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- 1) Email : mississippisurveying@gmail.com
- 2) drop us a note to the above address

President's Message

September 8, 2026

Fall is almost here but our daily temperatures can still be very dangerous for those of us still beating the brush. Please be careful, stay hydrated, and most importantly, monitor your field personnel to make sure they stay healthy in the heat!

This year started in a whirlwind. We moved our annual conference to Tupelo; we were involved with the consolidation of redundant language in the statutes governing engineers and surveyors (HB 1150) as well as opposing amendments that could be detrimental to our profession. Thanks to the efforts of Trey Bobinger, the Board of Licensure (staff and Board members), Joe Byrd, and our allies in the legislature, the consolidation has been accepted without additional amendments that would have been detrimental to the professions making it past the House. Thanks to all of those that were involved with these efforts, even though I have not mentioned everyone by name here!

The expansion of the question bank to the State Specific portion of our surveyors' exams did not get the attention it deserved. Numerous people expressed the need to have more questions on specific areas, yet no one submitted questions for the Board to consider for inclusion in the question bank. I would be lying if I said I wasn't disappointed with the participation of our licensed professionals in this matter. If we don't strive to make the next generation of surveyors better, we have failed!

The North American Terrestrial Reference Frame of 2022 (NATRF2022) is scheduled to go live in 2027. The exact date is still unknown but could be as early as the second quarter of 2027. Chad Ainsworth, Ron Hilbun, Chris Pesnell, and Tim Brewer have taken the initiative to draft language for our legislation governing the State Plane Coordinate System. It is my understanding that MAPS and the Board of Licensure will have the opportunity to review the proposed language prior to selecting a sponsor to drop the bill. A huge debt of gratitude goes to these four individuals! Thank you!!!

In conclusion, MAPS has a workshop in November for those out there that may still need professional development hours. This will be the last opportunity for MAPS' sponsored continuing education. Mrs. Debra will be sending out ballots via email soon. This ballot is twofold. First to elect the next group of professionals to represent our organization, and secondly, to vote on a proposed change to our Constitution. Please take the time to complete the ballot. Your vote matters!

Respectfully,
Kevin Hines, PLS

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026

Cadence Bank Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

1. Call to Order (1:00 pm) Actual: 1:10 Absent: Jim Booth, Stuart Green, Larry Saucier & Tim Brewer

2. Minutes of the last meeting Motion: Kevin Hines Second: Jeff Black Approved: Unanimous

3. Treasurer's report as of Motion: Gene Stenum Second: Raymond Gillon Approved: Unanimous

4. Review Membership applications N/A

5. Additions to Agenda:

6. Old Business:

A. Annual 2026 – February 5 & 6, 2026 (Tupelo)

137 pre-registered - good turnout for First one in Tupelo.

9 Vendors

B. Summer 2026 – Golden Nugget

Speakers- First Aid, Tree ID, NGS up date, Maybe Vendors Hour each, Larry Saucier, and more

C. Workshops 2026–

Set for Nov.7 – 8PDH for workshop and Board meeting at after noon. Topics set at later date

D. Legislation – 2026

HB 1150 & SB 2706 both are out of committee and ready to go to the floor

E. Annual 2027-

Will be back in Tupelo for 2027. Checking to see if Gary Kent is available for Feb. 4 & 5, 2027. Topics to be set later

but maybe a Mock Trial

F. 811 Update

No update

G. NSPS Update

No update

New Business:**1) Membership Question**

Debra asked about non-Mississippi License surveyors that join MAPS. What should they be?

As discussed, they should be Associate members.

Executive Director Message

Debra Byrd

The Summer Seminar at the Golden Nugget had a great turn out. We got some great feedback from the questionnaire.

Maps will have a workshop November 7 in Pearl, MS at the Holiday Inn, next to Bass Pro Shop. The registration form is in this newsletter and on the website. We are still working on the agenda.

MAPS Annual Seminar will be February 4-5 ,2027 at the Hunting Bank Convention center, same place as last year, just a name change.

Gary Kent will be the speaker. The agenda is in this newsletter and on the website. Hope you will make plans to come.

Thank you to all of the membership for your support of MAPS. Without the membership MAPS would not be able to continuing working on behalf of 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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Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors

2026 November Workshop

Saturday November 7, 2026

Holiday Inn

110 Bass Pro Drive, Pearl, MS

Registration for Workshop -	Saturday, November 7, 2026		
Full Workshop: 7:30am-6pm	8 PDH	\$210	☐
With Lunch 11:30-1:00 on your own			
Morning Session Only: 7:30am- 11:30	4 PDH	\$160	☐
Afternoon Session Only: 1:00pm-5:00	4 PDH	\$160	☐
Total \$ _____			

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

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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

Name: _____ MS PS Number _____
First Last MS PE Number _____

Address: _____

City & State _____ Zip Code _____ County _____

Cell Phone: _____ Employer _____

Email: _____

***All correspondence will be by Email**

CLASS OF MEMBERSHIP-

Check One

REGULAR MEMBER:

A registered surveyor in the state of Mississippi (includes NSPS Membership dues)

Annual Dues \$ 170.00 ☐

NON- RESIDENT REGULAR MEMBER:

Surveyors registered in the State of Mississippi, but not a resident of Mississippi.

