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BOARD & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SATURDAY – MARCH 23, 2013
1:30 PM



CAMP BUCKHORN

PARIS MOUNTAIN
STATE PARK
GREENVILLE, SC

“THE NEW SCDOT PRECONSTRUCTION SURVEY MANUAL”

SEMINAR 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

LUNCH 12:30 – 1:30 PM

**COOK-OUT FELLOWSHIP WITH
OLD EQUIPMENT SHOW AND SWAP MEET**

3:00 PM - UNTIL

EVENT SPONSORS:

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings SCSPLS members,

I have been hearing good news about the economy and the increased workload among surveying offices around the State. Things do seem like they are finally turning in a positive direction for our profession. I also talked with several vendors at our Education Conference and Trade Show and they said their new equipment sales are up as well.



On Wednesday February 6, we had our General membership meeting, which was well attended. Several topics were discussed and a plan of action for each. The Education Conference and Trade

Show started on Thursday morning, February 7, with close to 250 combined registrants for both Thursday and Friday. We feel this was a great number considering it is not a licensing year.

We have another General membership meeting planned for March 23rd at the newly renovated Camp Buckhorn, Paris Mountain State park in Greenville, SC. This has always been one of my favorite meeting places. There are cabins for rent as well as camping sites for tents. This is a great opportunity to bring the family. There is a lake, trails and also a Chapter cook off and Swap Meet Saturday. Go ahead and make plans now to bring the family and hopefully we will see you there.

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

NATIONAL SURVEYORS WEEK

Al Crouch, Public Relations Committee Chairman

National Surveyors Week will be celebrated nationwide from March 17 through March 23. This week is a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions surveyors make to the state and its citizens. Licensed land surveyors make plats which are maps showing property boundaries, property corners, and visible encroachments. Plats also show improvements such as buildings, wells, driveways and fences. Surveyors lay out roads, subdivisions, airports, buildings and other construction projects. They also develop topographic maps which are used by architects and engineers when designing buildings and industrial parks.

Land disputes have existed in societies since the beginning of time. The surveyor deals with land law, works with computers and ever changing technology, and solves puzzles as property boundaries are pieced together. A surveyor at times is a mathematician, an investigator, and a historian as attempts are made to resolve boundary lines of property.

Surveying is one of the oldest professions with its roots going back to Egypt. History shows construction surveying taking place in the construction of the Great Pyramid at Giza in 2700 BC. Boundary surveying was developed in Egypt during this same era using basic geometry to reestablish farm boundaries that were washed out by the frequent flooding of the Nile River.

The Romans were the first to recognize land surveying as a profession and to employ an official land surveyor within their empire. They built on the Egyptian system of surveying and established basic measurements using simple tools to create straight lines and angles. This system was used to divide the Roman Empire.

Early surveyors in the United States were usually some of the better educated and more respected members of their communities. All parties involved in land transfers wanted a surveyor who knew math, how to measure land, had a reputation of being fair and could be trusted. Of the four early presidents shown on Mt. Rushmore, Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson were surveyors.

"As one of the earliest settlements in the New World, it is no surprise that South Carolina has a rich history in land surveying," said Kent Hudson, president of the South Carolina Society of Professional Surveyors. "For settlers to get land grants they had to go through a rigorous process which included surveying of the land".

Surveying was one of the first professions to require a professional license. South Carolina currently has about 1700 licensed surveyors. Today's surveyors must have knowledge of mathematics, physical and applied science and surveying law along with an understanding of the history of surveying. Current requirements for a license in South Carolina includes completing a four year college program that includes approved surveying related courses, serving a four year apprenticeship under a registered surveyor and passing National and State surveying exams. Surveyors are also required to maintain their technical competence by taking continuing education courses each year. Through their work, surveyors are continuing to make important contributions to our society.

BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MARCH 23, 2013

CAMP BUCKHORN, PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

2401 State Park Rd., Greenville, SC 29609

The third General Membership meeting of SCSPLS for the 2012-13 year will be held Saturday, March 23, 2013 at Paris Mountain State Park, Camp Buckhorn, in Greenville, SC. The meeting will begin at 1:30 PM and nominations will be accepted from the nominating committee and from the floor for the 2013-14 slate of officers.

Paris Mountain State Park in Greenville, SC, one of the oldest protected areas in the state, is gaining popularity as a beautiful retreat in a metropolitan area. Formerly a watershed for the city of Greenville, the 1540-acre Paris Mountain features large stands of old growth hardwood forests that canopy over hiking and biking trails, a family campground, picnic areas and Camp Buckhorn, a group-camp complex. Paris Mountain State Park was developed in 1935 by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a New Deal Program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The CCC was instrumental in the development of many of South Carolina's state parks. A number of buildings built by the CCC in the 1930s are still in use at the park along with the lakes and dams built by the Paris Mountain water company in the late 19th century which make this park a historic district on the National Register. For more information on the park, go to: <http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/parismountain/introduction.aspx>

Driving Directions: From I-385: Take exit onto N. Pleasantburg Dr., (Hwy 291) for approximately 4 miles. Take a right on Piney Mountain Rd. Go to the 1st light and turn right. Park is 2 mi. ahead on the left.

Cabins: We always have a lot of fun and fellowship with great food from each corner of the state! Plan to come for the weekend and bring your family. The camp lodge offers a full kitchen with basic cooking and eating utensils, a meeting room, a restroom, and shower facilities for men and women. Nine small, primitive cabins are also located near the lodge. You will need to bring your own linens or sleeping bag. Each cabin has heat, two sets of bunk beds and sleeps four. A centralized, unisex shower facility is located among the cabins. The cabins at Camp Buckhorn are available for \$25 per person, on a first come basis. Check in 4:00 PM Friday, March 22nd and check out on Sunday, March 24th at 10:00 AM. To reserve your cabin, email the SCSPLS office, kim@scspls.com, or call (803) 750-7524 to check availability. If you prefer hotel lodging, go to <http://www.therealplaces.com/hotels-near-Paris-Mountain-State-Park/37176> to find a hotel close to the park.

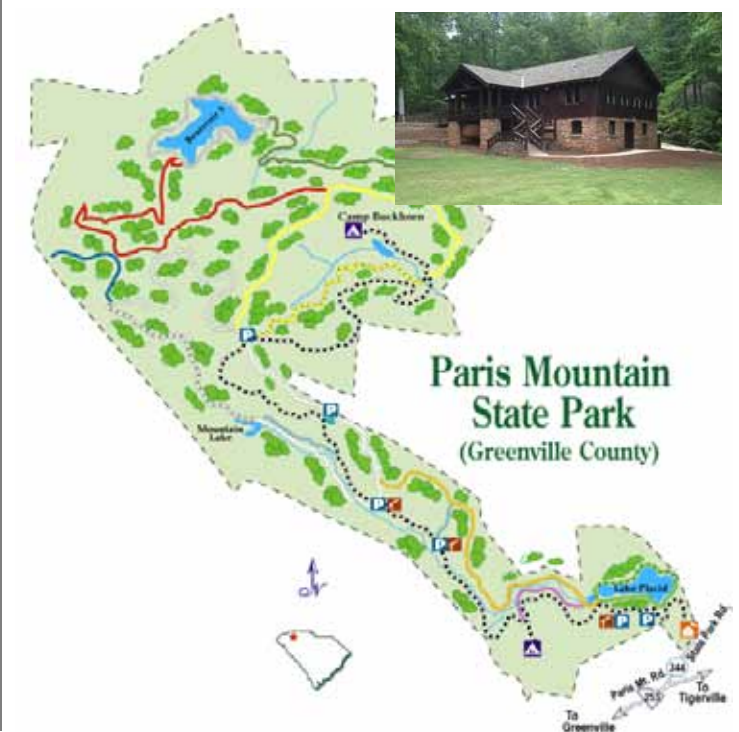
Meeting: SCSPLS Board & General Membership meeting will begin at 1:30 PM. Nominations for 2013-14 SCSPLS officers

will be accepted from the nominating committee and from the floor for the following offices: Executive Board- President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer; NSPS Governor; and District Directors for Districts 1, 3 & 5. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, contact Dennis Johns, Nominating Committee Chairman, Joe Baird or Ronnie Tyler, members of the nominating committee.

