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# 2013 JOINT SURVEYORS' CONVENTION



MARRIOTT CHARLESTON LOCKWOOD DR., CHARLESTON, SC

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JULY 20, 2013 8:30 AM

# President's Message

Greetings SCSPLS members,

cannot believe my term as president is almost over! It seems like yesterday when I called my first meeting to order. SCSPLS is an amazing society, full of dedicated,



loyal and determined members. I have experienced first-hand how strong we are when we work together for the good of surveyors in South Carolina. I've had the great opportunity to travel all over the state and meet many new friends and spend time with some old friends. I was not able to cross everything off my president's to do list as I had planned; however, I did experience

much more than I ever imagined.

There are still a few things we need to keep our eyes on, for next year. Our Code of Laws is still open and we will need to continue monitoring this to ensure that an outside party does not try to change and dilute the laws we currently have in place. We have been challenged on this already and we made a huge impact by contacting our State Representatives and Senators.

We induct the new officers for the upcoming year at the June 21st General Membership meeting and we have finalized the details of this summer's convention. This year we will join with SAMSOG for the SURVEYING CONVENTION OF GA & SC, July 18th - 20th, 2013 at the Charleston Marriott - 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston, SC. Please make plans to attend now, as we expect to have a great turnout this year.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your support and involvement this year. It was a great honor and privilege to work with such a professional Board and the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. SCSPLS truly could not be what it is today without all of the positive support that the members give. I will continue to be involved and give my time to this society that has given so much to me. I look forward to working with Aaron Leach and the new board members next year.

Sincerely, Kent C. Hudson, PLS SCSPLS 2012-13 President

### "MESSAGE FROM THE CONVENTION CHAIRMAN"



We are excited this year to announce the first Joint Convention of SCSPLS and SAMSOG! This convention will be held July  $18^{th} - 20^{th}$  at the Marriott in Charleston, SC. A variety of room accommodations have been set aside, a day of informative seminars lined up and several events planned for the entire family! Now, all that we need is **YOU**!

While the economy continues to show signs of improvement, we know that many surveyors are still struggling. By joining forces with SAMSOG, our objective is to give you the most "bang for your buck" and offer more networking opportunities with fellow surveyors from across the border! We hope that some of the following will help:

- Were you unable to attend this year's Education Conference? Do you need a few more PDHs for this year or would you like to carry over hours into the next licensing period? The Education Committees from SCSPLS and SAMSOG have lined up a full day of seminars on Friday so you can earn up to 7 PDHs if you attend all day. For those SC registrants that are also licensed in Georgia, a Georgia Minimum Technical Standards seminar will be held Thursday at the Convention.
- Looking for some R&R? Sign up for our Golf Tournament that will be played on the Patriots Point Links in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Want to impress your significant other? Try a romantic dinner cruise around Charleston Harbor! Just want to spend time exploring downtown Charleston? The hotel offers a shuttle service to downtown Charleston several times throughout the day.
- And we haven't forgotten our usual Convention trademark events; Survey Games and the Awards Banquet! This year we will have a lunch cook-out during the Survey Games. There will also be a Welcome Reception with vendor exhibits Thursday evening to kick off the Convention!

We have designed our Registration Packet with several options in hopes that you will be able to put together a "custom" Convention experience that will fit your needs, family and wallet!

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Everything is in place for a great Convention. All we are missing is YOU!

Aaron F. Leach, PLS President-Elect and 2013 Convention Chairman

# SCSPLS 44th ANNUAL CONVENTION

## AND 1st JOINT CONVENTION OF SCSPLS AND SAMSOG July 18th – 20th, 2013 Charleston, SC

The 44th Annual SCSPLS Convention will be held Thursday through Saturday, July 18th – 20th, 2013, at the Charleston Marriott on Lockwood Drive in Charleston, South Carolina. We are privileged to have the opportunity this year to join forces with SAMSOG (Surveying and Mapping Society of Georgia) to provide a bigger conference with more networking opportunities. It's a unique mixture of new ideas, informative seminars and plenty of sun and fun for everyone! On behalf of the entire Society, the Convention Committee and Kent and Mandee Hudson, our President and First Lady, we welcome you to the 2013 Surveying Convention of Georgia and South Carolina!

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# HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The Charleston Marriott will host the Surveying Convention of Georgia and South Carolina. A limited block of rooms and suites have been reserved for our convention at a special rate thru JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2013. Visit their web site at www.marriott. com for a preview of the property and accommodation details. You may reserve your choice of rooms by calling the hotel at 1-800-968-3569 or following the link below. If you reserve your room by phone, be sure to mention that you will be attending the <u>Surveying Convention of GA & SC</u> to obtain the special rates. Whether your reservations are by phone or email, we highly recommend that you obtain both verbal and written confirmation numbers from the hotel and have these confirmation numbers with you at the time of checkin. Check in time is 4:00 PM and check out time is 11:00 AM. These special rates are available thru June 26th only. Make your reservations early to insure availability! http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/chsmc-charleston-marrio tt/?toDate=7/21/13&groupCode=SVCSVCA&fromDate=7/17/13 &app=resvlink

#### REGISTRATION

Registration is required to attend the events planned and seminars. Included with this brochure is the Attendee Registration Form. Registrations must be received by Monday, July 1, 2013. Late and/or on-site registrations will be accepted after this date as space allows and will be charged a \$50 late fee. Registrations received after July 1, 2013 will not be listed in the printed registration list for the event. All attendees must check in upon arrival and are requested to wear nametags at all times during the meeting. SCSPLS makes every effort to have adequate program material available at the meeting; however, late registrants and/or on-site registrants may not have materials available at the meetings, in which case such materials can be shipped

following the meeting, upon request. **Payments may be made by check, Visa or MasterCard.** Registration packets will be available for pickup at the registration desk which will be in the Crystal Promenade of the Charleston Marriott from 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM on Thursday, July 18th and 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM Friday, July 19th. Admission to events is by ticket only. To attend these ticketed events and be eligible for prize drawings, you must be registered for the convention. **Please fill out the registration form and return by July 1st to the SCSPLS Office.** 



Cancellations received by SCSPLS by 5:00 pm on Monday, July 1, 2013 will receive a registration fee refund, less a \$50 administrative fee. Cancellations received after 5:00 pm on July 1, 2013 will be considered "no shows" and will not receive a registration fee refund. Program materials will be shipped after the meeting to every paid "no show" upon request. Designated substitutes may replace registrants unable to attend.

ALL NOTICES MUST BE WRITTEN.

#### KEY CONTACTS

- Kim Long at the SCSPLS office: (803)750-7524 or Fax:(803) 750-7523 or Email: <a href="mailto:kim@scspls.com">kim@scspls.com</a>
- Brenda Smith, SCSPLS (Mon. Thurs.): Email: brenda@scspls.com
- Aaron Leach, Convention Chairman: Email: aleach@rowepsc.com
- Charleston Marriott: (800) 968-3569 or (843) 723-3000
- Convention Committee: Aaron Leach, Chairman; Kent Hudson, Dennis Clinkscales, Dennis Johns, Lewis Moore, Lee Frank

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### GOLF FELLOWSHIP – PATRIOTS POINT LINKS – THURSDAY, JULY 18th



The Golf Fellowship will tee off Thursday, July 18th at 8:30 AM at Patriots Point Links. Situated on the edge of Charleston Harbor and offering spectacular views of the city, Fort Sumter,

and ships arriving from all over the world, Patriots Point has been for years a favorite place to play for local Charleston golfers and resort guests. It's located in Mount Pleasant at the foot of the Cooper River Bridge and just five minutes from downtown. Any golf trip to South Carolina's historic city of Charleston is not complete without a round at this memorable harbor side golf course. The cost of this event will be \$75.00 which will include golf cart and green fees. Only soft spiked golf shoes are allowed on the golf course. All those participating must fill out the enclosed golf registration form and return no later than July 1st as tee times are limited. If you have a foursome you would like to play with, please list the four names on the enclosed golf registration form. LEICA will sponsor the Golf Luncheon for participants. For more information on Patriots Point Links, go to www. patriotspointlinks.com.

