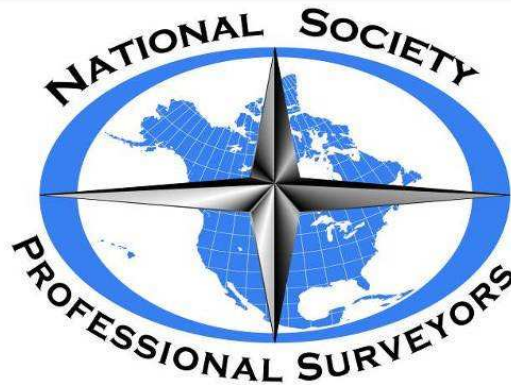


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**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**Spokane, Washington - March 7, 2008**

*Approved:* \_\_\_\_\_ *(date)*

*Secretary:* \_\_\_\_\_ *(signed)*

*J. Anthony Cavell, PLS, CFedS*

*Chairman* \_\_\_\_\_ *(signed)*

*Patrick A. Smith, RPLS*

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## Executive Summary

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MARCH 7, 2008

1.0 New Governor Orientation

2.0 Call to Order - 9:30

3.0 Roll Call

The BOG boasted a well attended meeting with 47 governors and officers present. Pat Smith of Texas is Chairman and I am Secretary

4.0 Approval of Minutes

5.0 Introduction of Guests

6.0 Adopt Order of Business

7.0 Reports

7.1 NSPS President - Patrick Beehler

This meeting is a great opportunity to serve. Encourages participation by governors, especially on committees.

7.2 ACSM Executive Director – Curt Sumner

Thanked those present for condolences for recent death of his mother  
Next spring meeting will be in Salt Lake, Utah.  
Complimented the CFedS program  
Thanks for attendance and service to the profession

7.3 NSPS Treasurer – John Fenn

Enthusiastic about the turnaround in the membership and financial position  
Report included data on many programs including  
CST gave 1,474 exams this year & Delaware ART. 2708 now requires a CST for license and many DOTs do for contracts  
Hydro Board is active  
Certified Floodplain Surveyor is growing  
TrigStar has a growing participation and almost breaks even  
The state society in Wisconsin donated \$5,000 for the good NSPS does

7.4 Board of Governors' Chairman – A. Wayne Harrison

Expressed his thanks for opportunity to serve and the honor it was for him to do so.

7.5 Joint Government Affairs – John Matonich

It's a great day to be a surveyor and it will be better tomorrow!  
FEMA, it is essential to get correctly updated maps not simply scanned in paper "mistakes"  
Map Advisory Council, having wording in bill that surveying representative be from professional surveyors organization.  
Federal Prison Industries – using existing law in forcing FPI to compete against

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private firms for mapping services fairly

COFPAES – protects surveyors as the “guardian of the Brooks Act” NSPS has a delegate and the current Chairman. Working also with the Corps to insure proper selection used for professional services. Responded to several complaints from small and large surveying firms when faced with a “for price” governmental bid, all were resolved some in mere hours.

Lobby Day - will be September 25

National Surveyors Week – House rules require 50 co-sponsors we have started and already have 16. There is no reason not to have unanimous co-sponsors. Contact your congressman.

Trying to change a law that will go into effect in 2010 requiring government agencies with budget over \$100,000,000 to withhold 3% of your invoice and no date specified when to return. Trying to repeal this.

Monumentation of Abandoned Railroads – Huge interest in this. Congress is waiting for NSPS proposal . (this was addressed in the BOG & passed in the BOD)

Small Community Visioning is a push by the American Society of Landscape Architects to promote their profession by becoming the responsible professional group for mapping, GIS and foundations and more. We are going to squelch it.

Good Samaritan Act –covers A&E pushing to cover A& E&S

Height Modernization- NGS has budget cut in half. Depending on partners (LSU is one of established partners)

TrigStar – Trying to get some federal funding for program

HR36 Step act –to forgive student loans for engineers, if so then we want for surveyors too ... won't go anywhere

Alabama Rural Surveyor Bill – Giving support to the local association as and when requested.

PAC – raised \$6,800 at the previous night's NSPS auction

We're here to help. Call on us.

### 7.6 CST – Rita Lumos

We are producing some new study materials for the CST exams –expensive but should pay for themselves when sold and enable the next round of material development

Congratulations and thanks to Curt Sumner, ACSM Exec. Dir. for wonderful success and condolences for loss of his mother

### 7.7 NSPS Membership Development – Jon Warren

Others have spoken already on many things here are a few more

Free complimentary memberships for new registrants –help them apply at state conference booths

Sliding scale dues program – more states are using it

Member Benefits Committee working on new things

NSPS Presentation being “freshened up”

FAQs are coming to the web site

### 7.8 NSPS Insurance Program – Joe Dolan

There is now ONE agency servicing the NSPS Insurance Program, Lisa Isom &

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Insurance Risk Managers. Will streamline things for everyone. Invite them to your conferences. They will work in the NSPS booth.

I bought into the program at tremendous savings. I don't know why anyone would want to throw good money away.

7.9 NCEES – Dr. Gene Corley, NCEES President

Preventing cheating is the big workload at NCEES. New exam format has helped

Working on universal definition of the “+30” part of most states’ requirements

Moving to computer based testing, Surveyors may get it first

7.10 Trig-Star – Jerry Juarez

Recognized the work of former chairman John Chagnon

We will have a July 18-19 meeting in Reno

7.11 NGS – Dave Doyle

Normally the Director of NGS Dave Zilkoski would make this presentation. I

know how much he enjoys being at ACSM, but he was unable to be here

Height modernization is on going

10-year plan is out but needs to keep fresh and updated

GRAV-D is the new big project at NGS to develop a better model

OPUS & OPUS-RS is a success and will be growing to include OPUS-DB and OPUS

Project

Standards for conversion for all states nearing completeness. 6 still need definitions

7.12 Museum of Surveying – Robert Church/William Snyder

Work is progressing on the National Museum. Financing in place and more

coming. Lincoln bicentennial is next year and should be a boost for the museum

Hired a Director William Snyder from the Lincoln Library

7.13 ACSM Conferences – John D. Hohol

the next conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It will be February 19-24, 2009

This conference should top 1,500 attendees

7.14 FIG - John D. Hohol

Surveyors around the world all have similar surveying problems

last meeting was in Hong Kong

Next meeting scheduled for September

7.15 BLM – Don Buhler

BLM is responsible for managing most of the federal energy

BLM survey request have a make 10 yrs of work but no budget to accomplish

CFedS looks very successful and intended to relieve much of that backlog

A New Manual of Instruction is due to be published by May 2009

7.16 State Statutes – Robert Dahn

Compilation of matrix of various states’ statutes related to surveying almost

finished. Need your help to complete and clean up.

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7.17 ALTA – Gary Kent

Things should start to pick up next year as we prepare for amendments to the current specifications.

8.0 Unfinished Business

8.1 Policy regarding the Release of the NSPS Mailing List – Policy was adopted by Board of Directors and implemented with the 2008 membership renewal. Information was provided to all members, with option to not be on distributed mail lists.

8.2 The Monument Locating Co. – As requested by the Minnesota Society of professional Surveyors, the NSPS President sent a letter supporting the MSPS efforts to take action against The Monument Locating Co. at the state affiliate level

8.3 Web Based Online Education Programs  
Assigned to task committee

8.4 NSPS Awards – Awards Committee created

8.5 Railroad Abandonment  
Committee has worked hard all year refining the language with input from all over the country.

9.0 New Business

9.1 NSPS Foundation Report on Safety Video  
Request for status report on Safety Video – motion passed

9.2 NSPS Web Site Modernization  
Motion to improve the design and operation of the Web services at NSPS –  
Motion passed

9.3 SE Nebraska Land Surveyors Association MOU with Nebraska Department of Roads  
Report on agreement reached in Nebraska regarding monumenting Highway ROW to surveying standards

9.4 Railroad Monumentation Preservation  
Assigned to committee

9.5 Alabama “Rural Surveyor” Legislation  
Report on the attempts to rewrite and lessen requirements for license in Alabama and their efforts so far. – Motion Passed  
(This is very similar to the attempt by then Rep. LaFleur in Louisiana a few years ago.)

