I hope everyone is doing well. I wish to thank all those who attended the 2024 Annual Convention in February. I would also like to thank all of you who voted for me as your president for 2024. A special thanks to Debra Byrd for all her hard work that makes these conventions possible. During the convention, the board announced a move to the convention center in Tupelo, MS in 2026. Further details will follow.

At the time of this writing, Senate Bill 2799 has passed the Senate and is headed to the House floor for a vote and then to the Governor. If the law passes, it will reduce the size of the Board of Licensure from 9 (6 PE's and 3 PS's) to 6 only. It is unclear whether there will be any Professional Surveyors on the board. The board is monitoring the situation and will keep you informed.

As summer approaches, it is time to think about safety in the field. Make sure your crews have a first aid kit and know what to do in case of an emergency. Dehydration is a major concern as well. We will have paramedics at the summer seminar to discuss this topic and to answer any questions.

As many of you know, there is a decline in licensed surveyors in the state. I would like to encourage each and every one of you to mentor your survey crews to become licensed. They are the future of our profession. I would also like to encourage the members to serve on the Maps Board. Just ask any board member for details.

I look forward to seeing you at our summer seminar on July 18th and 19th at the Golden Nugget in Biloxi.

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn
118 Laurel Park Cove
Flowood, Mississippi

1. Call to Order 9:00 AM Actual: 9:00 AM

2. Approve Minutes February 7, 2024 Meeting: Motion: Second: Paul Stenum Approved: Unanimous

3. Treasurer's Report: Motion: Paul Stenum **Second:** Chad Ainsworth Approved: Unanimous

4. Review Membership Applications: 1 Regular & 1 Associate - Motion: Jeff Black 2nd: Kevin Hines

5. Additions to Agenda:

- a. New Business
 - i. MAPS Board of Directors Insurance
 - ii. Ballot Biography
 - iii. Title Insurance Concerns
 - iv. Kids in School

6. Old Business:

A. Workshops 2024

Flowood: November 9, 2024 Board of Directors Meeting
Oxford: Date to be Determined – Full Day

B. Capitol Day

- a. Reservations Not Available Until 2024 Legislative Session Ends

C. 811 Update – Joe W. Byrd

- a. House Bill 1063 (White Lining) Passed through the House of Representatives, but Died in the Senate Committee
- b. Expected 2025 Legislative Action to Require Locators to obtain GIS software capable of utilizing 811 system data for marking area

D. NSPS Update: Provided by Tim Brewer

- a. 2024 Spring Business Meeting: April 24-26
 - a. Day on the Hill: April 23
 - 1. Issue 1: Survey Mark Preservation in a Disaster Clean
 - 2. Issue 2: Surveying Licensure Protects the Public Health, Safety, & Welfare

3. Issue 3: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA 2025) Transition Assistance Program (TAP): Transitioning Armed Services personnel with relevant skill sets into civilian sector surveying careers
- b. Committees (NSPS:28 with Sub-Committees)
 - a. Proposed Military Liaison Committee
 1. Create a committee to assist in the transition of military personnel to civilian life in the surveying field _ Chair Appointed- Jeff Clendenning, AL.
 - c. Southern Directors Meeting February 23, 2023 Columbia, South Carolina
 - a. Executive Committee Elections
 - b. State Legislative Issues
 - c. URISA – NSPS endorsement to the NCEES Model Law
 - d. Committee Evaluation
 - d. Student Competition
 - a. 26 Teams
- E. Annual Convention 2025 – February 6-7
 - a. Speaker: Logan Campbell of Aerotas
- F. 2024 Summer Seminar – July 18-19, 2024
 - a. Speaker: Dennis Moulard
- G. Annual 2026 – February 5 & 6 2026 Tupelo
 - a. Dennis Moulard
- H. Legislative Update
 - a. Senate Bill 2799: Passed Senate and House with revisions. Bill to be held for Conference

New Business:

