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2026 Summer Seminar

July 16 & 17, 2026

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Presidents Message

March 8, 2026

I hope this message finds you all in great health and a workload that will allow you to stay busy without burning the candle at both ends.

Let me start by saying it is a great honor to have been elected as the President of MAPS, and that I do not take the position or responsibility lightly. I will proudly serve this organization and the profession it represents to the best of my ability.

This year has already presented a few challenges starting with the relocation of our annual conference to Tupelo. The comments received were an overwhelming majority of positivity and desires to keep future conferences in Tupelo. Thanks to Mrs. Debra for all of her work in setting up the venue, snacks, meals, speakers, door prizes, group rates at the hotels, etc... additional thanks goes out to the speakers that made the inaugural Tupelo conference a success! Another issue we are involved with is the consolidation of redundant language in the state statutes governing engineers and surveyors (HB 1150). The officers of MAPS are working with the Board of Licensure to prevent any amendments that could be detrimental to our profession.

I have taken it upon myself to lead an effort for the expansion of the question bank to the State Specific portion of our surveyors' exams. I would like to form a committee of volunteers of licensees in hopes of increasing the question bank the Board of Licensure has to choose from. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. The Board of Licensure has voted to allow 3 continuing education credits for those that choose to assist.

Thanks again for your trust and confidence. I urge you all to vote for all elections and comment at all conventions and workshops.

Respectfully,
Kevin Hines, PLS

MAPS CALENDAR

Upcoming Seminars & Workshops

MAPS Summer Seminar

July 16 & 17, 2026

Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

November MAPS Workshop

November, 2026

MAPS 2026 Annual Convention

February 4 & 5, 2027

Cadence Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

Speaker- Gary Kent

MAPS Summer Seminar

July 15 & 16, 2027

Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

Executive Director Message

Debra Byrd

The 2026 Annual Convention in Tupelo had a great turn out. It was nice to see some new faces at the convention. Dennis Moulard gave a great presentation. MAPS 2027 Annual seminar will be back in Tupelo with Gary Kent as the speaker. Hope to see you there.

The Summer Seminar will be at the Golden Nugget July 16 &17, 2026. The registration form is on the web site. We are working to finalize the agenda. We will be having vendors and members as speakers this year.

It has been a busy start to the year. President Kevin Hines, the MAPS board and Trey have been working on HB 1150. There have been different amendments trying to be added.

In a last note, a longtime member and Past President Joe Strickland passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

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

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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SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR



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MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn
Flowood, Mississippi

1. Call to Order 12:00 PM Actual: 11:54 AM

Absent: Larry Saucier / Stuart Green / Jim Booth

2. Approve Minutes November 08, 2025 Meeting: Motion: Kevin Hines **Second:** Paul Stenum Approved: Unanimous

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

4. Review Membership Applications: N/A Email

5. Additions to Agenda:

New Business:

1. NSPS MOU 2026
2. Board Of Licensure Update
3. Survey Exam Questions - MAPS' input/assistance to the B-o-L
4. 2025 Summer Seminar - Questionnaire

6. Old Business:

A. Capitol Day

- a. Date: Thursday, January 22, 2026_No food allowed / Bottled Water

B. 811 Update – Joe W. Byrd

- A. No Significant Changes

C. NSPS Update: Provided by Tim Brewer

- A. 2025 Fall Business Meeting – Minneapolis, MN
- B. ALTA / NSPS Land Title Survey Updates
- C. AlphaGal Syndrome
- D. Southern Directors' Meeting – November
- E. Nominations for Vice President & Secretary
 - a. Vice President: Cotton Jones (NSPS Director - CO) & Richard Vannozzi (PLS-Maine College of Engineering)
 - b. Secretary: Dan Martinez (NSPS Director – NE)