9.6 Journalism Awards  
Motion to improve information available to state affiliates about awards criteria  
– Motion passed

9.7 Marketing Consultant – Membership Development  
Motion withdrawn

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- 9.8 NSPS "Green" Initiative
  - Motion to reduce paper usage at NSPS – Motion passed
- 9.9 Surveyors' Hazards & Diseases
  - Motion to develop a manual covering the hazards of surveying – Motion passed
- 9.10 Monuments of Subdivisions
  - Reports on legislative accommodations for delayed monumentation for subdivision developments.
- 9.11 Assignment of Motions and Action Items to Task Committees
- 10.0 Presentations/ Elections
  - 10.1 Service Awards
    - P Smith: recognizes 27 years of service by Harold Charlier has served in his position
      - 10.1.1 15 ears
        - Wayne D. Brubacher (Canada)
      - 10.1.2 5 Years
        - Warren D. Ward (Colorado)
        - Craig A. Palmer (Kentucky)
        - Vaughn C. Button (Vermont)
    - 10.2 Key Governor Presentation (Fall, 2007– Arlington, VA)
      - Rick Howard (CT)
    - 10.3 Spring 2008 Key Governor Vote
      - Debra Anderson (MT)
  - 11.0 Good of the Order
    - 11.1 John Swann NSPS foundation raffle drawing
      - Winner of raffle: Debra Anderson
    - 11.2 Debra Anderson invited to speak
      - Railroad Monumentation Committee will be contacting the states for support
    - 11.3 Governor's Scholarship Contribution Collection
      - Governors invited to make the expected \$40 donation
    - 11.4 Adjourn 4:00

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## Minutes

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MARCH 7, 2008

### 1.0 New Governor Orientation

9:31 a.m.

### 2.0 Call to Order by Chairman Patrick A. Smith

Rules of procedure explained by Chairman Smith

### 3.0 Roll Call by Secretary J. Anthony Cavell

Chairman Patrick A. Smith ✓

Officers

Secretary J. Anthony Cavell ✓

Governors

Alabama	J. W. Kennedy	✓	Missouri	Charles Kutz	✓
Alaska	George Strother	✓	Montana	Debra Anderson	✓
Arizona	Chuck Paddack	✓	Nebraska	David Schmitz	✓
Arkansas	Stephen Corley	✓	Nevada	Paul Burn	✓
California	Matthew Vernon	✓	New Hampshire	Mark C. Sargent	✓
Canada	Wayne Brubacher	✗ex	New Jersey*	Frank Lenik	✓
Colorado	Warren Ward	✗	New Mexico	Gary Eidson	✓
Connecticut	Tom Drury??	✓	New York	Malcolm Shaw	✓
Delaware	Bob Wijkowski	✓	North Carolina	Mike Benton	✓
District of Columbia	Roland Dreist	✗	North Dakota	Curtis Glasoe	✓
Florida	Michael Maxwell	✓	Ohio	Thomas Besch	✓
Georgia*	Robert T. Armstrong	✗	Oklahoma*	D.W. Converse	✓
Guam*	Thomas Condon	✓	Oregon	Lloyd Tolbert	✓
Hawaii	Kevin K. Kea, LPLS	✓	Pennsylvania	Robert Miller	✓
Idaho	Kim Leavitt	✓	Puerto Rico*	Ismael Carrasquillo	✗
Illinois	Timothy Burch, PLS	✓	Rhode Island*	Thomas Drury	✓
Indiana*	E. Bengel	✓	South Carolina	Henry B. Dingle	✓
Iowa	Richard Leu		South Dakota	Tom Berkland	✓
Kansas	Larry Graham	✓	Tennessee*	John Kohl	✗
Kentucky	Craig Palmer	✓	Texas	Patrick Smith	✓
Louisiana	Tony Cavell, PLS	✓	Utah	Steven V. Keisel	✓
Maine	Stephen Gould	✓	Vermont	Vaughn Button	✓
Maryland*	Alan Dragoo	✗	Virginia	Steven Douty	✓
Massachusetts	A. Wayne Harrison	✓	Washington	Bill Glassey	✓
Michigan	Craig Amey	✓	West Virginia	Nelson Douglass	✓
Minnesota	John Freemyer	✓	Wisconsin	Francis R. Thousand	✓
Mississippi*	Richard Brantley	✓	Wyoming	Cotton Jones	✓

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### State Executives' Representatives

Small State Representative Melany Pearce ✓ Large State Representative Robert E. Church ✓  
47 members answered the call. 7 are absent.

Alabama Society of Professional Land Surveyors President, Billy Grizzard answered for Alabama  
Governor J. W. Kennedy.

We have a quorum.

### ***4.0 Approval of Minutes***

Minutes from Arlington, Virginia Meeting, September 30, 2007 were distributed.

Passed by voice without objection

### ***5.0 Introduction of Guests***

New Governors were introduced

Governors introduced guests present at the meeting

Dignitaries, Officers and Directors of the Board of Directors present were introduced.

### ***6.0 Adoption of Order of Business***

Addition of 9.10 by Billy Grizzard, proxy from Alabama, on Monumentation of Subdivisions

Approved as amended by voice without objection

### ***7.0 Reports***

#### ***7.1 NSPS President - Patrick Beehler***

About 10 years ago, as immediate past president of Washington State Land surveyors Association, I was new on the Board of Governors. 10 years later I have the distinct privilege and honor to have been elected as president of NSPS. I follow in the footsteps of many people some of whom have been excellent mentors. Particularly Past President Rita Lumos who really led the way for me and has been my mentor. I hope you are mentors to other people you are working with as someone has helped you along the way.

One thing I would ask is your participation and help on committees. It is nice to come to the Board of Governors meeting and sit here and spend this day doing some very important things, but there are other committees and activities within NSPS that have a need for your participation. Many of you do already and I really appreciate that.

I was sitting with Jerry Goodson discussing that there is another organization that NSPS belongs to called ACSM that has committees that if you have any interest, please let me know because we are looking for a few people to fill them. Jerry Goodson is Chairman of Administration committee; there is ACSM Awards, Budget and Finance with John Matonich as Treasurer, Communications with Tom Burkland as Chairman, Conference Planning, Care, and Government Affairs with John Matonich as Chairman.

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There is a great opportunity for you to serve and participate in this professional organization and all the affiliated organizations we collectively belong to. I urge you to continue your good work and I thank you personally for your participation. It's great to see all you folks come out here to Washington State (The Real Washington) I want to encourage you to continue and to enjoy your stay.

9:48 a.m.

### **7.2 ACSM Executive Director – Curt Sumner**

Good morning. I've been told a few times that the best part of every talk I give is the end. So I'm going to start there today. Seriously I want to thank everyone who by whatever way expressed kind thoughts and prayers to me and my family on the passing of my mom. It means a whole lot to me.

Our conference next year will be February 19-24 in Salt Lake. Our partners will be WestFed Utah and Montana. So be prepared to bring your snow equipment and to enjoy yourselves. This particular time will be similar to this current one beginning mid week and ending on Sunday.

Don Buhler is here and as you know ACSM is participating in the CFedS program. I think it is a great program and exactly the sort of program we should be participating in; providing training, outreach and opportunity to the surveying community across the country.

In several meetings we had the discussion about the current topic of the day "The Alabama Rural Surveyor" bill. Our place is to support you in what you need from us locally. If you have issues in your state call us to support you. We won't go in and take over but we will help as we are able. This Board of Governors plays a big role in orchestrating how we assist the state organizations.

This is a fantastic facility for our meeting. The hall is nice. The service is nice. We also demonstrate our concern for your health by the walk necessary to get from the meetings to the exhibits.

You can't get away from who you are. You shouldn't want to. I am a surveyor. I am a red neck. I decided to trade vehicles with my son. I asked his wife Robin to come along who cuts my hair so I could get it cut at the rest stop when we traded. Of course he was humiliated by this. I thought we had a practical solution to a problem. I suppose if you get your hair cut at the Interstate rest stop you know you are a red neck.

I am so proud of the attendance at this meeting. Thank you for serving your states and our profession.

9:56 a.m.

### **7.3 NSPS Treasurer – John Fenn**

I'm passing out to you this morning is a copy of the budget which include a history and the profit and loss statement for 2007. I will touch on the highlights of those papers however if you see something that you'd like to questions me about please do so now or if you see me during the next few days.

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I want to call your attention to the CST program for 2007. As you know NSPS has been sponsoring this program for a number of years often in the negative. Last year the CST 1474 exams and this year already up to about 300. The income totaled 241,885 the expenses were 125 443 left us net income 116,442. Wow! We've always thought this was a program of the future and it sure has turned around to the point that we can all be very proud.

I like to diverge to read something that came to me from the state of Delaware. Art 2708 "an applicant who has applied for licensure under the charges shall submit evidence under oath and satisfactory to the board ... Has 5.5 years of experience under the direct supervision of a professional surveyor in the active practice of Land Surveying and has attained level 4 technician certification established by the National Society of Professional Surveyors."

This is great we are getting recognized across the United States many DOTs have instituted requirements that unless you have a licensed surveyor or a level 3 certified technician by NSPS one may not work on their jobs. We are being recognized and the program is doing great things

The Hydro Board has taken on a new look. Mr. Beehler has been working with them a small board with a small budget that is holding to its budget. They show a great deal of promise

We continue to work with the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program; certain to be a successful program of the future.