1. Online Standards of Practice
 - a. Executive Director Byrd: Requested for additional questions for revisions to the online Standards of Practice exam for continuing education credit.
2. Board of Licensure
 - a. Central District Nominees
 - i. Blake Collins
 - ii. Chris Pesnell
 - iii. Mike Love
 - Southern District Nominees
 - iv. Joe Byrd
 - v. Patrick Martino
 - vi. Paul Stenum

3. MAPS Board of Directors Insurance Policy Renewal
 - a. A motion was made by Paul Stenum, with a 2nd by Joe Byrd to renew the liability policy for a cost of \$1,681.68. Motion Carried Unanimous
4. Ballot Biography
 - a. Future ballots for candidates for the MAPS Officers and Board of Directors positions.
5. Title Insurance Concerns
 - a. Joe Byrd briefed the Board on a current situation with a title insurance company denying title insurance because the access to the property along a public road with no formal dedication to the county.
6. Kids in School
 - a. Kevin Hines updated the Board on his Career Day presentation at Strahorn Elementary School and other potential opportunities.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2024 Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Hines 2nd by Chad Ainsworth Motion Passed

MAPS CALENDAR

Upcoming Seminars & Workshops

MAPS Summer Seminar

July 18 & 19, 2024

Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

MAPS November Workshop

November 9, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn, Flowood, MS (Board meeting)

MAPS December Workshop

December 7, 2024

Oxford Conference Center, Oxford, MS

Capital Day

January 21, 2025

MAPS 2025 Annual Convention

February 6 & 7, 2025

Vicksburg Convention Center, Vicksburg, MS

MAPS Summer Seminar

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2024 Annual Convention



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NSRS Modernization News

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

Farewell to NGS Director Blackwell

The Modernization of the NSRS has been underway for 17 years, and for 15 of those years, NGS has been led by Ms. Juliana Blackwell. As Director, she supported, encouraged, and facilitated Modernization in so many ways small and large. It is impossible to quantify how important she has been to this ongoing effort. On March 29, Director Blackwell retired from NGS. We wish her well in her retirement. She will truly be missed.

Clarifying Roll-out and Testing of the Modernized NSRS

NGS operates three websites. The official website is geodesy.noaa.gov. This website holds the official NSRS data and tools. This will remain true through the phased roll-out and testing of the Modernized NSRS.

During the phased-rollout and testing, each component of the Modernized NSRS will be put on the NGS Beta website (beta.ngs.noaa.gov). This will begin with GEOID2022 in the summer of 2024, and will continue into 2025. As each component is rolled-out, users may test it. After all components are rolled-out, a final six-month testing period will commence, at the end of which the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee will be asked to vote to make the Modernized NSRS the official NSRS of the nation. When that happens (likely in early 2026), the current NSRS will be moved off of the official NGS website (to some other location, TBD), and the Modernized NSRS will be moved from the Beta website to the official website. There will then be a brief overlap period, after which the current NSRS

data and tools will be formally removed from service. During the roll-out and testing, NGS will occasionally release some data or tool on a third website, the Alpha website (alpha.ngs.noaa.gov). Alpha releases will be incomplete, possibly inaccurate, and are not authoritative. They are purely for an early glimpse into future releases.

GEOID2022 on Alpha

The geoid teams of the USA, Canada, and Mexico have finalized the software which will create GEOID2022, and an alpha version of GEOID2022 has been created from it. This model is an *alpha*, because it was finalized before GRAV-D data collection was completed. Readers interested in this alpha release of GEOID2022 may access it here: <https://alpha.ngs.noaa.gov/GEOID2022/> Later this year, the official release of GEOID2022 will occur on the NGS Beta website.

Joint NGS/CGS Adoption of GGXF for Gridded Geodetic Products

NGS and the Canadian Geodetic Survey are jointly adopting the Open Geospatial Consortium's [Gridded Geodetic data eXchange Format \(GGXF\)](#) as our distribution format for gridded geodetic files. For NGS, this will begin with our NSRS Modernization products but will also mean back-translating older files as time allows. This means that every grid NGS releases to the public with the Modernized NSRS will be in GGXF at a minimum; but it does not preclude our distributing grids in additional formats.