PERSONS NOMINATED MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING OR LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE PRESENTED.

Chapter Cook-Off: Each chapter is asked to help with the menu for Saturday evening or make a donation to help with the cost. Please e-mail the information as to which food items your chapter will be bringing to Aaron Leach, Activities Director, at aleach@rowepsc.com or phone 843-444-1020 (office). He will also need an approximate number of those attending the dinner from your chapter in order to prepare the correct quantity of food.

Old Equipment Show and Swap: The Foothills Chapter will be sponsoring this event after the Board and General Membership Meeting. All who are interested in showing some of your collection of old equipment or swapping or selling old equipment are encouraged to bring the items for display to this event. Contact Bobby Foster – fosterra@scdot.org for further information.



SCSPLS BOARD AND GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2013, 1:30 PM

Paris Mountain State Park, Camp Buckhorn, Greenville, South Carolina

- Welcome:
Invocation:
Meeting Format: Robert's Rules of Order,
Agenda Approval:
Consent Agenda Reports Approval:
Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting:
Approval of Minutes of GM Meeting:
CONSENT AGENDA FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. President's Report:
2. Financial Report:
3. Executive Secretary's Report:
4. Delegate Reports:
 - 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

6. District Director's Reports:
 - District 1
 - District 2
 - District 3
 - District 4
 - District 5
 - District 6

7. Committee Reports:
 - Activities & Programs
 - Constitution & By-Laws
 - 2013 Convention
 - Education
 - Ethics & Standards of Practice
 - GPS-VRS
 - Insurance
 - Internet
 - Legal & Legislative
 - Membership
 - Newsletter, Plat Contest & Surveyor of the Year
 - PAC Research Committee
 - Past Presidents Council
 - Public Relations
 - ROD Committee
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Survey Contest
 - Yearbook

NORMAL AGENDA ITEMS:

- New Business:
Board of Prof. Eng. & Surveyors' Report
First American Title Express Maps
Nominations for 2013-14 Officers
Website Update
Closing Comments
Adjournment

President Kent Hudson

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Henry Dingle
Bill Tripp
Aaron Taylor

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Billy Martin
Billy Hipp
Mike Culler, Jr.

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Ronnie Tyler
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Greg Jenness
Will Fairey
Mark Mills
Dennis Clinkscales
Dave Ballard
Dennis Johns
Al Crouch
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MINUTES OF SCSPLS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

A meeting of the general membership of South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors was held on Wednesday, February 6, 2013, at 7:30 PM, at the DoubleTree Hotel, Capital Room, Columbia, South Carolina. Members in attendance were:

Officers:	
President	Kent Hudson
President Elect	Aaron Leach
Vice President	Dennis Clinkscales, Absent
Secretary	Al Crouch
Treasurer	Lee Frank
Immediate Past President	Dennis Johns
Delegates:	
SC Council of Eng. & Surv.	Carl Bostick
NSPS Governor	Henry Dingle
SC Utilities Committee	Aaron Taylor
SMAC/GIS	Bill Tripp
The Auxiliary	
Chapter Representatives:	
Aiken Chapter	Bill Tripp
Central Chapter	
Coastal Chapter	Nancy Frasure
Foothills Chapter	Thurl Amick
Grand Strand Chapter	Will Fairey
Low Country Chapter	Terry Hatchell, Absent
Midlands Chapter	Greg Jenness
Mid-State Chapter	Brian Bonds
Northwest Chapter	Scott Richey, Absent
Pee Dee Chapter	Ferrell Prosser, Absent
Thomas C. Anderson Chapter	Wayne Reynolds, Absent
Tri-County Chapter	Joe Baird, Absent
Upper Piedmont Chapter	Jody Mitchell, Absent
District Directors:	
District 1	Chuck Dawley, Absent
District 2	George Bradley, Jr.
District 3	Tom Abraham
District 4	Billy Martin
District 5	Billy Hipp
District 6	Mike Culler, Jr.
Executive Secretary:	
Brenda Smith	
Asst. to Exec. Sec.	
Kim Long	

