

NSPS Is:

- 1** The principal national voice of the surveying profession
- 2** Continually seeking to respond to the challenges presented by new technologies, as well as government and industry activities.
- 3** A forum for its members to use their expertise and knowledge to address those interests that are common to all surveyors.
- 4** Responsible for the evaluation of surveying-related college and university educational programs seeking to establish or renew accreditation through ABET.
- 5** The organization that provides the surveying perspective on matters of collective interest through participation in coalitions, and membership in organizations representing geospatial professionals.
- 6** A partner with the American Land Title Association (ALTA) in the periodic review, adoption, and promulgation of the ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Requirements.

What is NSPS?

NSPS is the voice of the professional surveying community in the United States and its territories. Through its affiliation agreements with the respective state surveying societies, NSPS has a strong constituency base through which it communicates directly with lawmakers, agencies, and regulators at both the national and state levels. NSPS monitors and comments on legislation, regulation, and policies that have potential impact on the activities of its members and their clients, and collaborates with a multitude of other organizations within the geospatial community on issues of mutual interest.



NSPS strives to keep members informed about issues affecting the profession, and their businesses, through a variety of media.

- » NSPS Radio Hour, a weekly radio show
- » NSPS News & Views, a weekly email newsletter
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Advocacy

To shape and influence federal government legislation related to the surveying/geospatial profession, NSPS participates in active government affairs and lobbying activities:

- ❑ Testimony on proposed legislation
- ❑ Introduce, through legislators, concepts and issues related to surveying profession
- ❑ Annual Capitol Hill Day, in which members meet with legislators
- ❑ NSPS Political Action Committee raises funds for promoting selected candidates



Standards

NSPS participates in the development and review of a number of standards associated with the surveying profession, such as:

- ❑ ALTA/NSPS Standard Detail Requirements for Land Title Surveys, in partnership with the American Land Title Association
- ❑ NSPS Model Standards of Practice
- ❑ NSPS Creed and Canons
- ❑ Advising other organizations (i.e. American Institute of Architects; Associated General Contractors) on their surveying standards
- ❑ Participating as a member of international coalitions for the establishment of models for codes of ethics and property measurement

Education

To help perpetuate the surveying profession and to endorse degree requirements for licensure, NSPS:

- ❑ Serves as the lead society within ABET for the accreditation of college programs in surveying and geospatial curricula, and maintains a team of approved program evaluators
- ❑ Encourages the creation of NSPS student chapters within the respective educational programs to facilitate interaction among students and practitioners, and to reinforce the importance of face-to-face interaction with other professionals
- ❑ Sponsors the project-based NSPS Annual Student Competition, for which the national finals presentations are given during the spring NSPS conference
- ❑ Offers a scholarship program through the NSPS Foundation for which students in associate's degree, bachelor's degree, and graduate programs are eligible

Promotion of the Profession

To promote the profession as a career choice for the next generation, NSPS:

- ❑ Has established a Young Surveyors Network, which associates with other international networks and encourages participation in professional organizations
- ❑ Urges its members to participate in local high school programs, including the:
 - NSPS Trig-Star annual competitions
 - TwiST (Teaching with Spatial Technology) program for high school teachers
 - ACE Mentoring Program and Project Lead the Way
- ❑ Continues its long-standing role in providing opportunities and training for administration of the Boy Scouts Surveying Merit Badge, one of few original badges that is still offered



Benefits

NSPS offers a number of programs benefiting members, their businesses, and their employees:

- ❑ Professional liability insurance
- ❑ Health and life insurance
- ❑ Group health insurance
- ❑ Car rental, tires and general discounts
- ❑ Travel discounts

Certifications

To advance the profession, and individual growth, NSPS:

- ❑ Administers its four-level Certified Survey Technician program to provide credentials to survey technicians for skills and knowledge
- ❑ Partners with The Hydrographers Society of America to administer the Certified Hydrographer program
- ❑ Works with the Bureau of Land Management and the Public Land Survey System Foundation to administer the Certified Federal Surveyor program
- ❑ Is working with the Association of State Floodplain Managers to expand the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program
- ❑ Is collaborating with the American Association for Geodetic Surveying to develop a Certified Geodetic Surveyor program

Professional Collaboration

To better represent the profession through affiliation/interaction with other related professional groups, NSPS:

- ❑ Maintains its long standing role as the United States' member of the International Federation of Surveyors
- ❑ Maintains relationships and affiliations with many other organizations related to the surveying profession
- ❑ Maintains active collaboration with federal agencies such as Bureau of Labor Statistics, BLM, FEMA, FGDC, NOAA/NGS, USGS, etc.
- ❑ Represents the surveying profession as a member of the NCEES Participating Organizations Liaisons Council, and is actively engaged with the NCEES Surveyors Forum
- ❑ Is the lead organization for the Future of Surveying initiative, which is comprised of 18 nationally oriented organizations
- ❑ Is active in advocacy groups such as the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations, and COFPAES, the Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services