TrigStar is growing. We are doing a lot of good things with the program. Income of \$19,180 expenses of \$24,322 for a loss \$5,000. This seems very insignificant. Those of you involved with TrigStar must be very proud.

Last year NSPS income was \$1,099,000 expenses of \$916,354 leaving a net of \$182,660. So we are in fairly decent shape at this time. As of yesterday we show in the operating account \$345,772 (after we paid ACSM about \$212,000) and our membership renewals are still coming in.

We have CD with Bank of America totaling \$470,291. Renewals so far 2008 (February) 2,662 since June 2007 out of 4,236 members. I think we have to thank the programs that are successful such as the insurance program which I can commend to you.

From all facets of membership we had in 2004 - 3,762; in 2005 - 3,854; in 2006 - 4,033 and in 2007 - 4,236. This indicates growth and you deserve congratulations for spreading the word about NSPS.

I don't normally do this but I'd like to read a letter from the state of Wisconsin in 12/2007 They said, "In response to efforts to convince state affiliates of NSPS to have joint membership Wisconsin hasn't necessarily embraced that but we so realize and appreciate the need for the voice of the profession at the national level. It is with this thought that we wish to extend a small token of recognition for the efforts put forth by the organization and enclose please find a check for \$2,000 to be placed in the general account and used as necessary." I wish to personally thank the state of Wisconsin for that.

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If there are there any questions please see me anytime.

10:05 a.m.

**7.4 Board of Governor's Chair – Patrick Smith/Wayne Harrison**

Postponed

10:07 a.m.

**7.5 Joint Government Affairs – John Matonich**

Good morning. It's a great day to be a surveyor. It is an even better day to be in Government Affairs if you are a surveyor and will be better tomorrow.

There is a written report distributed to the governors please distribute it to your states.

Remember when someone asks why should I belong to the national? Roll up this report and hit them over the head. In it is exactly why one should belong to national.

We continue to work with some of the coalitions for instance the flood hazard identification plan (FEMA maps). It is essential. Getting FEMA to update maps properly is not just scanning in crappy paper maps. We finally got their attention We are seeing appropriations specifically earmarks for true modernization and not for simply taking something that was paper and scanning it to be "electronic".

We are also looking at some bill establishing a map advisory council. We have language in that bill that says a member has to be from a recognized professional surveying association; Also a professional mapping association. That was the language WE got put in the bills. We are looking at an appropriation somewhere near \$400M for map modernization.

Federal Prison Industries SB 705 deals with keeping sensitive geographic information out of the hand of federal prisoners. We won a small battle with FPI by citing a law requiring FPI to competitive bid everything. They were sole source suppliers for everything. They must now get quotes before doing the work. A strong victory for those opposed to FPI competing with private industry.

COFPAES is our council on federal procurement, the Brooks Bill watchdog. We've been a long time member of COFPAES. One of our own, Rick Allen, is now the chairman of COFPAES so we will recommend that the Board of Directors appoint Joe Dolan as delegate to the COFPAES. I am the alternate delegate.

January 8 was a meeting with the CORPS with asst secretary having to do with contracting with the corps and COFPAES is our watchdog. We've been contacted by members about a half dozen times about contracting issues where price was an qualification for surveying. All of those were turned back, several in only a few hours. They were put back to qualification based contracts. These were not large firms. They were small operations.

Lobby Day will be Thursday September 25 the day before the Fall meeting. I'd like to see every Governor there. We'll establish issues keeping them small and set up appointments. It is very effective when one of their constituents asks them for something. Come join us on Capitol Hill. We hope to put on an education session

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for the staffers on Wednesday. With posters and exhibits so to introduce ourselves as surveyors to those who work on the hill.

National Surveyors week, we have 16 co-sponsors in the house we need 50. With 50 governors sitting here I ask you to contact your representative to support HR223. We need 50 sponsors by their rules. The Senate's is ready to move it now. My congressman is on the list. Is yours? We'll get you some language to use when you contact him. Always ask for a call back. We should have 435 so-sponsors.

Small business assoc nothing new there - no support in the senate

3% withholding on government contracts we are teamed with the Chamber of Commerce. A bill was passed a few years ago that would require any government agencies with a budget over 100M by 2011 to withhold 3% of money if doing work for them, to maybe get it back in 12 months. We are working to repeal this legislation. Unfortunately since it doesn't take effect until 2011 not much will likely happened until just before 2011.

Monumentation for abandoned Railroads. The committee formed last year has been working very hard to craft the language and once we receive the language we will push it. Representative Overstar & transportation committee is already interested in it and waiting for our input. Government Affairs doesn't write the language we champion it. We have real property issues when the tracks are removed. This is very important to us.

Accountability in government contracting. COFPAES with senator Susan Collins trying to get some language in SB680. What it does is to require more qualifications based selection for surveying and particularly for mapping. Surveying has always been clearly included but mapping not specifically. The engineering required is often not considered.

Small Community Visioning is a push by the American Society of Landscape Architects to promote their profession to be the profession to promote Small Community Visioning including mapping, GIS, foundational surveys. So we met with the leaders of ASLA and they've some new language. We stand to oppose it if we don't like what we see. Congress doesn't like it when sister professions disagree so that should effectively kill it.

Good Samaritan act is where if you help someone while out there working you can't be held liable for it. Surveying is left off the language. They say the meaning of "engineering" includes surveying. We disagree and want AES not AE.

Height Modernization presentation by Renee Shields show then have problems with budgets they have good programs in California, North Carolina, Wisconsin, Louisiana but their budget has dropped from \$10M to \$5m.

Federal funding for TrigStar. We are trying to get it from congress. They flip-flopped on us. We went in asking for a few hundred thousand dollars and they said we don't even look at such small numbers. So we wrote up 5M and now they said, "whoa too big too big." So now we are rewriting again.

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National Geospatial Advisory Committee ACSM has representation but no NSPS members chosen! There is only one surveyor but he is mostly a photogrammetrist. They need someone from NSPS.

Geospatial coalition stakeholders meeting is a group of all the associations. Curt attends this meeting. Issues are discussed on a broad basis. They want to be called COGO Council On Geospatial Organizations. It is a great forum for everyone in the geospatial industry.

HR36 Step act. Because there is a shortage of engineers we should forgive the student loans for engineers. We said "Cool but what about the student loads for surveyors?" We believe it won't go very far because all groups will want the same

Alabama legislation. We will do what we can to help them lead the fight. We don't want to take over any state issue but are willing and ready to throw our support where it will help.

PAC. We gave to three fundraisers this year of about \$1,000 each. I believe when I came to this committee about 12 years ago I think our balance was only about \$500. It is your support through the auction and donations that makes this successful. The committee doesn't get to spend the money. All requests must be approved by PAC trustees chaired by Tommy Brooks. Last night we raised over \$6,800 dollars at the auction. That is our only fund raiser.

That's my report. Any questions?

Curtis Glasoe from North Dakota: We had a situation with the Brooks bill and we got very quick action from John and his committee. Thank you, John

George Strother from Alaska: - Question about typo on page 2 top paragraph 400,000 per year?

Matonich: Yes that is a typo should be \$4000,000,000

Matonich: We're here to help. We're here to be part of the arsenal in the NSPS quiver of weapons; why you should belong to the national. It's not simply because of Government Affairs. There are a number of other programs that make up the rest. Thank you for your attention.

10:31 a.m.

### **7.6 CST - Rita Lumos**

I don't know how it happens that every year I have to follow John Matonich. He's a tough act to follow.

John Fenn told you about the CST program and how well it is doing. I thanked the CST Board last night. Now I want to thank you. I asked you a couple of years ago to go back to your states and push the program You've done that and We have tripled the number of exams we've given in that period of time.

We've been asked to produce some educational materials. We're negotiating with some folks to put together materials for the Level I Program. It will be expensive but I think a good market for it and prove a good addition to our CST Program

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I'd like to diverge a bit if the chairman will indulge me. You may remember a few years ago that NSPS was on the brink of disaster. We were losing members we were in financial trouble. ACSM was in financial trouble. We brought on Curt Sumner as our Executive Director and he has been the most wonderful ambassador for this organization anyone could ever have. Curt's mother passed away recently, unexpectedly, as you heard. We think NSPS should do something special to express our thanks. The family has requested donations be made to the church where his father was preacher and his mother was still active. I am going to pass around a basket and ask you to consider contribute to the fund that his family as requested.

10:35 a.m.