Annual Dues \$ 130.00 ☐

NON- RESIDENT REGULAR MEMBER (WITH NSPS MEMBERSHIP):

Annual Dues \$ 170.00 ☐

ASSOCIATE MEMBER:

Any person registered as a Surveyor Intern (SI) or interested in becoming licensed as a Professional Surveyor, one engaged in surveying or related work.

Annual Dues \$ 80.00 ☐

ASSOCIATE MEMBER (WITH NSPS):

Associate member that would like to be a NSPS member

Annual Dues \$ 120.00 ☐

STUDENT MEMBER:

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)

Annual Dues \$ 20.00 ☐

- *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 _____

MAPS CALENDAR

Upcoming Seminars & Workshops

November MAPS Workshop

November 7, 2026

Holiday Inn, Pearl, MS

MAPS 2026 Annual Convention

February 4 & 5, 2027

Huntington Bank Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

Speaker- Gary Kent

MAPS Summer Seminar

July 15 & 16, 2027

Golden Nugget, Biloxi, MS

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MAPS 2027Annual Convention Agenda

Huntington Bank Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

Thursday, February 4, 2027

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:30 AM **The Art of Retracement: Following in the Footsteps**

Gary Kent (PDH: 2.0)

9:30 AM Break/View Exhibits

10:00 AM **The Art of Retracement: Following in the Footsteps**

Gary Kent (PDH: 2.0)

12:00 PM Lunch/View Exhibits-
Lunch Included with Registration

1:00 PM **Surveyor Jeopardy**

Gary Kent (PDH: 2.0)

3:00 PM Break/View Exhibits

3:30 PM **Surveyor Jeopardy**

Gary Kent (PDH: 2.0)

5:30 PM ADJOURN

Friday, February 5, 2027

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

7:30 AM **What Change? New 2026 ALTA**

Gary Kent (PDH: 2.0)

9:30 AM Break/View Exhibits

10:00 AM **Class** (PDH: 2.0)

12:00 PM Lunch/View Exhibits-
Lunch Included with Registration

MAPS General Membership Meeting (PDH: 1.0)

1:30 PM **Ethics** (PDH: 1.0)

2:35 PM **Standards of Practice** (PDH: 1.0)
- Separate class for those licensed 5-years or less

3:35 PM ADJOURN

Hotel Details

Please mention you are with: Mississippi Association of Professional Surveyors for special group rate. You will need to make your reservation by:
January 15, 2027 for the Hilton Garden Inn, or
January 04, 2027 for the Hotel Tupelo.

Hilton Garden Inn - \$139.00

662-718-5500

363 E Main St.

Tupelo, MS 38804

Hotel Tupelo - \$159.00

662-362-6200

314 E Main St.

Tupelo, MS 38804

MAPS 2027 ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

February 4-5, 2027, Huntington Bank Conference Center, Tupelo, MS

MAPS Member Seminar Registration Fees:				* Full Package Includes:
<u>Member – Full Seminar Package*</u>	15 PDH	\$360.00	\$ _____	Registration for Thursday and Friday Seminar
Thursday only	8 PDH	\$220.00	\$ _____	
Friday only	7 PDH	\$210.00	\$ _____	
Guest Lunch - Per day	\$30.00	x _____	\$ _____	
<i>Non-Member Seminar Registration Fees:</i>				Lunch is Included with registration for Thursday and/or Friday
<u>Non-Member -Full Seminar Package*</u>	15 PDH	\$570.00	\$ _____	
Thursday only	8 PDH	\$350.00	\$ _____	
Friday only	7 PDH	\$340.00	\$ _____	
Guest lunch - Per day	\$30.00	x _____	\$ _____	You may pay for your spouse or guest to eat lunch on Thursday and /or Friday
Check if a License Surveyor 5 years or less ☐ Yes				
MAPS t-shirt included with registration: Check one Dri-Fit T shirt _____ Cotton T shirt _____				
Late Registration <u>after January 15, 2027</u> add \$50.00 \$ _____				
NO REFUNDS AFTER: January 15, 2027				Please mail this form in with payment. Or Email Form & pay online. You will not be registered for the convention until payment has been received.
Total Fees Paid: _____				

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

Name for Badge: _____

MS PLS #: _____ **Shirt Size:** _____

Email: _____

**All speakers' handouts will be digital. Handouts will not be printed.
Handouts, if any, will be delivered via email the week before convention.**

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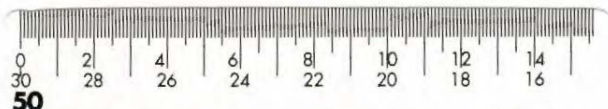
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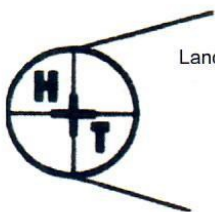


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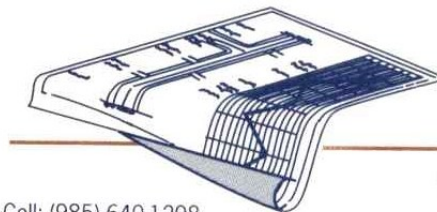
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