OTHERS MEMBERS AND GUESTS PRESENT: David K. Ballard, Paul Bull, J. Anthony Cavell, Burnett Jenkins, Johnny Johnson, Todd Phillips, Kevin Schwacke, Dale Swygert, Ronnie L. Tyler, Andrew B. Wadsworth, Bill White.

BOARD VOTE ON MEMBERSHIP: Before the General Membership meeting was called to order, Board members present voted on the Amended Board Membership Meeting Report from the earlier Board meeting. Report was unanimously approved.

President Kent Hudson called the General Membership meeting of the SCSPLS to order Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:30 PM at the DoubleTree, Columbia, SC. Mr. Brian Bonds opened the meeting in prayer. President Hudson stated that the meeting would be conducted under Robert’s Rules of Order.

AGENDA: Mr. Thurl Amick requested to be added to the agenda. Mr. Carl Bostick requested to add a verbal report from the SC Joint Council of Engineers and Surveyors. Motion made to approve the agenda with this change. Motion unanimously approved.

CONSENT AGENDA: A motion was made to approve the reports in the Consent Agenda. Motion unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF GM MEETING: A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2012 General Membership meeting. Motion was unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: President Kent Hudson’s written report stated SCSPLS had a good meeting in December at The Citadel in Charleston. The seminar held before the meeting, “GNSS Positioning and the Best Methods for the Field,” was presented by Mr. Lonnie Sears and was well received by those in attendance. The major topic at both the Board and General Membership meetings of the day was the NSPS 100% membership initiative. A motion was made to send the question to ballot for the membership to vote. Ballots were sent out in December, a teller’s committee was appointed, and votes counted on January 8th, 2013. SCSPLS votes were 94% in favor of signing the MOU with NSPS and moving forward with national representation in NSPS for South Carolina surveyors.

March 17th – 23rd, 2013 is National Surveyors Week. A Proclamation has been sent to the Governor’s office in honor of this important week for surveyors. Surveyors Week represents the time each year when all surveyors have the opportunity to join in celebrating their profession. Through the celebration they promote public recognition of surveyors and surveying. Please join SCSPLS this year in celebrating the week. For more information please visit www.NSPSMO.org

I have worked with the LLR board and Joe Jones to monitor and provide input for the new draft of the Code of Laws, please see the Lobbyist report for more detail. Thank you again for your involvement and support this year.

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 \$166,433.20; Wells Fargo account ending in -7096 balance of \$19,322.33. The balances of the SCSPLS Scholarship accounts are as follows: Merrill Lynch account ending in -4196 balance of \$48,807.02; Wells Fargo account ending in -7754 balance of \$3,063.67. Anyone wishing to view other financial documents for the general accounts may contact Mr. Frank after the meeting.

MINUTES OF SCSPLS & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

All information is current as of January 1, 2013 and furnished for information purposes only.