# FRIDAY EVENING, JULY 19th - OPTIONAL DINNER CRUISE

For those looking to enjoy Charleston's beautiful waterways in the evening, we have planned an optional three-hour Dinner Cruise complete with a multi-course gourmet meal, live music and fantastic views of Charleston Harbor aboard a deluxe yacht. We cruise 7:00pm until 10:00pm, boarding at 6:30pm at Patriots Point, in Mt. Pleasant. The large dining decks are comfortable and climate controlled, perfect for dining, dancing and toasting. The observation deck is covered and open-air, perfect for experiencing our beautiful host city from the water. Meal includes soup, salad, and choice of 5 entrees including Fresh Catch, Lowcountry Shrimp and Grits, Honey Bourbon Glazed Stuffed Chicken, Stuffed Chicken Breast, Sweet Tea Brined Pork Porterhouse Cut and Grilled Beef Tenderloin. Vegetarian, vegan and diabetic meals are available upon request. Cost will be \$60.00 which includes meal, entertainment, tax and gratuity. Additional charge for dessert and drinks while on the cruise. Check the optional Dinner Cruise on the registration form!

#### **BADGES AND FUNCTION TICKETS**

Admission to all Convention events will be by **badge only.** All registrants are required to wear their name badges at *all* Convention activities. *At functions requiring function tickets*,

meals will not be served unless tickets are presented. The following events will require function tickets:

- Thursday's Technical Session
- Thursday's Welcome Reception and Exhibits
- Friday's Continental Breakfast
- Friday's Technical Sessions and Surveyors Luncheon
- Friday's Dinner Cruise (Optional)
- Saturday's Continental Breakfast
- Saturday's Awards Banquet

#### **SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE**

The Scholarship Committee will be selling raffle tickets for two prizes to be given away on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, during the Awards Banquet: Free 1 Year Subscription to SC VRS Network and Stoeger 12 Gauge Pistol Grip, Model 2000. Please contact Larry Beasley at <a href="mailto:lbeasley@sc.rr.com">lbeasley@sc.rr.com</a> for more information.

#### DRESS FOR THE CONVENTION

The SCSPLS Annual Convention is designed for relaxing, socializing, shopping and education. Comfortable, casual dress is encouraged during the day.

- Dress for the Thursday night's Welcome Reception & Exhibits will be casual.
- Dress for the Saturday night Dinner/Awards Banquet and Program will be business casual attire (coat & tie optional). Location is Emerald One and Two.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

**JUNE 26:** Deadline to make room reservation at the discounted rate.

JULY 1: Convention Registration postmark deadline

# AUXILIARY & COMPANION PROGRAM

Auxiliary events are open to everyone—no membership required. Thursday is an open day to take a tour of beautiful, historic downtown Charleston, enjoy the island, shop or just relax. Friday Mrs. Ivie Barnwell will tell the story of the Gullah Community and demonstrate weaving a sweetgrass basket from start to finish. Lunch will follow at Magnolia's in the Charleston Historic District. Transportation will be provided. The final event of the convention will be the Awards Banquet (business casual attire) including a wonderful meal and socializing with other surveyors and families from across the state. Your children may attend the Awards Banquet this year on Saturday evening at the Emerald

Ballrooms One and Two (see cost for children's meal on registration form) (Ticketed Event).

#### SOCIALS AND MEALS

**Thursday** morning begins with the golf tournament. Registration and **packet pick-up is from 12:30 PM to 5:00 PM** in the Crystal Promenade located in the Charleston Marriott. The seminar of the day, "Minimum Technical Standards – Georgia" will begin at 1:00 PM and conclude at 4:00 PM. Georgia licensed attendees will earn 3 professional development hours for this seminar. We are excited to offer the opportunity to play Patriots Point Links in Mt. Pleasant for the annual golf tournament. The golf fellowship begins Thursday morning at 8:30 AM, Please plan to arrive at the golf course at 8:00 AM. Thursday evening we will have a Welcome Reception and Exhibits in the Crystal Ballroom and Crystal Promenade, beginning at 5:00 PM. Dress will be casual. Dinner is on your own for Thursday.

**Friday** morning begins with registration and packet pick-up from 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM in Crystal Promenade. The seminars of the day will begin at 8:30 AM and conclude at 5:15 PM. There will be a lunch break from Noon – 1:00 PM. Lunch is provided for seminar attendees. Registered attendees will earn 7 professional development hours for attending the full day of seminars. Remember if you have already earned 15 PDHs for this year, you can carry over 15 additional PDHs.

Companion program begins at 10:00 AM in Crystal E Ballroom. Ms. Ivie Barnwell will tell the story of the Gullah Community and demonstrate weaving a sweetgrass basked from start to finish. Lunch will follow at Magnolia's in the Charleston Historic District. Transportation provided. After lunch, you are on your own for shopping at The Market or downtown stores. For those looking to enjoy Charleston's beautiful waterways in the evening, we have planned an optional Dinner Cruise on the Spirit of Carolina. You will enjoy a three or four course dinner, prepared to order. Or, you can use this open time to visit your favorite local restaurant

# **Survey Games** & Cook-Off

Please bring your lawn chairs!

Make sure you plan to join us for the Survey Games, sponsored by the Mid-State Chapter.

During the games, The Coastal Chapter will be sponsoring a Frogmore Stew Cook-Off, being judged by local Charleston Chefs!



with friends, family, or business acquaintances, or maybe just have fun on the beach and enjoy your own picnic!

Saturday begins with the first SCSPLS General Membership meeting of the 2013-14 fiscal year taking place from 8:30 AM – 11:00 AM in Crystal C. The Survey Games & Cook-out for participants will follow the Membership meeting on the hotel grounds. After the survey games, enjoy some free time before the evening Social Awards Banquet being held in Emerald Ballrooms One and Two. Saturday evening is the grand finale of the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual SCSPLS Convention (business casual attire). The evening begins at 6:30 PM with a Social and conversation with your friends (ticketed event) held in the Emerald Ballrooms One and Two. The Banquet dinner begins at 7:00 PM. A cash bar will be available at this event. Children are invited to this event with purchase of a meal (see registration form). The Awards Ceremony is a pleasant time to congratulate those who have served well and surprise some other well-deserving friends with awards. The Surveyor of the Year for 2013 will be announced during the awards ceremony as well as the induction of the 2013-14 SCSPLS officers. At the end of the banquet, the "Not So **Silent Auction"** will be held. Don't forget to bring items for the "Not so Silent Auction" to the Saturday evening Banquet benefiting SAMPAC and SCSPLS Scholarship Foundation. Items already donated include a 2 night stay at the Charleston Marriott, Charleston, South Carolina! Bring your items and give to registration desk when you arrive to be placed in this Silent Auction. Then bring your cash or checks to participate!