### **7.10 NCEES – Rita Lumos & NCEES Guests**

NCEES is an organization we've worked hard with over the years with a great relationship. They support the TrigStar program and helped develop the speaker's kit. A number of representatives from ACSM and NSPS sit on their liaison councils. We are pleased to have with us Gene Dinkins Southern Zone Vice President and member of their Board of Directors and Dr. Gene Corley President of NCEES who will say a few words for us.

Dr. Corley: Thank you Rita, Earlier someone said Rita was a mentor to him and Rita was also my mentor in the NCEES as chairwoman of the most important committee at NCEES the one that changes the model law and model rules for engineering and surveying. I was a lowly committee member. I learned from Rita how to work on that committee and managed to become chairman after she left.

There are a few things I want to mention about things we are doing at NCEES that will affect surveying. One of our major issues is to protect the exam from cheaters. It must be a big business to steal the exams because people do amazing thing to try to scan, copy and transmit the exams. The most recent thing we put in was dividing up exams where engineers could see all the exams and choose what portion they took. Now they choose before getting the exam. We also rearrange the order of the questions on the exams handed out. It does complicate answer sheets etc. It takes more organizational efforts to grade and slow down the exam process. We hope to minimize this through training.

We've tried to clarify some of the rules how to bring in a new exam or to do away with one. This may be an issue: if a GIS or photogrammetry portion is added is that 10 states have to demand an exam before we can prepare it.

We're modifying our constitution and by-laws by combining them. We are changing the terms to shorter time frames. Now we are being affected at NCEES by folks who are ready for office at NCEES but no longer on a board due to term limits. Our changes will require full blessing from any exceptions.

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Model rules changed to reflect the B.S. +30 requirements. Georgia has voted to require a Master degree for engineers in 2015. Nebraska has legislation pending require B.S. +30 as entry level. Our task force is trying to define what the +30 is. Task force will likely recommend a delay beyond 2015.

Our finances are in good shape

Western one resolved to tell ABET to stop cutting down on the number of hours for accreditation. It will be interesting to see ABET's reaction.

Under licensure we have a booth for the first time and it is getting a lot of traffic from people interested.

We also decided that in one year we will be the primary sponsor for National Engineers Week and then National Surveyors week. It is a one-time thing being fairly expensive.

On computer based testing. I appointed a task committee to investigate the issue of computer based testing. We looked a couple of years ago but determined we weren't ready. It requires a large database and it is a major cost to switch over. We hope adequate planning will smooth the transition. It may be surveying that is the first exam to go that way.

The last issue is calculators. I think we have solved the problems. Complaints are way down. WE made a mistake by being overly cautious rule writing. It meant in one line that only a solar powered unit qualified. The list has been updated and seems to be working.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you.

10:51 a.m.

### **7.7 NSPS Membership Development – Jon Warren**

Good morning. How many have your NSPS shirts on? "Show of hands" We need more wearing the shirt at their chapter meetings and national meetings. People need to see the logo.

The Johns have told you many of the great things we do. We have a lot of great ways to sell the membership. You are the soldiers to bring a consistent message throughout the country. Our goal is 10% increase per year. If just the folks in this room get four that would meet our goal.

Use the free complimentary membership at your meetings. We have new instructions on how to use the booth and promote Perhaps our goal should be to return to 10,000 members! Work your booth and ask the insurance rep to join you. Keep Trish and Curt informed about when state meetings are. Collect the business cards at meeting so Trish can follow up.

Oregon has recently joined the sliding scale program. Promote the Joint billing program for 10% discount. We plan to send the announcement again. Remember to send new licensees invitations for complementary memberships or send names to Trish. We now require them to fill out application rather than a blanket over all new licensees.

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We have created a member benefits committee to search for new tools for promoting membership. We're Hiring a consultant to review our membership program and make recommendations. I hope for a report by the fall meeting.

Power point is to be freshened up with current salary numbers etc. It works well at chapter meetings.

We will post FAQs soon on the website. Trish is currently gathering them.

We are moving ahead with a little bit of a surge. Let's shoot for 5,000 in memberships!

Melany Pearce: why can't we put notice of complementary membership application on line? Then if they are interested they can fill it out. Right now there are a lot of folks in the supply chain.

A: That would be great

11:06

### ***Special Announcement***

Lumos: We collected \$1,080 for Curt Sumner by passing the hat

11:07 a.m.

### ***7.8 NSPS Insurance Program – Joe Dolan***

Dolan: Good morning ladies and Gents. The Insurance program has undergone a major change within the last month and you may not be aware of it. We have negotiated a new contract for the agency. We now have one exclusive agent that will handle the entire program for the entire United States, Lisa Isom of Insurance Risk Managers. Previously we had two agents Younts Insurance of North Carolina east of the Mississippi for general liability and West was Assurance Risk and professional coverage by Assurance Risk for entire country.

In January Younts notified us that due to changes in their business plans and asked to be released from being an agent for the program. Younts had done a good job for us and we wished them well in their future endeavors.

Now with the new agreement thru 1/1/2010 with Assurance Risk we are confident they will be able to handle all the insurance that was previously being split. One of the reasons it won't be a detrimental change is all the special programs available to NSPS members are written through Hartford exclusively through Assurance Risk Managers. Even when Younts sold a policy it was through the ARM agency. It will likely eliminate possible confusion with one contact source for all.

On our website there will be direct links into the program and a provision where ARM will place on line securely order insurance.

Aggressive attendance at state meeting has been a hallmark.

I'm looking forward to a great improvement. I want to ask you to please take off any other references than to ARM from state web pages

Another thing is to solicit quotes from those who have gotten insurance from this program. We need some testimonials from Governors.

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I want to point out when you get a quote they need to get a broker of record. It isn't a big deal or detrimental in any way but necessary to get the quote. It may be changed back in an instant by signing another BOR statement.

I can't believe someone doesn't want to save money and I believe this is the best available. Good solid companies with great ratings.

Smith: Introduced Lisa Isom to the assembly and welcomed

Isam: Our booth is next to the ACSM bookstore in the exhibits. Also, those clients who have worked with Younts will continue to work with Laura as an agent of my agency.

11:16 a.m.

*Recess for 10 minutes*

11:33 a.m.

### **7.9 NSPS Foundation – John Swan**

Thank you My name is John Swan from Maine; former Governor and former Area 1 Director and I now have the honor of Chairman of the Education Foundation as of about 2 hours ago. Joe Dolan Vice Chairman. Fred Jefferson is the treasurer You've heard from a Rita and a number of Johns telling you NSPS is heading in the right direction. Well, I'm another John and I'm going to tell you that the Education Foundation is heading in the right direction also.

We manage just over \$600,000 for scholarships and disaster relief and medical expenses. We are in discussion with Pennsylvania and South Dakota to manage some or all of their education foundation money. Our AAGS director Steve Frank gave a personal donation this morning of \$10,000 to the foundation so we are definitely heading in the right direction. We gave out \$30K last year. The governors' fund has a little over \$6,800 in it.

Our primary goal is our safety program. I'd be less than candid if I didn't tell you it hasn't gone as well as we hoped. We are under contract. The total cost is about \$150,000. The foundation has made the first down payment of seed money of \$73,000 that comes from our operating budget. We do have the money that is pledged to the program which hasn't been spent yet. We are still working on a primary sponsor. We are convinced we can get one or two but just have to get to the right people. It is difficult. We haven't given up. We are still going to go and making a conscious effort to keep the program invigorated.

I apologize for not having a written report but as I said I've only been chairman for two hours.

One other thing. I want to remind you of the raffle we are having in the ACSM booth in the exhibit hall of three firearms from Cabellas worth \$1,100, \$800 and \$300 . You win a gift card and are not obligated to purchase a gun. The tickets are \$20 and 6/\$100 with the drawing to be Sunday afternoon. Please participate and help our fund raiser for the Foundation

Thank you

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### *Order of Business*

Smith: With your permission and in order to accommodate people who are absent or present but who have other committee meetings or the like to attend I may jump around a bit in the order of business

Smith: ALTA committee was inadvertently left off the order of business so I will add them back to the order as item 7.18 if there is no objection. Also since Gary Kent is present I will ask for his report at this time

11:40 a.m.

### **7.18 ALTA – Gary Kent**

Thank you and good morning. We just had our meeting. There were three of us there. I believe that is because you are all here. We are going to see if we can avoid that conflict going forward.

At this meeting next year in Salt Lake we will start working on amendments if needed so watch for that. I will start communicating with you some of the many questions some of which are good and some questionable but all are brought to the committee.

I did submit a written report to which you may refer.

### **7.10 NCEES – Rita Lumos & NCEES Guests**

Called earlier in the day

### **7.11 Trig-Star – John Chagnon**

Deferred

### **7.12 NGS – Dave Doyle/Dave Zilkoski**

Deferred

11:41 a.m.

