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- 2) drop us a note to the above address

Presidents Message

I hope everyone is doing well. I wish to thank all those who attended the 2024 Summer Seminar at the Golden Nugget in Biloxi. We had a great turnout. We also had an informative talk from a Biloxi Fire Paramedic regarding safety and what to do in a medical emergency. Please make sure that your crews have first aid kits and know how to use them. It could save a life.

During the seminar, we announced a move to the Margaritaville Resort in Biloxi. It is next door to the Golden Nugget and is not a casino. Many of you have issues with smoke filled casinos as a meeting place. The resort has many amenities including a water park, lazy river and a fitness center. We hope that many of you will bring your family and make it a mini vacation. We will announce the dates as soon as the contracts are finalized.

The Fall Workshop for those needing to obtain Standards of Practice and Ethics will be held in Flowood, MS on November 9, 2024. Please see the website for more information on how to register. A special thanks to Paul Stenum for volunteering to teach the workshop.

Our Annual Convention will be held in Vicksburg on February 6th and 7th, 2025. At the request of membership, we will be moving the convention to Tupelo, MS in 2026. The board is working on all the necessary changes to make that happen.

The Board of Licensure has been asked by the Secretary of State's office to streamline the rules and regulations concerning our profession. They are currently working on revising the Standards of Practice to bring those standards up to date. The implementation of the revised Standards will be next year. They will give everyone plenty of time to become aware of the new rules before they come into effect.

In closing, please share your knowledge of surveying with the younger generation as they are our future. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your president for 2024.

James 'Jim' Booth, Jr., PS

Executive Director Message

Debra Byrd

The Summer seminar had a great turn out. We are working on some changes for the summer seminar that we had hoped to have ready for the 2025 seminar but due to scheduling problems, the changes will be in 2026.

In 2026 we will move our summer seminar to Margaritaville. I hope everyone will make plans to attend.

We will be having two Workshops this year, one on November 9 in Flowood, and one on December 7 in Oxford. Both registration forms are in the newsletter and on the website.

The 2025 Annual Convention will be February 6 & 7, 2025 at the Vicksburg Convention Center. The 2026 Annual convention will be February 5 & 6, 2026 in Tupelo, MS.

We will be emailing Ballots out October 1, 2024. This year we will have a bio for each candidate running for office.

Dues renewal will start Nov. 1, we will send an email out to remind you.

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

MAPS email has changed, please send emails to mississippisurveying@gmail.com.

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.

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Renewal season kicks-off on October 1st

Licensees have just 20 days to make sure of the following :

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 - a. **Remember 12 PDHs are required annually**
 - b. **Remember to renew your licensure on or before December 31st**
2. **An accurate email address on file with this agency**
 - a. **We are going paperless.**
 - b. **Renewal notices will be provided via email, text notification, social media, and the website only.**
3. **Make sure you've signed up for text notifications**
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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 Mouland

G. Annual 2026 – February 5 & 6 2026 Tupelo

a. Dennis Mouland

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 of 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

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MAPS CALENDAR

Upcoming Seminars & Workshops

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

July 17 & 18, 2025

Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

MAPS 2026 Annual Convention

February 5 & 6, 2026

Cadence Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors

2024 Ethics and Standard Workshop

November 9, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn

118 Laurel Park Cove, Flowood, MS 39232

Registration for Workshop	November 9, 2024	
Saturday, November 9	2 PDH	\$160
Workshop is from 9-11 am		
Total \$ _____		

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

Name: _____

Address: _____

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2024 December Workshop

Saturday December 7, 2024

Oxford Convention Center

102 Ed Perry Blvd, Oxford, MS 39232

Registration for Workshop -	Saturday, December 7, 2024		
Full Workshop: 8am-6pm	8 PDH	\$210	<input type="checkbox"/>
With Lunch 12-2 on your own			
Morning Session Only: 8am- 12	4 PDH	\$ 160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Afternoon Session Only: 2pm-6	4 PDH	\$ 160	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total \$ _____			

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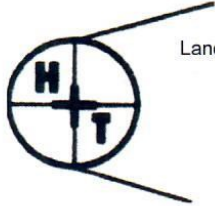
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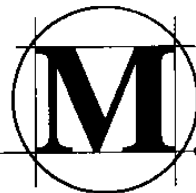
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