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# JOINT CONVENTION OF SCSPLS AND SAMSOG 2013 ANNUAL MEETING and SUMMER CONFERENCE TENTATIVE AGENDA JULY 18 - 20, 2013

#### **Thursday**, **July 18**, **2013**

8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Golf Tournament – Patriots Point Links (Box lunch provided)

Check-in and Registration – Crystal Promenade AB

Minimum Technical Standards-Georgia (3 PDH) – Crystal F

Break at speaker's discretion

2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

SCSPLS Board Meeting – Crystal A

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Welcome Reception and Exhibits – Crystal B; Crystal Promenade AB

#### Friday, July 19, 2013

7:00 am – 11:00 am Check-in and Registration (includes continental breakfast) - Crystal Promenade AB 8:00 am - 8:30am General Session- SCSPLS & SAMSOG – Crystal Promenade ABC 8:30 am – 9:30 am Smart Vent Flood Vents (1 PDH) – Crystal Promenade ABC 9:30 am – 10:00 am Seminar break 10:00 am - Noon Underground Utility Location (2 PDH) - - Crystal Promenade ABC 10:00 am - 11:30 am Auxiliary Program - Sweetgrass baskets by Ivie Barnwell - Crystal E Noon – 2:00 pm **Auxiliary Luncheon - Magnolias** Noon – 1:00 pm **Lunch for Seminar Attendees –** *Crystal D* 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Railroad Seminar, CSX (2 PDH) - Crystal Promenade ABC 1:00 pm - 4:30 pmAreas 3 and 4 NSPS Meeting – Crystal F 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm**Seminar Break** Railroad Seminar, Norfolk Southern (2 PDH) - Crystal Promenade ABC 3:15 pm - 5:15 pm6:30 pm – 10:00 pm Spiritline Dinner Cruise - Optional or Dinner on your own

#### Saturday, July 20, 2013

7:00 am - 8:30 am

Continental Breakfast - Crystal Promenade

7:00 am - 8:30 am

SCSPLS Past President's Breakfast - Crystal B

8:30 am - 11:00 am

SCSPLS General Membership Meeting - Crystal C

SAMSOG Board & General Membership Meeting - Crystal A

Noon - 2:00 pm

Survey Games & Cook-out for participants hosted by SCSPLS - hotel grounds

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Social (Cash Bar) - Emerald Ballroom One and Two

7:00 pm - until

SCSPLS & SAMSOG Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers 
Emerald Ballroom One and Two

#### Sunday, July 21, 2013

11:00 am Check out – Have a safe journey home!

# THURSDAY CONVENTION SEMINAR:

#### "MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS - GEORGIA"

Tom Hurley, LS

# Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM (3 PDH for Georgia Licensees)

This course will examine the current Technical Standards as well as the Rules, Policies, Regulations and Laws that affect Professional Land Surveys on a daily basis. These Standards change over time to meet technological advances, Board decisions and other outside influences. It is the Land Surveyors responsibility to understand and abide by these standards and guidelines.

Tom Hurley is a licensed Land Surveyor in Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina and a Registered Forester in Georgia. Tom graduated from UGA in 1980 with a degree in Forest Resources. He became active in SAMSOG as an Associate Member in 1983 and a Full Member in 1989. After serving as a Director, Vice President and President-Elect, Tom was elected as President of SAMSOG in 2000. Tom's uncle, Thomas H. Winchester (RLS#757), was also elected as president of SAMSOG in 1955. Tom's wife, Laura Hurley, has been the Chair of SAMSOG's Auxiliary Committee for 8 years.

Tom and Laura live in Duluth, GA.

# FRIDAY CONVENTION SEMINARS:

# "UNDERSTANDING FOUNDATION FLOOD VENTS AND FEMA'S TECHNICAL BULLETIN 1"

J. Paul Abrams, Smart Vent Products, Inc. Friday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (1 PDH)

This course provides insight into the importance of correctly identifying foundation flood vents for documentation on an NFIP Elevation Certificate. Compliance influences both the vulnerability to flood damage and the cost of NFIP flood insurance. If openings are not compliant, the floor of the crawlspace or the floor of the enclosure becomes the "lowest floor". The course will review applicable codes pertaining to foundation flood venting, including a complete review of FEMA's Technical Bulletin TB-1. After the course, participants will have a thorough understanding of the difference between non-engineered openings and engineered openings and how to properly document each kind on an EC. Course topics include: Codes and Regulations, NFIP Elevation Certificate, Engineered Openings vs. Non Engineered Openings, and Independent Evaluation Services of Products Advantage.

J. Paul Abrams, and PGA Sales & Marketing, Inc., have been serving the construction industry for over 29 years and studying the science of flood mitigation for over 5 years. Through their efforts in marketing, and educational seminars for Architects, Surveyors, Code Officials, Insurance Agents as well as Suppliers and Contractors, Paul has worked hard to help make the jobs of our industry successful. Along with their regular educational programs, Paul has performed over 150 AIA presentations, to thousands of AIA members. He is a member of North and South Carolina Surveyors Association, Carolinas Building Inspectors Associations as well as the National ASFPM and local Floodplain Managers Associations.

# "SURVEYING RAILROAD CORRIDORS WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY"

Leslie D. Odom, RPLS, CSX Real Property, Inc. Norfolk Southern

#### Friday, July 19, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

This seminar will cover the following topics: Railroad Safety, Anatomy of a Railroad Corridor Land Title Survey, Research, Valuation Map, Railroad Curves, Railroad Corridor, Acquisition, Railroads in General, Regional Development, Technology, Resources and Organizations.

#### "SURVEYING ON THE NSC RAILROAD IN GA & SC"

Jim Rader, RLS, Norfolk Southern

#### Friday, July 19, 3:15 PM - 5:15 PM

This seminar will cover various railroad surveying topics including trespassing, entry permits, mapping and right of way issues as related specifically to the Norfolk Southern Corporation right of way. Evidence pertaining to deeds, "Charter Right of Way" and Federal Laws and Regulations will be discussed. In addition material concerning the "Guidelines for Design and Construction of Privately Owned Industrial Track" as presented by the Norfolk Southern Corporation will be discussed.

Jim Rader has over 36 years of railroad surveying and design experience. His career began in 1977 with the Southern Railway Company which became the Norfolk Southern Corporation in 1982. He is currently the System Engineer Real Estate at the Norfolk Southern Corporation. He has surveyed, designed and located tracks and property acquisitions for multiple \$20 MM to \$30 MM projects during his tenure. He is a Registered Land Surveyor in the states of Georgia and Tennessee. He is a graduate of Shorter College and has attended Tennessee Technological University, The University of Tennessee Knoxville and Southern Polytechnic State University. He is currently Chapter Representative of the SAMSOG Etowah Chapter.

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# "UNDERGROUND UTILITY LOCATING AND SURVEYING"

Hans J. Wonneberger, Civil Engineer – Owner of UtiliSurvey, LLC

# Friday, July 19th, 10:00 AM – Noon (2 PDH)

Land surveyors who perform surveys that follow the American Land Title Association (ALTA) standards, Table A Item 11(b) will typically subcontract with a private utility locating consultant.

The objective of this seminar is to gain insights and understand the process and limitations of underground utilities locating. Thus reducing the surveyors professional liability related to the risks of mapping underground utilities.