DELEGATE REPORTS
SC COUNCIL OF ENG. & SURV. SOC.: Mr. Carl Bostick reported that Chuck Joye, PE has been appointed by the Governor to a seat on the SCDHEC Board and has resigned his position on the LLR Board for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. The Joint Council will meet to select an Engineer to fill Mr. Joye’s position. Meeting date to be announced.
NSPS GOVERNOR: NSPS Governor, Mr. Henry Dingle’s, written report stated after meeting with all chapters (except 2) and presenting the NSPS 100% initiative, our members voted and overwhelmingly passed the motion for 100% membership in NSPS. All that was left is for the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) to be approved by the Board and signed. This should happen at the February 6th Board meeting before the general membership meeting. A copy of the MOU is available on the SCSPLS website. If anyone should have any questions, please call or email me. The next NSPS meeting will be the spring meeting held in Gaithersburg, Maryland, on April 12, 13, and 14. *See updated report in the “New Business” portion of these minutes.
SMAC/GIS DELEGATE: No report.
SC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: Mr. Aaron Taylor submitted an “Overview of Changes in the South Carolina Underground Facility Damage Prevention Act Effective June 7, 2012” along with the minutes from the June 12th, 2012 meeting of the SC Utilities Coordinating Committee for his written report. A full copy of both can be obtained by contacting the SCSPLS office during normal business hours.
THE AUXILIARY: No report.

CHAPTER REPORTS:
Aiken: Mr. Bill Tripp’s written report stated the Chapter has met twice since last report with an average of 8 members in attendance. Meetings were as follows: November 13, 2012 – Rick Hallman, Aiken County Flood Plain Manager, gave a presentation on Aiken County flood maps; January 15, 2013 – Chapter business meeting.
Central: No report.
Coastal: Ms. Nancy Frasure’s written report stated the Chapter has not met since last report in December.
Foothills: Mr. Thurl Amick’s written report stated the Chapter has held three meetings since last report with an average attendance of 14 members and 1 guest. The December meeting was a Christmas party and the January meeting was a General Membership meeting of the Chapter and did not have a program speaker.
Grand Strand: Mr. Will Fairey’s written report stated the Chapter has met twice since last report with an average attendance of 14 members and 5 guests. The December meeting was a social event with spouses. Toys were collected for the local Toys for Tots program. The January meeting was a planning session for 2013 which included organizing a list of

items to address in Horry County. The Planning Department workshop will be held in March. The Grand Strand Chapter has requested that qualifying continuing education courses be added to the next SCSPLS Board meeting agenda.
Low Country: No report.
Midlands: Mr. Gregory Jenness’ written report stated the Chapter has met twice since last report with an average of 14 members present. The Midlands Chapter meeting for December was held December 15th at Round Hill Baptist Church in Lexington for the annual Christmas Food Box Project for needy families in the Midlands area. Close to 30 members and their family came together to assemble and deliver 72 food boxes. The January meeting was held at Gilligan’s in Lexington.
Mid-State: Mr. Brian Bonds’ written report stated the Chapter has held 1 meeting since last report with 10 members and 1 guest present. At the January meeting, WLTX meteorologist, Daniel Bonds, Master of Science Geosciences, presented “Weather and the Environment.”
Northwest: No report.
Pee Dee: A written report from the Pee Dee Chapter stated the January meeting had 14 members and 2 guests present. The program was on the Florence GIS Database and Mapping and was presented by the Florence County GIS staff. Mr. Chuck Drouillard from Duncan-Parnell, Inc. will be at the February meeting to discuss what’s new in conventional & GPS equipment.
Thomas C. Anderson: No report.
Tri-County: Mr. Joe Baird’s written report stated the Chapter has met twice since last report with an average of 13 members and 2 guests present. The December meeting was their annual Christmas party with spouses. A business meeting was held in January.
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 both the Foothills and Upper Piedmont Chapters have met twice since last report. The average attendance at the Foothills’ meetings was 14 members and 1 guest. The average attendance at the Upper Piedmont’s meetings was 8 members and 1 guest. The attendance at the Foothills Chapter meetings has remained strong. A Christmas dinner was held in December and a business meeting in January. The Upper Piedmont Chapter held its annual Christmas party at the Piedmont Club in Spartanburg. In January the Chapter had a presentation by a GIS surveyor.
District 5: No report.
District 6: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Activities: No report.
Constitution and By-Laws: No report.

