

MISSOURI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Stoney Creek Hotel, Independence, Missouri

October 3, 2025

MINUTES

President Chuck Quinby called the meeting to order and welcomed the membership to the 68th Annual Meeting. He also appointed Bob Shotts as the Parliamentarian.

Minutes: The minutes of the October 4, 2024 meeting were reviewed by Secretary-Treasurer Scott Faenger. **A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as printed. On a vote, the motion passed.**

Financial Report: The financial report was reviewed by Scott Faenger showing an overall balance of \$169,933.68 and a checking account balance of \$40,316.83. **A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report as presented. On a vote, the motion was approved.**

REGISTRATION BOARD: Shane Terhune, Chair, presented the Registration Board report. He discussed the National Council for Examiners of Engineering and Surveying (NCEES). They oversee the development, examination and grading for the FS and PS testing for licensure in many states. He reported that he is one of 15 persons to serve on the committee on Examinations for Professional Surveyors. They are responsible for completing changes as specified by the Board of Directors and to review exam development and performance and making recommendations for changes. He attended the August NCEES annual meeting in New Orleans. He discussed the Missouri specific exam and discussed proposed changes. He also discussed the Surveying and Mapping Sciences License Task Force and he reported on the complaints that are received by the Registration Board.

STATE LAND SURVEYOR'S REPORT: Scott Faenger, State Land Surveyor, submitted a written report. He reported that the program is currently operating with 12 full time employees and they recently filled a Survey Tech position. Wyatt Edwards, started July 16, and is currently taking classes for licensure. They also have two Techs seeking licensure. The Program continues to operate with just three Surveyors, including Scott Faenger, Jess Moss in the Geodetic Section, and Jason Beasley in the Cadastral Section.

The changes to the Code of State Regulations 2CSR 90 chapters 60 and 61 which mirror the Boards 20 CSR 2030, chapters 16 and 17 were published in the July 1, 2025, issue of the Missouri Register and are now in effect. These were changes necessary for the new state plane coordinate system. For FY25 they had 19 Counties and four private surveyors participating in their co-op program, restoring a total of 179 corners at a total cost of \$75,810. For FY26, the County Co-op reimbursement will have two options, the program will pay \$350 toward corners that have already been monumented and will require coordinates to be added, or they will pay \$400 toward corners where a new monument will be set, and witness accessories added. All monument supplies are provided as part of their program.

The Land Survey Program's office building reached a long awaited milestone this year. On June 11, 2025, the building was officially dedicated as the Robert E. (Bob) Myers Building. Many from the Survey community were in attendance, along with Mr. Myers' children, grandchildren, and extended family members. Scott thanked everyone that was able to attend and celebrate the dedication.

The mission of the Repository Section is to acquire all recorded surveys, county survey records, any

official/unofficial surveys from state or federal agencies, donated private records, or any other historical survey records that can be obtained from all 114 counties, and the City of St. Louis, annually. The goal is to scan, index, and provide access to those records in a timely manner to the Land Surveying profession, the public, or anyone with an interest in these records. During the past fiscal year, the Repository processed 18,890 documents (1,594 of those are corner docs) to be added to the Land Survey Index (LSI) and the Corner Master Index (CMI) databases, an average of 1,574 documents per month. A total of 40,454 orders was received through online orders, an average of 3,371 orders per month.

Restoration of the USPLSS corners continues to be one of the primary goals and objectives of the Field Surveys Section. The county surveyor cooperative and private surveyor cooperative contracts resulted in the restoration of 179 corners during FY25. There was a total of 1,594 corner documents submitted to the Land Survey Program this past year. At this time, they have nine active land survey investigations; seven investigations were completed last year, and six new investigations were added to the project list. Land Survey investigations were completed by in-house staff in a number of counties resulting in the reestablishment and restoration of 42 USPLSS corners.

In FY25, they recovered 362 control marks and collected 100, five-hour sessions on those marks. They have blue booking projects underway in Phelps, Dent, Jefferson, Johnson, Lafayette, and Webster Counties with a total of 49 marks being positioned and updated. The Field Surveys Section also maintains 11 Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM) Baselines, positioned throughout the state. This past year, 25 EDM calibrations were submitted and processed through the EDM Instrument Calibration and Comparison website, 10 of those for certification. The online EDM Baseline Program had cyber attack vulnerability issues. They worked with ITSD to create an online form that can be submitted. Once an online form has been submitted, they input the information for certification and email the results back. To keep the program as it was online, was going to be cost prohibitive.

They have also updated their corner document form to accommodate the information required for the new State Plane Coordinate System and also updated the Code of State Regulations to reflect the changes in chapter 60 revised statutes. The new form (with instructions) will be available on the Land Survey Programs website around the first of the year.

NSPS DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mike Zahner reported that NSPS is continuing their monthly Town Hall meetings. He reported that in August, Norm Ellerbrock, Susanne Daniel and himself, attended the "Hiring for Heroes" at Fort Leonard Wood. He reported on the Geo Week that NSPS is pushing with an investment of \$500 for Sustaining members and \$1,000 for others, and that the Fall NSPS meeting will be in Minneapolis. He discussed the CFS course that is a four-day course with a test on the final day to acquire a CFS designation. MSPS did not receive many replies about attending this course and if MSPS offers it, it will be in conjunction with another meeting, the Spring Workshop or the Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Annual Meeting: Wil Anderson, Chair, had no report. It was reported that nearly 300 attended the conference in Independence.