#### Introduction

- Identifying existing underground utilities
- Potential risk of inaccurate utility location
- Conventional methods of locating existing utilities

#### <u>Utility Locating Technology</u>

- Radiofrequency locating
- Ground-penetrating radar

#### Surveying and Mapping Underground Utilities

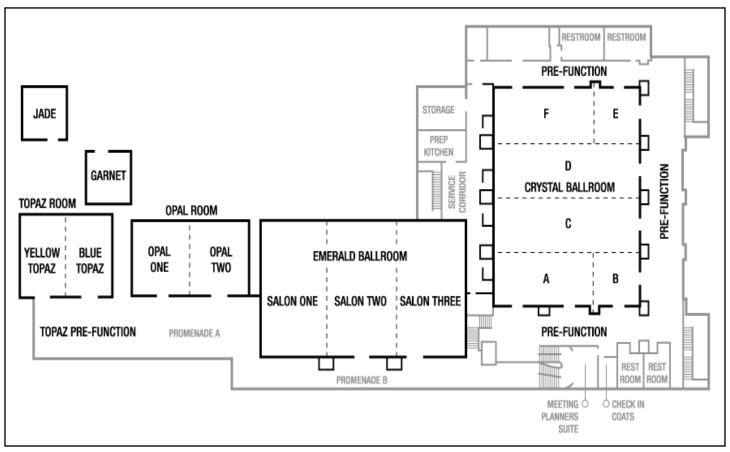
- Records research
- Marking procedures

- Data collection and processing
- Disclaimer statement

#### <u>Utility Locating in Practice</u>

- Limits and limitations
- Field report
- Liability and insurance issues
- Locating qualified utility consultants

Mr. Hans J. Wonneberger earned a Master of Science in Civil Engineering at the G.S. Ohm Fachhochschule in Nuremberg, Germany. He has more than 25 years of experience in the coordination of civil engineering projects from the pre-design site selection process through construction management and final project acceptance. His civil engineering projects include an array of commercial developments as well as municipal engineered projects. Mr. Wonneberger's strong expertise lies in the construction of underground infrastructure. After graduation he practiced as a professional engineer in Germany for over 10 years. He has personally been responsible as project manager for large commercial projects at Siemens and BMW facilities as well as water, sewer and utility design services for public agencies. Five years after migrating to the US in 1999, Mr. Wonneberger founded UtiliSurvey, LLC together with two registered Land Surveyors. An active public speaker and writer, Mr. Wonneberger presented numerous seminars on Underground Utility Locating and Subsurface Utility Engineering to various surveying and engineering groups in the South-East. He has also coauthored an article on Ground Penetrating Radar that was published by The Georgia Engineer.



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Name of Person Attending

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### MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

**Badge Name** 

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MEMBER	
Full Registration Fee (Includes admittance for one person to THURSDAY Night Welcome Reception, FRIDAY	\$285.00
Spouse / Significant Other Package	\$150.00
(Ladies – check this if you do not plan to attend the Ladies Program & Luncheon Friday but wish to attend Seminar luncheon with your husband)  Spouse / Significant Other Package - Ladies Auxiliary Program and Luncheon (Includes admittance to Friday's Ladies Program and Luncheon and all other meals and banquet)	\$150.00
(Ladies – check this if you <u>DO</u> plan to attend the Ladies Luncheon & Tour on Friday)  Thursday ONLY MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS Seminar  (Includes admittance to Thursday MTS)	\$100.00
NON MEMBER	
Full Registration Fee (Includes admittance for one person to THURSDAY Night Welcome Reception,	\$385.00
Spouse / Significant Other – Seminar Package (Includes admittance to all meals and banquet)	\$180.00
but wish to attend Seminar luncheon with your husband) Spouse / Significant Other - Ladies Auxiliary Program and Luncheon (Includes admittance to Friday's Ladies Program and Luncheon and all other meals and bar	<b>\$180.00</b> nquet)
(Ladies – check this if you <b>do</b> plan to attend the Ladies Program and Luncheon on Friday) <b>Thursday ONLY MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS Seminar</b> (Includes admittance to Thursday MTS)	\$200.00
	State Zip Phone  CHECK THE OPTION THAT APPLIES TO YOU BASED ON YOUR SCSPLS M  MEMBER  Full Registration Fee (Includes admittance for one person to THURSDAY Night Welcome Reception, FRIDAY and SATURDAY seminars/meetings, meals and banquet) Spouse / Significant Other Package (Includes admittance to all meals and banquet) (Ladies – check this if you do not plan to attend the Ladies Program & Luncheon Friday but wish to attend Seminar luncheon with your husband) Spouse / Significant Other Package - Ladies Auxiliary Program and Luncheon (Includes admittance to Friday's Ladies Program and Luncheon and all other meals and banquet) (Ladies – check this if you DQ plan to attend the Ladies Luncheon & Tour on Friday) Thursday ONLY MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS Seminar (Includes admittance to Thursday MTS)  NON MEMBER  Full Registration Fee (Includes admittance for one person to THURSDAY Night Welcome Reception, FRIDAY and SATURDAY seminars/meetings, meals and banquet) (Ladies – check this if you do not plan to attend the Ladies Program and Luncheon Friday, but wish to attend Seminar luncheon with your husband) Spouse / Significant Other - Ladies Auxiliary Program and Luncheon (Includes admittance to Friday's Ladies Program and Luncheon and all other meals and bar (Ladies – check this if you do plan to attend the Ladies Program and Luncheon (Includes admittance to Friday's Ladies Program and Luncheon and all other meals and bar (Ladies – check this if you do plan to attend the Ladies Program and Luncheon on Friday) Thursday ONLY MINIMUM TECHNICAL STANDARDS Seminar

For your Friday night dinner and entertainment, delight in the views of the Charleston Harbor from the decks of the Spirit of Carolina. You will enjoy a three or four course dinner, prepared to order. This is a separate ticket option on page 2 of this form.

#### **AUXILIARY SWEETGRASS BASKET PROGRAM AND LUNCHEON**

lvie Barnwell will tell the story of the Gullah Community and demonstrate weaving a sweetgrass basket from start to finish. Lunch will follow at Magnolia's in the Charleston Historic District. Transportation provided.

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Tickets for the functions below are included in the full registration fee and/or the spouse registration fee Seminar Package. Additional tickets for those wishing to attend these functions but not holding one of the above registrations should be purchased separately:

Spiritline Dinner Cruise Surveyors Lunch Friday, 7/19/13	tickets at \$ 60.00 each tickets at \$ 30.00 each	\$ \$
Ladies Aux.Program/Lunch Friday, 7/19/13 Banquet Saturday, 7/20/13 Children under 12 / Saturday banquet	tickets at \$ 35.00 each tickets at \$ 60.00 each tickets at \$ 25.00 each	\$ \$

Contribution to SCSPLS SCHOLARSHIP FUND:

\$ <u>25.00</u>

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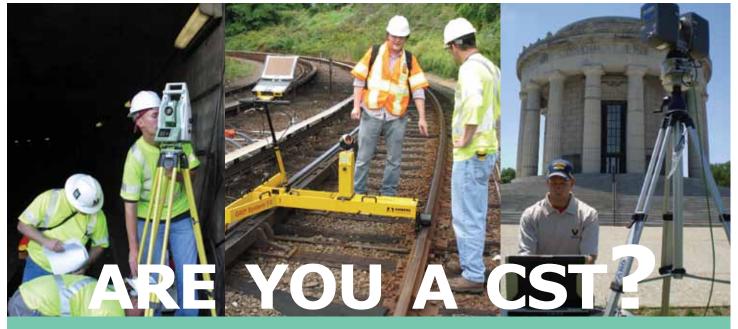
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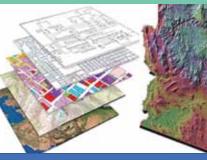


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There is a long list of things that we accomplish through our surveying-related organizations. We give scholarships, we help one another in times of need, we support and propose laws and regulations that enhance our profession and the welfare of the public, and we contribute many thousands of hours each year unselfishly in support of a better world for all of us. All of this and much more is accomplished by our dues, technical seminar revenue, donations, and dedicated time. And we are rightly proud of all of it. That is not what this article is about.