### **7.13 Museum of Surveying – Robert Church/William Snyder**

Bob Church: the establishment of the National Museum of Surveying is continuing in Springfield Illinois. The Board of Directors approved hiring a director on January 8, 2008, William Snyder. He was the director of museum programs and senior curator at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library. We are fortunate to have someone like William to work with us. He has already attended 2 state conferences and is standing frequently in our booth in the exhibit hall. Please stop by to meet him and learn about our progress.

Financial support continues to come in from all across the nation, including state associations, societies, chapters and individuals. Even 2 student chapters have contributed. At the recent IPSLA conference one individual pledged

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to match up to \$5,000 all donations to the museum during the conference which netted \$10,000.

We are receiving a cash increment financing grant and low interest loan in the amount of \$218,000 from the City of Springfield. Grant of \$118,000 and low interest loan of \$100,000 will pay for the façade easement for front of building, one-half the cost of updating the elevator system, second story energy efficient windows, and misc updates such as handicap restrooms. The grant is a reimbursable grant so we obtained a bridge loan to begin renovations.

The grant will allow us to complete the improvement and allow two tenants to move into the office suites on the second floor to generate income to defray monthly costs.

The board has also applied for a tourism attraction grant from state of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity in the amount of \$282,583 with support letter from many officials.

We hope to be open by the end of this year. February 12, 2009 will be the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln. There will be many celebrations through the National and state commissions with central Illinois at the focus of many of these events and the National Museum of Surveying will be a part of it.

Please pass the word that the National Museum is moving forward. We appreciate the support from you all and hope to see you at the grand opening. I'll introduce William Snyder to bring you up to date on a few things.

William Snyder: As Bob mentioned we have the building in downtown Springfield - a wonderful location- right around the corner from the Lincoln Presidential Library. They are attracting about 600,000 visitors a year. If we get just 10% of that number we are going to be doing well.

Another grant we've applied for is to the US Commission on Commerce, Justice and Science. That will support a major exhibit we want to have from NOAA. We are programming for all grade levels.

I got a call this morning from the city grant coordinator our proposal is going forward to the city council so we should have approval of that within a couple of weeks.

First board meeting this month is a all day retreat. What I want to do is to take them around to see what our competition is.

Please read our brochure and become a member. Thank you all, but especially Maryland, Wisconsin, Virginia and Illinois who each donated over \$10,000. I will be available at the booth.

11:50 a.m.

### **7.14 ACSM Conferences - John D. Hohol**

Thank you, Pat. In the back of the room is information on the next conference in Salt Lake City, Utah. It will be February 19-24, 2009 in partnership with

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Utah Council of Land Surveyors there are two official hotels; the Hilton and Marriott very close by. Salt Lake is a great location with many things to do. It will be February, so snow activities like skiing will be possible.

Here in Spokane we have had a good attendance of 1,480 so far and will likely break 1,500. Workshops are well attended. Things are going well despite serious competition from ConExpo this year, which takes some of the exhibitors. They've sent their local vendors instead.

11:52 a.m.

**7.15 FIG - John D. Hohol**

I put together a report of the delegation activities of 2007 and basically it compiles the various activities the delegation - two meetings, the FIG working week of last May in Hong Kong and regional conference in November.

For those who read my column in the Bulletin most of the information is available there. FIG is a good opportunity to interact with the international community. We have a dynamic delegation now. That really helps. The support we get is extremely important to help fund the delegate to attend the conferences. NSPS, GIS and AAGS comprise the ACSM forum. We very much appreciate your support we also get some funding from BLM and NIS. For many years it's been who can afford it out-of-pocket.

It's very interesting that it doesn't matter where the conference is or from where the people come, surveying is surveying - everywhere.

Thank you very much.

11:55 a.m.

**7.16 BLM - Don Buhler**

Thank you. It is a pleasure to be with the governors. I was with you last year and I'm from the "other" Washington, the one that does a lot of funny things. We work in D.C. That's where all the federal budgets are done and that is why I came last year. When you look at the budgetary process, it's one of those really ugly situations; a lot like making sausage; often something better unseen.

I passed out a report that you should have. The biggest thing BLM is doing is a lot of community growth and energy development is the southwest. The BLM manages most of the federal energy. In our report we outline how many surveys are being done for not only the BLM but other federal agencies and the BIA. About 2,700 different survey requests at a cost estimated about \$280,000,000.

There's no way we can get this work done with our current budget with about 10 years cost with our current budget. One of the things we developed is the Certified Federal Surveyor program that is also on this report. I think that gives us greater flexibility and capacity to get some of this work done; if congress ever decides to fund some of this.

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I hope we can work with the legislative group from NSPS to get some of this work done. I think there were a lot of people who helped support our budget which was slated for reduction. But we did see some result from the efforts of NSPS and ACSM and others. I thank NSPS for that support and I think it is something we should continue into the next legislative session

The Manual of Instruction for the Survey of Public Lands of the United States. We've been working since 1973 when the last one was published. That's when we starting rewriting .We've finished the latest draft, gone through internal review and hoping to get through the solicitors office then have NSPS do a review as well as some other organizations. Our plan is to publish in May 2009.

We are also having a lot of CFedS programs with workshops today and the latest graduation Saturday night. We now have about 138 CFedS in 39 states. Over 525 PLS enrolled in the program. Right now you can enroll anytime and the enrollment is growing daily with great interest. Over 45 states are represented in the applicants or current CFedS.

There is tremendous interest in this. I was reminded by Mr. Cavell who did a review of the program in *The American Surveyor* that it is for much more than just the PLSS. The course has proven valuable for surveyors from all regions. The CFedS will give us the greater capacity we need.

Before I conclude, I'd like to put in a plug for Salt Lake. I grew up in Salt Lake and believe it is one of the most beautiful places you will ever see. I live in Maryland now and think it Chesapeake, too, is a beautiful place. I think you'll have a great conference there. You will get your exercise if you go skiing or if not skiing, consider bob sledding. They will give anyone a ride for about a hundred dollars. You need a good back since they go about 80 mph and give your back a good workout. There is a lot to do there and I'm sure you will have a great conference.

12:02 p.m.

### **7.17 State Statutes - Robert Dahn**

Thank you, Pat. I will be brief. I assume some may recall from my report last year, our project to compile state statutes relevant to land surveying. We've worked on certificates of merit and statute of limitations and repose. We added Right of Entry using some fantastic research by Wayne Hebert.

Since then we added unlicensed practice penalties, destructions of monuments state license requirements and, definitions of land surveying. Next we need to forward to each of you to ask you to verify that we have the right citations.

If you can verify them please do so. If someone else is more appropriate in your state, please ask them for the input.

Q: When will you send the e-mail out?

A: as soon as possible after I get back from here.

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### **7.18 ALTA – Gary Kent**

Called earlier in the day

John Fenn: I have raffle tickets and will pass a basket around for the governors to put in a business card from which we will draw a couple of winners of free raffle tickets when you reconvene..

12:05 p.m.

***Recess for Lunch one hour***

1:11 p.m.

***Reconvene***

Smith: We will carry over some reports not able to be given before lunch because of schedule conflicts with other meetings etc.

1:11 p.m.

***8.0 Unfinished Business***

***8.1 Policy regarding the Release of the NSPS Mailing List*** – Policy was adopted by Board of Directors and implemented with the 2008 membership renewal. Information was provided to all members, with option to not be on distributed mail lists.

***8.2 The Monument Locating Co.*** – As requested by the Minnesota Society of professional Surveyors, the NSPS President sent a letter supporting the MSPS efforts to take action against The Monument Locating Co. at the state affiliate level.

***8.3 Web Based Online Education Programs*** - Has been assigned to committee by NSPS President

***8.4 NSPS Awards*** – Awards Committee created at the Governor level.

***8.5 Railroad Abandonment*** – Wording for an appropriate legislative bill was sent to the Board of Directors. On the advice of the Chair of JGAC, the wording was sent back to the Ad Hoc Committee for additional input from state affiliates. The Committee has done additional research and has an update for this meeting.

Smith: I'll call on Debbie Anderson to describe what has been going on.

Anderson: We are making copies of a report that has the background of what we've been doing and they will be distributed. I need to report that with 20 years of experience of working with committees this is absolutely the best committee that I've seen ever. They are very hard working and very responsive sometimes speaking daily with excellent responses immediately. They are: Kim Burch - Illinois, Paul Burn - Nevada, Bill Blasky - Washington, Matt Vernon - California, and Warren Ward - Colorado. They deserve a pat on the back for doing a good job.

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Last year the Board of Directors voted to take this wording back to the individual membership to ask for feedback on this proposed wording. We took all the responses and compiled them extracted what was needed and reworded the proposal. This new wording will be examined by committee and again brought to the Board of Directors.