F. Spring Business Meeting 2026 Washington, VA

G. Fall Business Meeting 2026 Deadwood, SD

- D. Annual Meeting 2026 – February 5 & 6 Cadence Bank Conference Center – Tupelo Center
 - A. Board of Directors Meeting
 - a. 1:00 February 4
 - B. No Louisiana Standards of Practice
- E. Summer Seminar 2026 – Golden Nugget
 - A. Louisiana Standards of Practice
 - a. Louisiana Standards of Practice Speaker – Complimentary Lodging & Conference
Motion – Kevin Hines 2nd – Jeff Black
 - B. Potential Speakers:
Tree Identification / Safety / AI Potential / Forensic Surveying
- F. Workshop 2025
 - A. 23 Paid Attendees
- G. Legislation 2026 / Board of Licensure Update
 - A. Surveying Law – Title 73 Chapter 13
Joint Meeting with MAPS and Board of Licensure
 - B. Board of Licensure requests assistance from MAPS for State Specific Licensing Exam
- H. Annual 2026
 - A. Topics
 - B. Alternate Location
- I. 2026 Election Ballot
 - President Elect – Paul Stenum
 - Southern Director – Greg Thompson
 - Central Director – Eric Williams
 - Northern Director – Greg Russell

7. New Business:

- A. NSPS MOU 2026
 - a. Signed by President & Secretary November 8, 2025

B. Board of Licensure Update – See Item G New Business

C. State Specific Survey Exam Questions – See Item G New Business

8. Next Meeting: February 8, 2026: 1:00 PM Cadence Bank Convention Center

9. Motion to Adjourn: Kevin Hines 2nd by Clay Beckwith Motion Passed

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2026 Annual Convention



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MAPS 2026 SUMMER SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM

July 16 - 17, 2026, Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

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<p>Louisiana Standards of Practice Yes _____</p> <hr style="border-top: 1px dashed black;"/> <p>Late Registration <u>after July 1, 2026</u> add \$50.00 \$ _____</p>	<p>Any Handouts will be emailed to you the week before convention.</p>									
<p>Total Fees Paid: _____</p> <p>NO REFUNDS AFTER: July 1, 2026</p>										

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

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MAPS 2026 Summer Seminar Tentative Agenda

Thursday – July 16, 2026

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 7:30 AM **Vendor class**
Deaton Geo – Tronics (PDH: 1.0)
- 8:30 AM **Vendor class**
G 360 (PDH: 1.0)
- 9.30 AM Break/View Exhibits
- 10:00 AM **Vendor class**
Seiler (PDH: 1.0)
- 11:00 AM **Latest GNSS Receiver Advancements**
Adam Arrington (PDH: 1.0)
- 12:00 PM Lunch/View Exhibits-
Lunch Included with Registration
- 1:00 PM **Open members Forum**
MAPS Board & Board of Licensure (PDH: 1.0)
- 2:00 PM **NGS – NSRS Modernization Update**
Denis Riordan (PDH: 1.0)
- 3:00 PM Break/View Exhibits
- 3:30 PM **Land Surveying: Transition from
Government to Private Practice**
Larry Saucier (PDH: 1.0)
- 4:30 PM **Elevation Certificate- Sir, can you make
these changes?**
Gene Paul Stenum (PDH: 1.0)
- 5.30 PM ADJOURN

Friday – July 17, 2026

- 7:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 7:30AM **First Aid & Safety**
Chuck Parker - Biloxi Fire department
(PDH: 1.0)
- 8:30 AM **Tree ID**
Tim Brewer, PS (PDH: 1.0)
- 9:30 AM Break/View Exhibits
- 10:00 AM **Ethics Class**
(PDH: 1.0)
- 11:00 AM **MS Standards of Practice**
(PDH:1.0)
- 12:00 AM **LA Standards of Practice**
(PDH:1.0)

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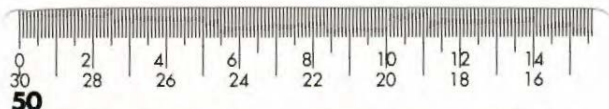
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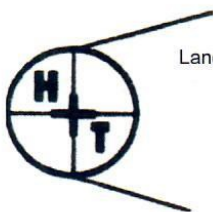
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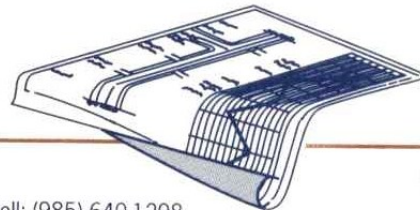
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