Each year SCSPLS host an annual convention and along with this meeting puts on technical sessions, social events, membership meeting, and offers opportunities to meet with old friends and competitors. A good time is had by all. In order to make this event a success, the Convention Committee starts signing contracts and planning at least a year or two in advance. The cost of all of this is based on the number of rooms that the hotel rents to the attendees during the event. The facility offers pricing to our Association based on the projected number of room nights and associated food sales. If our members do not stay at the hotel or do not attend the events, then the facility charges a penalty for their projected and unrealized profits. This penalty can range between \$5,000 and \$20,000. If this happens, the penalty must be paid from the general fund of the SCSPLS. Joining with SAMSOG helps assure us that we will meet, or hopefully exceed, our projected numbers. Still, it may be difficult with so many hurting in this economy – or just now trying to catch up from years that have been too lean. Disposable income is very hard to find and many of us feel that our time and money would be better spent in other ways. Many of us live close enough that we can commute to the events.

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This article is about what each one of us stands to gain if we "Get a room."

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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS, INC. (NSPS) AND

#### THE SOUTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS (SCSPLS)

#### ARTICLE I PURPOSE

The purpose of the NSPS 100% State Affiliate Membership Program is to create an environment that will not only maintain but enhance our national influence by joining our memberships into a single unified organization that represents, as near as possible, 100% of the surveying profession.

A unified national organization would better serve the interests, objectives, and communication needs of its members, in helping to enhance the public image of the surveying profession. This stronger organization would also give its members a more powerful national voice in promoting and protecting our profession. This unity of purpose will also help to advance the sciences and the disciplines within the profession of surveying and mapping, encourage cooperation between the public and the private sectors, create an active public relations program and advance the protection of public welfare relative to surveying and mapping issues.

#### ARTICLE II BACKGROUND

The NSPS Board of Governors and Board of Directors feel that the continued success and growth of our society and our profession requires a stronger relationship between the national and state societies. To that end, we desire to create a joint membership program that will attract state societies to join with NSPS to work together to enhance our profession while enjoying the benefits of membership.

Benefits of a unified national organization for NSPS would include:

STRONGER INFLUENCE in dealing with federal and state legislators, agencies, and administrators.

RECOGNITION when operating among other national and international professional organizations.

INCREASED EFFICIENCY in building on past, present, and future initiatives to strengthen the surveying profession.

Thus at the May 5, 2012 NSPS Annual meeting, a motion from members of the NSPS Board of Governors, to create and implement a 100% Affiliate Membership Program was presented and approved by both the NSPS Board of Governors and Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE III OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION/SOCIETY

Furnish the NSPS, Inc. Secretary/Treasurer, at least sixty (60) days prior to the start of the SCSPLS membership year, a preliminary list of the names, or the number of its regular/licensed members whose legal residence is in South Carolina, along with a list of SCSPLS regular/licensed members who are not South Carolina residents as of the signing date of this document.

Within one hundred and twenty (120) days from the start of the SCSPLS membership year, SCSPLS shall provide NSPS a list of all regular/licensed members paid to date and the balance due for their NSPS membership fees (\$40/member).

After the first one hundred and twenty (120) days of the membership year, SCSPLS shall forward NSPS on a monthly basis the names and membership dues for all newly paid to date regular/licensed members.

SCSPLS will provide a representative(s) to serve on the NSPS Board of Governors and Board of Directors.

SCSPLS will publish the MOU once each year in a State Association/Society publication.

SCSPLS will furnish NSPS, Inc. with the names and addresses of their officers, directors, and NSPS Governor/Director after each election.

SCSPLS will affirm the affiliation with NSPS, Inc. through the display of the NSPS, Inc. logo or other statements of affiliation on the State's stationery, website and publications.

# ARTICLE IV ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF NSPS

Provide leadership for the surveying & mapping community on a national level. Provide a voice for the surveying & mapping community on a national level.

Provide a National Government Affairs Program and leadership on State and Regional Government Affairs issues.

Provide coordination and promotion of surveying & mapping curriculums on a national level.

Provide a liaison with other national and international geomatics and geospatial organizations.

Provide for the distribution of significant information of new technology and innovations that support the furtherance of surveying & mapping science.

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Provide assistance to the affiliate in obtaining speakers and programs for conferences and workshops. Coordinate licensing concerns of a national interest with the affiliates and provide review of the NCEES Model Law.

Promote the affiliates activities and programs through the NSPS Website and publications.

#### ARTICLE V ISSUES OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

The two parties are two distinct and separate entities, that share a mutual interest in furthering the surveying & mapping profession.

NSPS will act as the clearinghouse and spokesperson for the state affiliates on national issues.

SCSPLS may opt out for all of their members having their personal information shared by NSPS with third parties by submitting a letter to the NSPS Secretary/Treasurer at the beginning of every membership year.

NSPS is not responsible for the expenses associated with the attendance of the affiliate's representative(s) to the NSPS Board of Governors and Board of Directors meetings.

SCSPLS has the right and is expected to send a representative to all meetings of the Board of Directors.

SCSPLS will participate in the annual NSPS Lobby Day and schedule meetings with their Congressional delegation.

#### ARTICLE VI **COMPENSATION DETAILS**

SCSPLS will remit to NSPS an annual fee of \$40.00 for each Regular/Licensed Member whose legal residence is in South Carolina. Only those non-resident licensed/regular members who are currently a licensed/regular member of SCSPLS as of the signing date of this MOU by SCSPLS would be allowed to take part in the 100% membership program through SCSPLS. Their membership would be on an optional basis similar to the emeritus, honorary, and associate members. After that date, non-resident licensees who become licensed/regular members of SCSPLS may only participate (on an optional basis) in the 100% membership program through SCSPLS if they do not at that time, nor have they for the previous three (3) years, held membership in another State Affiliate as a licensed/regular member.

All costs incurred by SCSPLS that are associated with collecting and disbursing the annual fee to NSPS shall be borne solely by SCSPLS.

#### ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS DETAILS

Emeritus members, upon agreement between NSPS and the SCSPLS, may be omitted from the yearly Affiliate Regular/ Licensed membership tally. SCSPLS will offer the option to Emeritus members to become NSPS members at the current

Individual non Regular/Licensed, Emeritus members etc. of SCSPLS whose legal residence is in SCSPLS, are allowed to take part in the NSPS membership program on an optional basis at an annual fee of \$40 (forty dollars), in their appropriate NSPS membership category. SCSPLS will supply NSPS a listing of the additional members. SCSPLS will offer the option to our Associate members to become NSPS members at the current (\$40) rate.

Student members of SCSPLS can qualify to be included in this program at the current NSPS student membership fee of \$10 (ten dollars) starting with the 2014 membership year.

All newly licensed Professional Land Surveyors with a South Carolina residence will be offered a membership in SCSPLS and NSPS at no cost except for the \$10 SCSPLS application fee. These newly licensed members will be included in the yearly SCSPLS membership tally.

#### **ARTICLE VIII** TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

This MOU Agreement will become effective upon the first day after the signing of this Agreement by the authorized officers of both parties.

This MOU Agreement shall remain in force until such time as either party ceases to exist as a legal entity within the state of their listed headquarters.