County Surveyors Committee: Gerald Bader, Chair, no report.

CST Committee: Norman Ellerbrock, Chair, reported that he will be working with the Young Surveyors group to set up a CST Review exam at the Spring Workshop in 2026. He reported that the CST Board met in August and exams are scheduled throughout the year. They are working on

a Facilitator's Guide for those who wish to present a company in-house program.

Education Committee: Chairman Dan Govero reported that the Spring workshop schedule has been completed and will be held on April 30 and May 1, 2026. Topics will include Writing descriptions, corner documents, utilities and easements and boundaries and standards. Kris Kline, Darrell Pratte, Austin DeSain, Bianca Eden, JD, and Joe Paiva will be the main speakers.

History Committee: Matt Thomas, Chair, absent, no report.

Legislative Committee: Lynne Schlosser, Lobbyist, reported that the last legislative session was very productive compared to previous years. The Governor called several special sessions, the first in June to discuss disaster relief for St. Louis tornado damage and the Chiefs/Royals stadium. In September he called a special session to discuss redistricting for the purpose of pleasing the President and acquiring additional seats for Republicans. They also changed the initiative petition legislation and abortion language that was passed by the voters. These will both be on the ballot with different language for voters to approve again. A bill will be introduced in 2026 to raise the fees for the Land Survey Program. These fees have not had an increase since 1969. She also reported that the Interior Designers will be reintroducing their bill again after an agreement was reached with the Architects.

Membership Committee: Chris Ferguson announced that a written report was in the meeting handouts and that membership numbers were at 886 as of September 15, 2025, which includes all membership categories. He will be presenting a list of possible Life members at the December Board meeting.

Newsletter: Austin DeSain and Chris Ferguson, Co-Editors, provided a written report. They discussed the addition of a News Blast that can be used for special news in between the newsletters. They plan to have a lost monuments edition for the newsletter to highlight surveyors who have passed away each year. They will also be increasing the rates for advertising that have remained at the current rate for many years.

Awards/Nominating Committee: Bob Anderson reported on the nominations for each office and the results of the election and awards are below:

Mark Wiley as President
Chris Ferguson as President-Elect
Scott Faenger as Vice President
Phil Grout as Secretary-Treasurer
Tim Devaney as a Board Member
James Gray as a Board Member

Award winners from the luncheon are:

Surveyor of the Year - Kellan Gregory
Robert E. Myers Service Award - Scott Faenger
Lifetime Achievement Award - Jim Anderson
Legislative Award - Mark Nolte

Rep. Mark Nolte also presented Dick Elgin and Joe Paiva with a special resolution from the

Missouri House of Representatives for their many years of teaching surveying. Also, during the awards presentations the new PLSs and LSIs were given a certificate of achievement.

PAC Committee: Bart Korman, Co-Chair, announced that they would be doing an auction later in the day to raise money for the PAC fund with donated items from Board members. (The auction raised almost \$1,800 for the PAC fund).

Public Relations Committee: Chairman Charles Quinby reported that he was having a fire sale to sell items to make room for new items at the Spring Workshop.

Scholarship/Trigstar Committee: Susanne Daniel, Chair, sent a written report, that there were two Dan Lashley Scholarship winners, Leah Guss and Carson Price; one Robert Pirrie Scholarship, Ryan Kassebaum; one non-traditional winner, Matthew Gavin, and one Trig Star Scholarship, Tate Uchtman.

Standards Committee: Chair Robert Ubben reported that the Standards committee will be looking at the revised Chapter 60 and rules and regulations in the coming year.

Technology/GIS Committee: Jess Moss and Travis Tomson, co-chairs, had no report.

Young Surveyors/Mentoring: Kellan Gregory, Chair, reported that the first annual Surveyor's Rodeo was well attended and there were nine participants. The winners were as follows: First place was Brandon Kurtz, PLS, (Lewis-Bade), second place was John Wade (GBA) and third place was Kevin Nelson, PLS (Polk County Surveyor). He thanked the companies that donated funds that were used for the prizes, especially Seiler Instruments.

They also held a breakfast with about 25 in attendance and had a presentation by Scott Faenger, State Land Surveyor and others.

Workforce Development: Susanne Daniel, Chair, sent a written report. She noted that the "Hiring our Heroes" Event was excellent, although the booths seem to trade more candy than giveaways. Mike Zahner had the drone simulator which seemed to be very popular. The CST program got some inquiries as well. She is going to be working with the Engineering and Design pathway at Ozark High School this winter and they are looking at possibly working through the first level CST with students that are interested in that program.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Metro: No report.

St. Louis: Phil Grout reported that the chapter held a golf tournament with an Illinois chapter to raise funds for their scholarship program. They are also having a gun raffle where they will be giving away an Old Henry rifle.

Southwest: No report.

Ozark: No report.

Southeast: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.