1:15 p.m.

We will now to go New Business and the introduction of motions for referral to task committees

1:16 p.m.

### ***9.0 New Business***

#### ***9.1 NSPS Foundation Report on Safety Video***

Mike Maxwell moves to Request that the NSPS Foundation submit a report on the safety video project that includes full accounting on financials, plans for completion and a schedule of activities towards completion at the September 2008 NSPS Meeting.

Second by Steve Corley

Maxwell: A number of states have provided money for the Safety Video effort, but have not had an update on the progress, how the moneys are being used, nor a schedule towards completion. This has reflected on the effectiveness of the NSPS Foundation. The hope of this motion is to make keep communications open and build on the effectiveness of the program and the Foundation.

#### ***9.2 NSPS Web Site Modernization***

Mike Douty moves to Request that NSPS Board request that the ACSM staff obtain a quote for itemized services including both price and detailed service to start modernizing the web site in the form of the possible member services including the following:

- Placing member access to update contact info via online database entry.
- "Active server pages" that would automatically be updated via the online database, eliminating the need to update the following web pages; BoG, Board of Directors, Committee memberships and other contact list on the web.
- Documentation support or Document Server including report retention, download capabilities, and possibly document versioning.
- NetMeeting type of capabilities
- Any other services that may be of benefit to NSPS membership that add value and efficiencies.

Second by Patrick Smith.

Douty: The ability to effectively communicate is the most important part of any organization. Affectively maintaining a contact database is the back bone of such communication. This will increase efficiencies in ACSM staff and within the organization.

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### ***9.5 Railroad Monumentation Preservation***

Debbie Anderson moves that the Board of Governors recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed monumentation preservation document be assigned to the Joint Government Affairs Committee.

Second by Matt Vernon

Anderson: The Board of Governors provided similar proposed language to the Board of Directors at the last meeting in Arlington Virginia. The Board of Directors directed the Railroad Committee to provide an opportunity for additional comments and input from affiliate members and others. The committee considered all the comments received and incorporated the input with minor revisions to the document. The following was drafted for additional background;

Railroads have been developed throughout the history of the United States and railroad properties and rights-of-ways include over 183,000 miles of railroad tracks. These tracks run through every State in the Union and the railroad properties adjoin countless owners of private lands. In many cases the railroads were in place before the surrounding land was surveyed or sold. Countless deeds in the USA call for the railroad right of way as their adjoiners making the track itself and its accompanying monumentation (such as bridges, fences, power poles, survey monuments, culverts, etc.) the only evidence available for retracing parcels of land. When railroads are abandoned, tracks are removed, or construction takes place, often mile upon mile of monumentation is removed affecting every adjoining landowner.

Because monumentation is being destroyed and the difficulty in obtaining records, maps, and plats from the railroad company, the cost of the survey for private land owners can escalate dramatically. In some cases the boundary cannot be established at all. If a property cannot be properly established it can leave the title in question. Often a title company will not issue title insurance and the land may not be able to be transferred with a warranty deed causing undue hardship to the public.

Because of the vast extent of railroad property and its effect on landholders in every state the abandonment and any destruction of railroad monumentation should be performed in a manner conducive to the preservation of this monumentation.

1:19 p.m.

### ***9.6 Journalism Awards***

Craig Amey moves that the submissions for the Excellence in Professional Journalism contest will be revised as follows:

1. Applicants will have to select a category for their submission. The categories will be: Newsletter, Official Society Publication and Professional Magazine.
2. The cover letter shall include a brief statement about the publishing policy the publication is pursuing, and its audience.
3. Applicant shall include 2 issues of their choice for judging. The committee also recommends that a seminar on "publication" be provided for state newsletter editors during an upcoming ACSM conference.

Second by Debi Anderson

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Amey: As a result of the judging of the submissions of the documents for the 2007 Excellence in Professional Journalism contest, there were certain improvements deemed necessary to provide for a more equitable method of judging. Depending on the category of the document, different criteria are used to judge the document. To ensure a fair judging of the document, the appropriate information about the nature of the document must be submitted for the committee's use.

Additionally, it was apparent that state newsletters are developed using a variety of styles. A seminar for the newsletter editors or other interested attendees to provide them with suggestions about successful publication practices may be helpful.

1.20 p.m.

### ***9.7 Marketing Consultant – Membership Development***

Craig Amey moves that NSPS Board of Governors request that the NSPS Board of Directors authorize the executive director to hire a marketing consultant for a fee not to exceed \$10,000, to provide the following services:

1. Review current NSPS marketing initiatives (i.e. brochures).
2. Provide recommendations and a written report on how to improve the marketing initiatives.

Amey: NSPS has a variety of brochures, “freebies”, online resources and other items intended to sell membership in NSPS. The Membership Development committee would like to have a marketing consultant review the various NSPS marketing initiatives and provide NSPS with recommendations of how NSPS can improve these marketing initiatives. Effective marketing requires the understanding of the basic marketing elements that will allow the product to be presented in a way that is the most attractive to the intended audience. The membership committee currently has no professional marketing people on its committee.

We withdraw this motion because we have learned it may be possible for us to do this through committee without the expenditure of funds.

1:21 p.m.

### ***9.8 NSPS “Green” Initiative –***

Matt Vernon moves that The Board of Governors request that the Board of Directors review reducing paper usage, developing and promoting green and sustainable business practices for NSPS

Second by Joe Glassey Washington

Throughout NSPS business meetings, conferences and educational sessions, large amounts of paper are consumed. Often times agendas, minutes, technical papers and correspondences are printed on only one side of the paper. A thorough review of current practices, capabilities and possible improvements should be performed along with research of what other industries and organizations are implementing and/or promoting. From the review the Board can make recommendations on reducing waste, minimizing our carbon footprint, developing and promoting more sustainable and environmentally friendly business practices. A few considerations may include;

- Double sided printing and copying
- Use of recycled paper.
- Use of recycled paper products in place of plastic products (Styrofoam)

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- Using electronic means of communication in place of hard copy
- Develop a note to be used on electronic communications that encourage not printing the document
- meetings and gatherings can use a projector to share documents in place of hard copies
- What costs or cost savings might these practices incur
- Recycle
- Employ and contract with environmentally conscious facilities and organizations.

The current business trend is toward employing these environmentally friendly concepts and is no longer associated with the “tree hugger” mentality. Many public agencies are requiring firms to identify how they will address these issues in requests for proposals. Developing, implementing and promoting these practices will only reflect favorably on our organization.

The Western States Governors Council pledged their unanimous support of this motion.

1:23 p.m.

### ***9.9 Surveyors' Hazards & Diseases***

Curt Glasoe of North Dakota moves to have NSPS assign a committee to investigate possibilities of researching diseases that surveyor's encounter in the course of their work, such as, find ways to educate surveyor on how to avoid them, and help research facilities set up funding to find cures for the diseases.

Second by Freemyer-Minnesota

Glasoe: Surveyors encounter many hazards in the course of their work, North Dakota requests that NSPS find ways to help the Nation's surveyors to prevent, find cures, and help educate them in ways to prevent these diseases. We had two surveyors contracted West Nile this last field season. One person is still recovering after 8 long months.

Smith: Before making assignment to task committees I'd like to return to some items that were passed over earlier; informational items like Item 9.3.

1:25 p.m.

### ***9.3 SE Nebraska Land Surveyors Association MOU with Nebraska Department of Roads***

Lee Wells: Nebraska governor describes a committee they've had for 5 years looking into language or agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads about remonumentation of right-of-way. We've had battles in court and lots of problems with Department of Roads. They aren't bad people. The Professional Society of Nebraska and the board of Examiners have developed the concept that has been made into a memorandum of understanding. One part of it is aliquot corner's description we're pulling away from the way we work in Nebraska with county surveyors. The County Surveyor is responsible for all corners on state highways unless there is a separate contract. So we are changing that a bit saying the state should take over the reestablishments.

The biggest problem we have is Nebraska Department of Roads monumenting Right-of-Way without surveyor expertise all over the state. So we've written letters to them to stop. It's a practice that needs to stop. We'd like to have Board of Governors input

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for our committee. Lee Wells may be reached at [lwwells@cnppid.com](mailto:lwwells@cnppid.com). He is the chairman.

1:28 p.m.

### *9.4 Alabama "Rural Surveyor" Legislation (Alabama Governor)*

Billy Grizzard: Thank you for giving us a little time today. I was sworn in as President on Thursday February 8 and on Friday morning February 9 one of our representatives from the southwest part of the state in his wisdom and working for a crony of the senator introduced a bill that would kick the legs out of anything to do with a registration law.