The agreement may be terminated by either party upon a twothirds vote by their governing Board and the delivery of a written notice of termination to the other party's listed headquarters within no less than ninety days prior to the commencement of a new membership year.

Upon receipt of a termination notice from either party, both parties will have a maximum of sixty days in which to complete all financial and legal obligations existing between them.

Should a dispute arise between the parties as to the terms of this agreement, and an amicable settlement cannot be reached by the two parties, both parties agree to submit the dispute to a dispute resolution procedure to be held within the state of the aggrieved party.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the National Society of Professional Surveyors, Inc., (NSPS, Inc.) and The South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors (SCSPLS) have joined together with mutual understanding as to their obligations and responsibilities, that each party will adhere to the MOU Agreement to the best of their ability and herewith sign this MOU Agreement in good faith.

### SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2013, 8:30 A.M.

#### Charleston Marriott, Crystal C Meeting Room, Charleston, SC



Past President Kent Hudson Welcome: **Invocation & Passing of the Gavel:** Past President Kent Hudson

**Reports from Other State Representatives and Guests: Meeting Format:** 

Aaron Leach President Aaron Leach **Agenda Approval: Consent Agenda Approval:** 

**Approval of Minutes of GM Meeting: CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:** 

1. President's Report: 2. Financial Report:

4. Delegate Reports:

3. Executive Secretary's Report:

• SC Council of Eng. & Surv. Soc. • NSPS Governor • SMAC/GIS Delegate • SC Utilities Committee • The Auxiliary

5. Chapter Representative Reports:

• Aiken Chapter • Central Chapter • Coastal Chapter • Foothills Chapter

• Grand Strand Chapter • Low Country Chapter • Midlands Chapter

• Mid-State Chapter • Northwest Chapter • Pee Dee Chapter

• Thomas C. Anderson Chapter • Tri-County Chapter

• Upper Piedmont Chapter **District Director's Reports:** 

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• District 5 • District 6

7. Committee Reports:

• Activities & Programs • Constitution & By-Laws

• 2013 Convention Education

• Ethics & Standards of Practice • GPS-VRS

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• Insurance

• Newsletter, Plat Contest & Surveyor of the Year

• PAC Research Committee • Past Presidents Council • Public Relations

• ROD Committee • Scholarship Committee

• Survey Games

Yearbook

Robert's Rules of Order, President

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#### **NORMAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

**New Business:** 

Board of Prof. Eng. & Surveyors' Report

Plat Contest Winners

**Closing Comments** 

**Adjournment** 

Dennis Clinkscales President Aaron Leach

Gene Dinkins, Johnny Johnson

Survey Games and cook-out being held after the meeting. Formal induction of the 2013-14 Officers at the Awards Banquet.



### In Memoriam

### FRANKIE MANHARDT, PLS

12/17/1969 - 5/29/2013

SCSPLS has lost a leader and true pioneer in the surveying profession. Frankie Manhardt, PLS died Wednesday, May 29th, after a heroic battle against cancer. Frankie served with distinction as the first female President of her local Coastal Chapter and as the first female President of SCSPLS from July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012.

Frankie exuded excitement, joy, kindness and great determination in everything she did. She touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Frankie represented our Society well in her travels as President and unselfishly gave up her time to help promote the surveying profession whenever an opportunity

In addition to her work with SCSPLS, Frankie also participated in many community services, such as the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Frankie and her family had a great passion for rescuing dogs and fostered numerous dogs until a good home could be

Frankie leaves behind her loving husband Mike and daughter Amelia.

### In Memoriam

### WILLIAM KEITH ROARK

11/23/1951 - 4/26/2013



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### MINUTES OF SCSPLS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### Saturday, March 23, 2013, Paris Mountain State Park, Camp Buckhorn, Greenville, SC

A combined meeting of the Board and general membership of South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors was held on Saturday, March 23, 2013, at 1:30 PM, at Paris Mountain State Park, Camp Buckhorn, Greenville, South Carolina. Members in attendance were:

Officers:

President Kent Hudson President Elect Aaron Leach Vice President Dennis Clinkscales Secretary Al Crouch Lee Frank Treasurer Immediate Past President Dennis Johns

**Delegates:** 

Carl Bostick, Absent SC Council of Eng. & Surv. Henry Dingle **NSPS** Governor SC Utilities Committee Aaron Taylor, Absent SMAC/GIS Bill Tripp, Absent

The Auxiliary

**Chapter Representatives:** 

Aiken Chapter Bill Tripp, Absent

Central Chapter

Coastal Chapter Nancy Frasure Foothills Chapter Thurl Amick Grand Strand Chapter Will Fairey

Low Country Chapter Terry Hatchell, Absent,

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Midlands Chapter Greg Jenness

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District 1 Chuck Dawley, Absent George Bradley District 2 Tom Abraham, Absent District 3 District 4 Billy Martin

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Mike Culler, Absent, Proxy District 6

**Executive Secretary:** Brenda Smith

OTHERS MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT: Timothy Davis, Robert Drummond, Bobby Foster, Joe Gosnell, Kermit Gould, Jr., Bobby King, Peter Messier, Jeff Plumblee, Elliotte Quinn, Kevin Schwacke, Floyd Sweatt, Dale Swygert, and Drew Wadsworth. Guests: Joe Crowe

Invocation was given by Joe Baird. President Kent Hudson thanked Mike Price of SCRS for his sponsorship as well as Pittman Surveying. A drawing was held by SCRS (www.scrs. biz) for a bipod; won by Will Fairey. President Hudson stated that Governor Nikki Haley signed the Governor's Proclamation declaring March 17-23, 2013 as Surveyors Weeks to recognize the

many contributions made by land surveyors to our community. We have also posted facts about surveying daily on Facebook. A letter was sent to all Chapter Representatives by Al Crouch, the Public Relations Chairman, to send to all local papers for publication for National Surveyors Week. President Hudson thanked all those who came today and coordinated the meeting, seminar and location.

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve agenda with a second. Unanimously approved.

**CONSENT AGENDAS:** Motion to approve consent agendas with a second. Unanimously approved.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING:** Motion with a second to approve Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of February 6, 2013 Board Meeting. Unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GM MEETING: Motion with a second to approve General Membership Minutes of February 6, 2013 Meeting. Unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Kent Hudson's written report stated the February 6<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting was well attended with several topics discussed and a plan of action for each. The Education Conference and Trade Show began on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> with close to 250 combined registrants for both days. The next General Membership meeting is planned for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Camp Buckhorn in Greenville, SC. President Hudson plans to be in attendance at the next LLR Board meeting, scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>. March 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Surveyors Week. A Proclamation has been sent to the Governor's office in honor of this week.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Mr. Lee Frank submitted a written statement of accounts. The balances of SCSPLS accounts are as follows: Wells Fargo account ending in -1285 balance of \$166,472.19; Wells Fargo account ending in -7096 balance of \$59,913.56. The balances of the SCSPLS Scholarship accounts are as follows: Merrill Lynch account ending in -4196 balance of \$48,658.80; Wells Fargo account ending in -7754 balance of \$3,803.67. Anyone wishing to view other financial documents for the general accounts may contact Mr. Frank after the meeting. All information is current as of March 14, 2013 and furnished for information purposes only.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT:** Mrs. Brenda Smith's written report outlined the activities in the society office since the last meeting in February including the following:

BOARD MEETING and GENERAL MEMBERSHIP **MEETING:** Working with Executive Secretary Assistant and Board of Directors to organize board and general membership meetings and locations, minutes of meetings and review of all reports. Attended February Board and General Membership meetings

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### MINUTES OF SCSPLS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### Wednesday, February 6, 2013, DoubleTree Hotel, Capital Room, Columbia, SC

at the DoubleTree Hotel in Columbia. Informed membership and chapter representatives of upcoming meetings, issues and events. Continue to work with Board on organization and suggestions for improving meeting format and content, leadership of SCSPLS and committee assignments.