2013 Convention: No report.
Education Committee: Mr. Greg Jenness’ written report

MINUTES OF SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING (CONT)

stated the speakers have been scheduled and plans finalized for the SCPLS Education Conference in February. 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: No report.

GPS-VRS: No report.

Insurance: No report.

Internet: Mr. David Ballard’s written report stated the website needs to be upgraded for the future for the following reasons: the current software used for the website involves a great deal of programming knowledge to add pages; current staff are not programmers, there is no way of deriving income from the website by ad placement other than the classified section; we do not have a current support system in place or someone to contact if we need to modify content or add pages. Two quotes have been received to update the site. One is from a firm that does website development for other State Surveying Societies and has been recommended to the SCSPLS staff by those societies. The other is a Columbia firm that does a lot of work for non-profit organizations and trade associations. If it is decided to allocate enough of the budget to upgrade/update the SCSPLS website, some of the things that could be added and would benefit the members are: a password protected members’ only section that could include tips or tricks of the trade, geared mostly to South Carolina (i.e. helpful websites, tricks that you have found for certain register of deeds sites, a discussion forum, etc...); a section for the public where the public, our customers, can go see why they might need to obtain PLS services and what value they stand to gain from those services. Also a map with a geo locator showing member surveyors and their contact information and links to their business websites could be added to this section; integration of a credit card processing service for membership dues, conference registration fees, ad sales, etc.; a portion of the site could be password protected and dedicated to our local chapters, with each having their own password protected pages to upload meeting minutes or newsletters along with event calendars; streamlined menu tabs and page organization. Both quotes have been included in this report and copies can be viewed by contacting the SCSPLS office.

Legal and Legislative: Mr. Joe Jones’ written report stated the State House is in full swing with hundreds of bills introduced and some are moving while others have not appeared on subcommittee agendas. The most important legislation to surveyors has not been introduced. The rewrite of the Engineering and Surveying Practice Act remains without legislative sponsors. I have been working with Representatives Bingham, Hardwick and Sandifer in the House and with Senator Campbell in the Senate. I anticipate the legislation will be introduced early next month. When these bills begin moving through the House and Senate, expect Legislative Alerts giving you instructions to help the legislation pass.

At the first of the year, Mr. John Johnson, PE, PLS, began serving as the second surveyor on the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors, replacing Thurl Amick. Registration Board member Mr. Charles M. “Chuck”

Joye, PE, resigned when he was appointed by the Governor to serve on the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Board. Ms. Jan Simpson, SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors Administrator, announced her retirement effective June 30, 2013. Ms. Simpson has been a delight to work with and helpful on registration issues. Other changes to personnel at LLR with those that work with the engineering and surveying board include Ms. Missy Jones going to the LLR legal staff and Mr. Jamie Saxon, the registration board’s attorney, leaving LLR. Mr. Gary Wiggins, long time administrator of the SC Building Code Council, announced his retirement as well.

Legislation important to surveying firms who are Limited Liability Corporations has been introduced. The bill number S. 124. A SC Supreme Court ruling last year stripped LLC members of their personal liability protection when acting in good faith for the LLC. The impact on businesses in the state is significant because the primary benefit of LLC’s is the personal liability shield, which has been eliminated with this ruling. Senator Larry Martin introduced S. 124 to rectify this situation. This bill is important to LLC principals.

More than a dozen bills have been introduced on transportation funding. The Governor said she wanted to designate money to the roads and highways, but none of the bills, nor the Governor, have put forward ideas to generate the significant funds needed to repair and maintain the State’s large road system. Other legislation that is expected to be introduced as the session progresses is a certificate of merit act, an expert witness law, and an offer of judgment law. A certificate of merit law would require a fellow professional to assert that an error had been made before a case could be brought. The expert witness law would define who could be an expert. In 2005 an expert witness law was passed but the SC Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional because the law required expert witnesses to be registered in their professions by the SC Labor Licensing and Regulation. An offer of judgment law sets procedures when an offer is made to settle a case and it is rejected by the other party.