His bill said that due to a shortage he wanted to create the Rural Surveyor, anyone who lived or practiced in an area of less than 5,000. When we looked at the map, that takes in 90% of the state of Alabama. We were flabbergasted enough with what they were trying to do but their requirement would be to have 8 years of experience working with a surveyor or forester and 3 letter of recommendation from anyone. They could be your grandma, your girlfriend and your uncle; all of this with no testing or anything.

We looked into it further the ALFFA Alabama Farmer Federation Association probably the largest or certainly in the top 3 lobbying group in the state with a lot of clout and money and well organized. We started a mass e-mail campaign to get our constituents the word out to their representatives that HB333 was so bad that it was ridiculous.

We bombarded a lot of people and tried to set up a meeting with ALFFA but once the e-mails started to spread their ALFFA insurance agents started to contact them. By the way ALFFA is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest insurer in the state of Alabama. So we got their attention and now they wanted a meeting. We talked to their lobbyists and director of governmental affairs who said they had determined there weren't enough surveyor in rural areas and they wanted to address it to take care of their constituents. We met with a pretty good dialogue but in the end they said they wanted us to call of the dogs on this e-mail campaign. We said we can do that if you step away from this bill. They said, "we are going to look out for what we think is best for our people." We said that is exactly what we are doing.

We left but they wanted to set up another meeting to continue dialogue. What was happening was surprising to them was how fast the snowball was growing. Within a day or two the senator who originated the idea introduced it into the senate, but took out the 3 letters but now needed 3 references from licensed individuals and you had to take the state exam. In Alabama the state portion is very minimal and I don't know anyone who has failed.

This was an attempt to make it look like it would require a proper testing. So we are now at a point where a significant number of representatives assure us that this won't see the light of day. But it is disturbing that we have spent the last 15 years to get educations requirement passed. Coincidentally the 4 yr degree went into effect on January 1 and this bill was proposed on February 9. We don't know if it was caused

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by someone not getting in under the wire but it almost kicked the wheels out from what we've been working on for years.

I know that many of y'all have dealt with something like this. I've spoken to several while here from Illinois and New Jersey and Louisiana who have dealt with this already. I hope we have clarified things a bit. Our students who were traveling here for the competition said as they were moving along the ramps in Atlanta they overheard many people talking about this very issue. So I hope I've done that.

Are there any questions?

Lumos: They needed 3 letters of recommendations and now pass the exam. Doesn't taking the exam have prerequisites?

Grizzard: I don't know since it would be a new law

Q: Would your board be able to make the exam more difficult.

A: I suppose so but if you can continue taking it would it matter in the end?

Q: What may this group do to help you?

A: Yes what I'd like from this group is a proclamation or resolution etc. that we might be able to use to show our legislators; to show how much support we have across the nation. Would we be able to do that Mr. Chairman?

Smith: Yes it would but this body can't act unilaterally. We can make a recommendation to the Board of Directors and they can make a decision.

Grizzard: I'd like to ask if anyone in this room thinks this is a good law. I see no hands. On the contrary is there anyone in this room who thinks this is a bad law? Mr. Chairman that looks unanimous. I think I'll take that back with me. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

S. Dakota: Commenting from a probably more rural state this is very disconcerting for us if rural states don't deserve the same quality of surveyor as others do.

Grizzard: one of the things they tried to convince us is that there is not enough surveyors in the state of Alabama. We checked the numbers and with the exception of 2003 our numbers have grown every year. We have an outstanding program at Troy state. It is a program that we as a society have worked very hard to bring along. This is a slap in the face of all those who have gone through this program

One of our responses was to ask them to identify some of these rural areas in need and we would recruit kids in their junior year to go to these areas in exchange for a scholarship. They agreed that they would endow a scholarship.

Smith: Getting this information and the next issue of monumentation of subdivisions is important to get in front of all the governors. They are the sort that will continue to pop up every time your legislature meets.

1:41 p.m.

### ***9.10 Monuments of Subdivisions –***

Grizzard: Well about 3 weeks before I was sworn in as President in February we came up with an issue that seems to be another pot boiler, so I stepped right in the firestorm. Our board had a request from someone having to do with monumentation of subdivision. According to our rules, before we finalize a subdivision you have state that your monuments are set.

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In some urban areas particularly Huntsville, many areas want to strip the entire site build housed and move people in and move down the line. What they have been doing is giving control for staking curbs while putting in pins in the rear and a cut offset on the sidewalk or curb. Slabs were built from that and utilities, etc. They say they come back later to do the actual monuments but have control.

The builders didn't want to pay for surveys and then resetting so our board prepared a proclamation to go to all the probate judges not to allow a subdivision to be recorded unless there was an affidavit from a licensed surveyor saying he would guarantee monumentation within a specific time frame.

People got stirred up over that and in February our board heard arguments and we requested they tweak the standards of practice. I don't practice this way but there is a sizable amount of people who do practice this way. We'd like some feedback about how this is handled across the country.

Q: What is the monumentation used?

A: I don't know but they have been setting control from which they can put in the monuments

Q: Nevada we do that. The developer needs to produce a bond.

Floor; In St. Louis county builder has to put up a cash escrow for the future monuments.

Grizzard: Is this acceptable to standards of practice?

Floor: yes it does.

Grizzard: We will be reviewing our standards.

Smith: This discussion may go into great detail but now you all have been presented the facts.

Lamar Evers: I'm "Mr. Marilyn Evers" I share Billy's concerns. I am licensed in Alabama. In Florida we have a bonding issue. We also have Chap 77 Part 1, a statute dealing with subdivisions. Subdivisions are fast tracked so the surveyor has to give an estimate to the developer and he needs to post bond at 110% of the estimate.

Bob Church: We cover this in our standards and laws I have our law book with me and I'll give it to you.

Grizzard: Thank you for listening to me and while I am only standing in for our governor, I think you very much.

Smith: That is what this group is about. Thank you.

1:51 p.m.

### ***7.4 Board of Governor's Chair - Patrick Smith/Wayne Harrison***

Wayne Harrison: Most of you know me. I am past Chairman of the Board of Governors and Vice president of Board of Directors. I'll let my report stand as filed. It was an honor and a pleasure to serve as chairman of this group. I appreciated all the help that you gave me and count on similar support in my position as Vice president. I want to thank all who voted for me or Joe Coleman. Shame on you if you didn't vote at all.

Smith: On behalf of the board of governors I thank you for all your service to NSPS

1:52 p.m.

### ***7.10 Trig-Star - Jerry Juarez***

Bob Miller: The first thing I need to do is recognize all the things John Chagnon did. John Chagnon did things so well. Today the obvious problem is the scheduling of meetings. The committee covers so much that even 2 hours isn't enough. Perhaps 4

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hours would be. We will have a July 18-19 meeting in Reno with Jerry Juarez as new chairman,

There we will be scoring the test and preparing the next year's exam and trying to cover all the items on our agenda as in a strategic planning meeting.

Wayne Harrison is the liaison with NSPS will be there so we always get good info from him.

Wayne Harrison: Several of you were in the practice committee when the discussion came to the possibility for filing for an earmark to get money for the TrigStar program. A great amount of information was put together that was brought to Congressman Van Holland's office.

Harrison: you may remember Lobby day when we spoke to legislators and at that time we were looking for what seemed a large sum of \$250,000 and were told it was not enough to bother with to ask for at least for \$2,000,000. So we returned with a proposal and heard that due to changes in the budget we may not get \$250,000. Grants were suggested. We intend to take the \$250,000 proposal back to them again, but using the budget justifications we had to sell the \$2,000,000 level. We'll be prepared regardless of the environment on the hill.

### *Personal Privilege*

Bill Glassy: Due to miscommunication we missed the opportunity this morning to introduce Scott Thomas President-elect of LSAW. And while I have the floor, as host governor for this event, I wish to welcome you all tour beautiful state. Enjoy yourself and have a blast. Thank you for coming.

2:01 p.m.

### **9.11 Assignment of Motions and Action Items to Task Committees – Smith**

Chairman Smith explains the mechanics of the task groups to the assembly. We break out in task groups according the affiliation assignments handed out earlier.

<b>Task Committee #1</b> Education, Ethics, Private Practice, CST Program, Standards	<b>Task Committee #2</b> Budget & Finance, Membership, Nomination, Bylaws, Resolutions, Administration
Connecticut, District of Columbia, Georgia, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington	California, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Virginia, Wisconsin

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<b>Task Committee #3</b> Government Practice, Legislative, NSPS PAC, External Affairs	<b>Task Committee #4</b> State Affiliates, Regional Groups, Intra- State Issues, Public Relations, Programs
Alabama, Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, West Virginia	Alaska, Arkansas, CCLS, Colorado, Florida, Guam, Illinois, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Wyoming

Smith: Each Committee will elect a chairman and bring back any changes to the motions discussed. I recommend the committee that considers the railroad monumentation motions choose Debi Anderson chairwoman since she is already so familiar with the issues. Please take the flash drives being distributed and put the final version on them and return to Secretary Cavell.