- CONVENTION: Working with SAMSOG, SCSPLS Convention Committee, Activities Committee, and Education Committee to organize activities and events of the SCSPLS/SAMSOG Convention to be held July 18-20, 2013 at the Charleston Marriott Hotel.
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW: Worked with vendors and committees on final plans for the 2013 Education Conference and Trade Show, attended events February 6-8 in Columbia. Trade Show had 19 booth and 209 registered for the Education Conference. Working on contract with DoubleTree by Hilton on negotiations for the 2014 conference/trade show.
- MEMBERSHIP: Keeping members informed of all activities and events of SCSPLS and the surveying profession by phone and email. Review newsletter for upcoming events with assistant and graphics designer for posting to website.
- WEBSITE: Working with Assistant and David Ballard on additions, changes and updates for the SCSPLS website. Exec. Sec. Assistant now able to change and add to current website to update and inform members and the public of upcoming events and articles on the profession of surveying.
- ACCOUNTING: Processed all invoices received, coded and added into QuickBooks on-line in proper accounts for Treasurer to cut checks. Entering all deposits of each incoming check into QuickBooks with proper account coding for Treasurer. Make Journal entries were necessary. Worked with Accountant to input all entries in bank account and processing payroll. Accountant checks bank statements and does quarterly reports and year-end accounting and Tax Return for SCSPLS. Review the budget vs. actuals reports and forward to Treasurer.
- OTHER OFFICE DUTIES: Overseeing work of Assistant, Kim Long, in the Columbia office. Purchase office supplies as needed. Other general offices duties.

#### **DELEGATE REPORTS**

SC COUNCIL OF ENG. & SURV. SOC.: No report.

NSPS GOVERNOR: NSPS Governor, Mr. Henry Dingle's, written report stated the nationwide march toward 100% membership continues. So Far, 17 state have signed the MOU, 14 states whose membership has approved and 5 states whose Board has approved. That brings us to a total of 36 states who have voted to join the NSPS 100 Membership Initiative in less than 1 year. The process for a state society to approve the NSPS 100% Membership Participation Plan varies. Some states

only need board approval, while other states need membership approval.

SMAC/GIS DELEGATE: No report. SC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: No report. THE AUXILIARY: No report.

#### **CHAPTER REPORTS:**

**Aiken:** No report. **Central:** No report.

Coastal: Ms. Nancy Frasure's written report stated the Chapter has held 2 meetings since last report with an average attendance of 27 members and 2 guests. The January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at Gilligan's in Mt. Pleasant. Chuck Drouillard from Duncan-Parnell introduced and demonstrated Optimal Ranging's SPAR 300 uses in mapping utility lines in 3D. The February 26<sup>th</sup> meeting was held at the Crab Shack in West Ashley. Matthew Foss from the Navigation Branch at the Corps of Engineers gave a presentation on the work the Corps does to survey the harbor for dredging.

**Foothills:** Mr. Thurl Amick's written report stated the Chapter has met 3 times since last report with an average of 10 members and 1 guest present. Copies of the <u>Blaze</u> were submitted for more information and can be obtained by contacting the SCSPLS office.

**Grand Strand:** Mr. Will Fairey's written report stated the Chapter has met twice since last report with an average attendance of 11 members and 1 guest. One meeting was a seminar and discussion on Counties Land Development Regulations. Future meetings and a Spring seminar were discussed at the other meeting.

**Low Country:** Mr. Terry Hatchell's report stated that the chapter meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday night. No meetings to report at present.

Midlands: Mr. Gregory Jenness' written report stated the Chapter has met once since last report with 30 members and 1 guest present. The February meeting was held at Gilligan's in Lexington. Members from Midlands and Mid-State Chapters attended to hear Sen. Ronnie Cromer, (Newberry) discuss proposed legislation directed at real estate professionals that is of interest to surveyors in our state. Special thanks to Mid-State Chapter President, Brian Bonds, for arranging to have Sen. Cromer speak at this meeting.

**Mid-State:** Mr. Brian Bonds' written report stated the Chapter has held 1 meeting since last report with 1 member and 3 guests present. Bill Parr of Parr Computing presented "Surveying and Computers: How to have your Computer Love You."

**Northwest:** No report.

**Pee Dee:** A written report from the Pee Dee Chapter stated the February meeting 10 members and 2 guests present. The program was presented by Duncan-Parnell on the newest scanning instruments and software. Those in attendance received 2 CEU's.

**Thomas C. Anderson**: No report.

Tri-County: Mr. Joe Baird's written report stated the Chapter

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has met twice since last report with an average of 14 members and 2 guests present. The February meeting included York County Historian speaking on old maps of the area. Joe Baird led a group discussion on Ethics Codes and SC Rules of Professional Conduct at the March meeting.

**Upper Piedmont:** No report.

#### **DISTRICT DIRECTORS REPORTS**:

District 1: No report.
District 2: No report.
District 3: No report.

**District 4:** Mr. Billy Martin's written report stated the Foothills Chapter has met twice since last report, with an average of 15 members and 1 guest present. There was no speaker in February. The March speaker was Rob Peterson with Baseline Supply Surveying Equipment. The Upper Piedmont Chapter has met once since last report with 8 members and 1 guest in attendance. Park Raider, Director of the Spartanburg County Planning Commission, presented at the February meeting.

**District 5**: Mr. Bill Hipp's written report stated the Tri-County Chapter met on February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mike Scoggins, York County Historian, gave a one hour talk on early maps and trade routes through the area at the February meeting. Joe Baird gave a one hour seminar on Ethics at the March meeting. Tri-County is the only active Chapter in District 5. On average the Chapter has 12-15 attendees.

**District 6:** No report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Activities: No report.

**Constitution and By-Laws:** No report.

**2013 Convention:** Mr. Aaron Leach's written report stated Patriot's Point Golf Links has been reserved for Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The cost is \$52+tax per person. The committee is still looking for an activity for non-golfers, (fishing, Yorktown, Ghost Tours).

Education Committee: Mr. Greg Jenness' written report stated planning is underway for the 2013 Convention, being held jointly with SAMSOG in Charleston, SC. Arrangements are being made to have a representative from Norfolk Southern Railroad or CSX Railroad present an in-depth technical seminar dealing with the many challengers surveyors face when working along railroads.

Ethics & Standards of Practice: Mr. Will Fairey's written report stated future activities for the Committee will include asking SC LLR to define "practicing surveyor" and possibly submitting a formal complain to SC LLR regarding the "Express Map" service provided by a national title insurance company. The Committee is waiting on input from the Executive Board at the next meeting before proceeding with these actions.

**GPS-VRS:** No report. **Insurance**: No report.

**Internet:** Mr. David Ballard's written report stated since last report in February, Affiniscape has merged with YourMembership. com. The services offered are comparable, but not the exact same as what was included in Affiniscapes' proposal. Information from YourMembership.com was attached to the report and is

available by contacting the SCSPLS office. The proposal from GRITS was also attached. At this time, it is the opinion of Mr. Ballard that GRITS is the best option for the Society. Another local company has also asked to give a free website consultation and that is being looked into.