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NSPS – REPORT
Tim Brewer, NSPS – Mississippi Director
April 4, 2024

On February 23, the NSPS Southern Directors met in Columbia, South Carolina. The discussion focused on the NCEES Model Law, upcoming motions for the Spring Business meeting, and state deregulation issues.

The NSPS Spring Business meeting will be held at the Hilton Arlington from April 22 through April 26. Monday evening and Tuesday will be dedicated to Day-on-the-Hill activities. The three issue items that will be presented are as follows:

- Sense of Congress Resolution to aid in the protection of Professional Surveying Licensure
- Monument Preservation related to Natural Disasters
- Transition Assistance Program (TAP) will be a pilot program transitioning military personnel to civilian careers

The Government Affairs

The student organizations participating in the Student Competition is expected to be 26 teams from across the country.

On going discussions are being held with Puerto Rico and Arkansas concerning the 100% Membership MOU.

NSPS is in the process of creating a Military Committee that will focus on exposing military personnel with relevant skill sets to a civilian career in the survey profession. Jeff Clendenning is expected to be appointed as committee chair at the Spring Business Meeting.

The Southern NSPS Directors will hold a meeting on July 20 in conjunction with the Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia.

The NSPS Fall Business Meeting will be held on October 21-23 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

MAPS 2024 Summer Seminar Agenda

Thursday – July 18, 2024

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 7:30 AM **Thinking Beyond Technology**
Dennis Mouland (PDH: 2.0)
- 9.30 AM Break/View Exhibits
- 10:00 AM **Thinking Beyond Technology**
Dennis Mouland (PDH: 2.0)
- 12:00 PM Lunch/View Exhibits-
Lunch Included with Registration
- 1:00 PM **First Aid**
(PDH: 1.0)
- 2:00PM **Charm School for Land Surveyor**
Dennis Mouland (PDH: 1.0)
- 3:00 PM Break/View Exhibits
- 3:30 PM **Charm School for Land Surveyor**
Dennis Mouland (PDH: 2.0)
- 5.30 PM ADJOURN

Friday – July 19, 2024

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 7:30AM **Insurance for Land Surveyors**
Brian Anderson (PDH: 2.0)
- 9:30 AM Break
- 9:45 AM **Ethics Class**
(PDH: 1.0)
- 10:45 AM **Standards of Practice**
(PDH: 1.0)
- 11:45 AM **Adjourn**

Hotel Details

Please mention you are with: Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors or MAPS for special group rate. ***Reservations must be made by June 27, 2024 in order to get this rate.***

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MAPS 2024 SUMMER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

July 18 - 19, 2024, Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

MAPS Member Seminar Registration Fees:		* Full Package Includes: Registration to Thursday and Friday Seminar, Lunch on Thursday
Member – Full Seminar Package*	\$320.00 \$ _____	
Thursday only	\$220.00 \$ _____	
Friday only	\$180.00 \$ _____	
<i>Non-Member Seminar Registration Fees:</i>		Please Mail this form in with payment. Checks only or pay by PayPal online. You will not be pre-registered for the seminar until payment has been received. You will receive an email when we have received your registration.
Non-Member -Full Seminar Package*	\$500.00 \$ _____	
Thursday only	\$350.00 \$ _____	
Friday only	\$300.00 \$ _____	
----- Late Registration <u>after July 1, 2024</u> add \$50.00 \$ _____		
Total Fees Paid: _____		
NO REFUNDS AFTER: July 1, 2024		

Seating is Limited. Pre-Register early. Registration at the door will be on space available.

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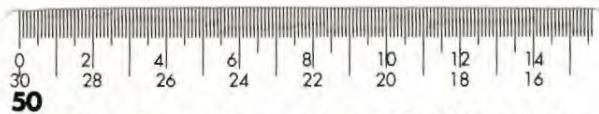
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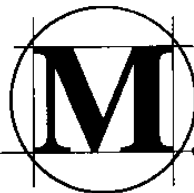
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