Smith: Task committee 1 will have motion 9.1\_\_\_ and 9.9

Smith: Task committee 2 will have motion 9.8

Smith: Task committee 3 will have motion 9.5

Smith: Task committee 4 will have motion 9.2\_\_\_ and 9.6

Smith it is now just after 2 o'clock and let's shoot to reconvene about 3:30. If you get finished earlier find me or Secretary Cavell so we can reconvene earlier.

Steve Douty: Mr. Chairman it seems to me that 9.2 & 9.8 are related to each other and they may be considered by the same committee.

Smith: I think we'll stick with what we've got.

2:05 p.m.

### ***10.0 Task Committee Breakout Sessions for 1-1/2 hours***

3:23 p.m.

### ***Reconvene***

#### ***7.12 NGS - Dave Doyle***

Doyle: Normally the Director of NGS Dave Zilkoski would make this presentation. I know how much he enjoys being at ACSM, but he was unable to be here. I'll try to be brief.

We are very excited at NGS. I will highlight a few things for you that are going on that are important to the development of the NSRS and how they all work together. It is all about our partnership those of us in the federal level and you our stakeholders, our clients.

You know we have a number of programs we are working joining with several ACSM working groups. In Government Affairs we had a brief meeting about height modernization. Improving our ability to get heights from GNSS is important to all of us. As you might expect the budget got cut in half. So we are far from flush but

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fortunately we have several partners. Perhaps with Government Affairs we can improve our situation.

Many of you have seen our 10-year plan with many things on the horizon. There're tremendous changes coming with our ability to position ourselves. 10 years from now today will look like it did 10 years ago. We are on the cusp of truly dynamic changes in positioning that may well revolutionize how we all access the reference frame. This will make us at NGS rethink how we deliver products and retool our organization. We are working with ACSM working groups like AAGS and many others to keep our 10-year plan relevant.

We just released our initiative GRAV-D which will use our brand new airborne gravimeter to establish a new vertical reference frame. It's the largest thing we've don't since NAVD 1988 In one level or another it will require new partnerships like we did with high accuracy reference networks except this time it will be with gravity.

OPUS we are really excited about the new things at OPOUS. I hope most of you are familiar with it. It has grown from 240 /mo to 22,000 /mo. It's grown a good bit.

OPUS-DB will preserve the monuments in the NSRS to be preserved and improved by use of surveyors using OPUS-DB. A surveyor will report that the point is important in some way and it will be retained along with images description etc and be made available including the attribute of special use marks: Crustal motion, tidal stations, PLSS etc.

OPUS Project is another program under development.

There are some changes in the state advisor program. Florida will be getting a new advisor and so will Washington and Oregon and Arkansas and later Alabama.

Standards for state plane coordinates conversions are near and dear to me. Many states have well defined conversions but several still do not. We have a policy that will allow us to develop standards in those states without definitions. In the two years since its been whittled down to only 6 states without official conversion. Hawaii, Alabama, don't have NAD 83 legislation as well as Alaska, Missouri, Utah and Vermont. I'm hopeful that we can put it to bed within a year.

I appreciate your patience with me. Dave Zilkoski regrets he can't be here. We have a number of NGS people here. Feel free to engage them about any issue you wish to discuss. We appreciate the opportunity to address this body and its partnership.

Thanks again I hope you have a good conference.

Pat Smith: I am always astounded how much NGS manages to do for us and that they are a federal agency makes it even more impressive.

3:38 p.m.

### *11.0 Reports and Recommendations from Task Committees*

#### *Task Committee 1:*

##### *9.1 NSPS Foundation Report on Safety Video*

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Craig Michigan: I'd like to thank you for the opportunity to learn the lesson that he who shows up last to the table is elected chairman. We amended the motion with the following result:

Be it resolved that the NSPS BOG

Request that the NSPS Foundation submit a report on the safety video project that includes full accounting on financials, plans for completion and a schedule of activities towards completion at the September 2008 NSPS Meeting.

Smith: are those modifications pleasing to the maker and second of the motion?

Craig: Yes sir they are.

Committee recommends acceptance as amended.

John Freemeyer speaks in support from great lakes council.

Passed as amended by voice without objection

3:40 p.m.

### *9.9 Surveyors' Hazards & Diseases*

Craig Michigan: WE reviewed and made some amendments so that it now reads:

Assign a committee to investigate possibilities of researching diseases that surveyor's encounter in the course of their work, such as, find ways to educate surveyor on how to avoid them, and help research facilities set up funding to find cures for the diseases.

Smith: are those modifications pleasing to the maker and second of the motion?

Craig: Yes sir they are.

Committee recommends acceptance as amended.

Passed as amended by voice without objection

### *Task Committee 2:*

#### *9.8 NSPS "Green" Initiative*

Matt Vernon: The committee reviewed the motions and made a minor amendment as follows:

The Board of Governors request that the Board of Directors review reducing paper usage, developing and promoting green and sustainable business practices for NSPS.

Smith: are those modifications pleasing to the maker and second of the motion?

Vernon: Yes sir they are.

Committee recommends acceptance as amended.

Passed as amended by voice without objection

### *Task Committee 3:*

#### *9.5 Railroad Monumentation Preservation*

Debi Anderson: The motion was recommended by the committee as presented:

Board of Governors recommend to the Board of Directors that the proposed

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monumentation preservation document be assigned to the Joint Government Affairs Committee.

John Freemeyer speaks in support from great lakes council.

“Pat” speaks in support from western states government council

Warren Ward - Colorado speaks in support from National assoc of county surveyors

Passed by voice without objection

### *Task Committee 4:*

3:40 p.m.

#### *9.2 Surveyors' Hazards & Diseases*

Curt Strother from Alaska: the committee recommend as presented:

Assign a committee to investigate possibilities of researching diseases that surveyor's encounter in the course of their work, such as, find ways to educate surveyor on how to avoid them, and help research facilities set up funding to find cures for the diseases.

Passed by voice without objection

3:46 p.m.

#### *9.6 Journalism Awards*

Task Committee Chairman: The committee reviewed the motions and made a minor amendment as follows::

The submissions for the Excellence in Professional Journalism contest have been revised at the awards committee level, thus the NSPS Board of Governors requests that the NSPS Board of Directors authorize the NSPS President to assign, to the Workshop Committee Liaison, the development of a seminar on the publication awards submittal process, for state newsletter editors, to be presented during an upcoming ACSM conference..

Smith: are those modifications pleasing to the maker and second of the motion?

Task Committee Chairman: Yes sir they are.

Committee recommends acceptance as amended.

Passed as amended by voice without objection

*3:48 p.m.*

Joe Baird. I served as chairman the plat competitions and the reorganization of 2 year terms results in a great improvement this year. We've had contact with the states and seen a lot of good work around the country. It takes 8-10 hours every year to perform judging. This year there was only one case with a single outstanding plat the usual were ties requiring methods to break the ties. It s a fulfilling job to recognize those people who deserve it.

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#### *10.0 Presentations/ Elections*

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### **10.1 Service Awards**

P Smith: recognizes 27 years of service by Harold Charlier has served in his position for 27 years and bears special recognitions for outstanding service to our organization (standing Ovation)

Harold Charlier: Said he enjoyed it all

#### **10.1.1 15 Years**

Wayne D. Brubacher (Canada)

#### **10.1.2 5 Years**

Warren D. Ward (Colorado)

Craig A. Palmer (Kentucky)

Vaughn C. Button (Vermont)

### **10.2 Key Governor Presentation (Fall, 2007- Arlington, VA) - Rick Howard (CT)**

3:52 p.m.

#### **10.3 Spring 2008 Key Governor Vote -- Smith**

Smith: instructions for voting and ballots distributed. You vote for the individual who leading up to and in this meeting performed outstandingly and above the call of service.

Award Winner: Debra Anderson

3:56 p.m.

### **11.0 Good of the Order**

#### **11.1 John Swann NSPS foundation raffle drawing**

Winner of raffle: Debra Anderson

#### **11.2 Debra Anderson invited to speak**

Anderson: In the next 4-6 week our committee will be writing a white paper we will be contacting each governor seeking a letter of support from the societies.

#### **11.3 Governor's Scholarship Contribution Collection**

Smith: You are invited to make a donation immediately after the meeting. The recommended amount is \$40. Checks in care of NSPS Foundation.

#### **11.4 Debra Anderson recognized as 2008 Key Governor**

3:59 p.m.

### **12.0 Adjourn**

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Respectfully submitted,  
J. Anthony Cavell, CFedS  
Secretary NSPS Board of Governors