Legal and Legislative: Mr. Joe Jones' written report stated the rewrite of Title 40 Chapter 22: Engineers and Surveyors, was introduced in the SC Senate by Sen. Paul Campbell (R- Berkley). It was referred to the Labor Commerce and Industry Committee on Mar. 8. The Senate bill number is S. 497. Sen. Billy O'Dell's Professions and Occupations Subcommittee is expected to hold a hearing in April after the Senate returns from Easter break. Other senators on this subcommittee are Sen. Nikki Setzler (D-Lexington), Sen. Robert Ford (D-Charleston), Sen. Kevin Bryant (R-Spartanburg), Sen. Sean Bennett (R-Dorchester) and Sen. Tom Davis (R-Beaufort). Rep. Nelson Hardwick, PE, (R-Horry), as lead sponsor, is working the House for additional co-sponsors. Joe Jones has been contacting members of the House Labor Commerce and Industry Committee, explaining the changes to the Engineers and Surveyors practice act and has been asking House members to sign on as a co-sponsor for this bill. A number of House and Senate members have asked for copies of the bill to read before signing on as a co-sponsor, and others have said they want to check with their local surveyor or engineer before making a commitment. If you are asked by a representative or senator about this legislation, please ask them to support it. As of this writing, bill numbers have not been assigned but as soon as bill numbers are given to these House and Senate bills, SCSPLS members will be asked to contact their legislator regarding this legislation.

The Limited Liability Corporation Bill, S. 124 is on a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee agenda this week. There is opposition to this bill because some lending institutions feel members of an LLC could not be held liable for a loan the LLC secured. This bill is important to many companies, especially small ones. Senator Larry Martin introduced S. 124 to rectify this situation.

A draft tort reform bill is being circulated among a number of State Senators in preparation for being introduced. Two important sections in this bill to surveyors, engineers, architects, contractors and others are expert witness language and certificate of merit language. Final wording for these two sections is not complete. The expert witness portion attempts to define what the courts may accept as an expert. The certificate of merit portion, if passed, would require a fellow professional to assert that a problem exists and there is probable cause for a law suit to proceed. This certificate of merit works well in the medical arena, and is expected to diminish the number of frivolous law suits.

**Membership:** Mr. Al Crouch's written report stated the society currently has 390 members for 2012-13: Full – 339; Associate – 7; Complimentary – 7; Emeritus – 21; Student – 2; Sustaining – 14. The following new members have been approved by the Membership Committee and presented to the Board of Directors for 2012-13 membership: **Full:** William R. (Bill) Cureton, Tirad Surveyors, Inc., Greenville, SC; P. Neal Fogleman, Fant Reichert Fogleman, Inc., Greenville, SC; John R. Long, John R. Long &

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Assoc., Clemson, SC. **Newsletter:** No report. **PAC:** No report.

Past President's Council: Mr. Dennis Johns submitted the meeting minutes from the February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Past President's meeting for his report. For a full copy of the minutes, please contact the SCSPLS office. Topics discussed at the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting include the following: Convention 2013; short-term and long-term goals for SCSPLS; Emeritus membership category.

Plat Contest: No report.

**Public Relations:** Mr. Al Crouch's written report stated a news article promoting National Surveyors Week, March  $17^{th} - 23^{rd}$ , was prepared and sent to all Chapter Representatives asking and encouraging them to contact news outlets in their area and asking them to publish the article.

**Scholarship:** No report. **Survey Contest:** No report.

Surveyor of the Year: No report.

**Yearbook:** No report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Board of Prof. Eng. & Surveyors:** Mr. Johnny Johnson, surveying member of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors who replaced Mr. Thurl Amick as of January 1, 2013, spoke on the issues confronting the board.

At the Midlands Chapter meeting, Representative Ronnie Cromer, spoke on legislation coming to the legislature. The Adverse Possession legislation was introduced to the legislature and was one of the topics that was discussed at this meeting and explanations from the surveyors was presented to Rep. Cromer. The power of your voice is heard by your representatives so please contact them with your concerns. Mr. Johnson visited the Mid-State Chapter where the electronic seal was discussed. The voice of the surveyors was heard and now the state requires either the impression seal or the electronic seal on your plats. Brokering of surveys will be against the law in the new statues when passed. Also counties, cities, states and municipalities having public property to survey cannot be bid out but will be on a qualification based selection. Another topic discussed was engineering surveys. A complaint must be filed if engineers are doing surveying work not qualified of engineer's regulations and Model Law qualifications. LLR will not act on this unless a formal complaint is made. Either a better definition of Engineering Surveying needs to be done or it should be struck from the statutes. Georgia simply struck surveying under the definition of Engineers as it will be difficult to define tight enough what an engineering survey would be. Boundary surveys have never been one of the areas an engineer is qualified to do. If you are seeing this practice done, a complaint should be sent to the Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors in order for them to know this is a problem to address.

**First American Title Express Maps:** Mr. Will Fairey discussed with the group the practice of First American Title doing express mapping providing aerial photos with property lines, easements, encroachments and qualified acreage on the map and is used for part of their Title Insurance package. They advertise it as an

alternative for an ALTA/ACSM survey or those who people who do not want to wait for an ALTA survey or go thru the cost of an ALTA survey. They do put several disclaimers that this is not a survey on the express map. NSPS says it has been an issue in the past. Mr. Fairey will send Thurl Amick information he has received and feels we need to file a complaint with the Labor and Licensing Board.

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Nominations for 2013-14 Officers: President Hudson introduced the Nominating Committee consisting of Mr. Dennis Johns, Chairman, Mr. Joe Baird and Mr. Ronnie Tyler. Mr. Aaron Leach will be President for 2013-14 by the nomination last year for a three-year position on the Board. The Nominating Committee presented the following nominations to run for the following slate of officers for SCSPLS for the fiscal year 2013-14:

President-Elect: Mr. Elliotte Ouinn. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Vice-President: Mr. Brian Bonds. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. Treasurer: Mr. Will Fairey. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed Secretary: Mr. Drew Wadsworth. No nominations from the floor. Nominations close. NSPS Governor: Mr. Henry Dingle. No nominations from the floor. Nominations close. District 1 Director: Mr. Chuck Dawley. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. District 3 Director: Mr. Tom Abraham. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. District 5 Director: Mr. Billy Hipp. No nominations from the floor. Nominations closed. All nominees, with the exception of Mr. Brian Bonds, Mr. Chuck Dawley and Mr. Tom Abraham, were present at the meeting and agreed to serve. Letters from Mr. Bonds, Mr. Dawley and Mr. Abraham were received and filed in the office, agreeing to serve. All nominees present were asked to submit a brief bio for the ballot to be sent to the office.

**Website Update:** Mr. David Ballard, Chairman, has been looking at several providers of website design. Mr. Dale Swygert suggested that we look into webinars for potential continuing education. Cost and decisions will be made by the Board of Directors at beginning of the next fiscal year.

**Legal and Legislative:** Mr. Dennis Johns and Mr. Thurl Amick discussed upcoming bills in the legislature, construction staking, adverse possession, brokering of surveying, and Qualified Based Selections. Lobbyist and Kim Long will be monitoring upcoming bills and attending Board of Registration meetings. We can be much stronger as a group against opposition to protect our profession.

#### **Closing Comments:**

President Hudson thanked everyone present for their attendance.

Motion to adjourn with a second. Vote unanimous.

Respectfully submitted, Alfred B. Crouch, SCSPLS Secretary 2012-13

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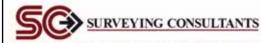
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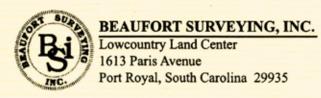


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