I trust you will help me by contacting legislators as the Engineer/Surveyor Practice Act and other bills important to surveyors, like S.124, begins moving through the legislative process. I will only ask if I truly need your help. Stay tuned; the legislative session is just beginning.

Membership: Mr. Al Crouch’s amended written report stated the society currently has 386 members for 2012-13: Full – 338; Associate – 6; Complimentary – 7; Emeritus – 21; Student – 2; Sustaining – 12. The following applications have been approved by the Board of Directors and are now presented to the membership for approval/rejection: **Sustaining:** Stephen G. Agnew, Insurance Management Consultants, Inc., Mooresville, NC; H. James McNeil, Continental Aerial Surveys, Inc., Lenoir City, TN. The following new members have been approved by the Membership Committee and the Board of Directors for 2012-13 membership: **Full:** Richard A. Aldridge, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC; Jason B. Bowick, O. L. Thompson Construction Co., Inc., Charleston, SC; Thomas Brant, Jr., Bonneau, SC; Hugh E. Brazil, Jr., Shaw Group, Columbia, SC; Thomas Wes Broadway, Broadway Surveying, Inc., Cassatt,

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SC; Walt Dunlap, Charleston, SC; Jack D. Epperly, Hartsville, SC; Ronald W. Fisher, Survey One, LLC, Lexington, SC; Byron H. Gaskins, Kellahan & Associates, Kingstree, SC; Andrew C. Gillette, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC; Russell S. Owens, Survey One, LLC, Lexington, SC; Todd C. Phillips, Gulf Stream Construction, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Walter C. Sampsell, III, Bowman Consulting, Chantilly, VA; Mark L. Shuler, John Tinsley Surveying, Holly Hill, SC; William J. Smith, T-Square Surveying, LLC, Bluffton, SC; Nancy VonMeyer, Fairview Industries, Pendleton, SC; John O. Wetzels, Blythewood, SC; L. Maurice Wilder, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC.

Associate: Jacob D. Cannon, Richland County Public Works, Chapin, SC; T. Gordon McLeod, Walterboro, SC

Newsletter: No report.

PAC: No report.

Past President’s Council: See “New Business.”

Plat Contest: No report.

Public Relations: No report.

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 introduced himself briefly and provided a report from the Board of Engineers & Surveyors. Mr. Johnson is the new surveyor appointee to the Board. He has been a licensed surveyor since 1974 and began his company, Power Engineering, in 1980. He attended his first Board meeting as a Board member on January 29, 2013.

The Code of Laws revisions the previous Board worked on have not been introduced to the Legislature at this time. Representative Sandifer has expressed a concern over verbiage in parts of the revisions and the Board plans to get those issues cleared up before sending the bill to the Legislature for approval.

A meeting of Board Presidents has been scheduled for the week of February 11th to discuss the issues states are having with infringement between surveyors and engineers. Many states have bigger conflicts than South Carolina with infringement work but hopefully a solution will be accepted that will be useful for SC and work out in the surveyor’s favor. Discussion from the group began on engineering surveys and what should be done to either define them more clearly or strike the term from the law completely. President Hudson directed the Society office to send an email to all Chapter Representatives and/or Presidents and District Directors asking them to come up with ideas for a clear definition of engineering surveys or recommendations to strike the term completely. Suggestions will be sent back to Legal & Legislative Committee Chairman, Mr. Dennis Johns. It is understood that if the Society chooses to take a stand on this issue, our lobbyist will be on the engineering side and not on the surveying side and the Society will ask NSPS for help.

Ms. Jan Simpson has announced her retirement from the SC Dept. of LLR. She has been administrator of the Engineers and Land Surveyors Board for the past 7 years and her expertise will be missed.

ROD Committee: Mr. Al Crouch has agreed to Chair the ROD Committee. Committee members are Mr. Aaron Leach, Mr. Bobby Foster and all District Directors. A questionnaire regarding electronic filing has been drawn up and will be taken to each county in the state by committee members. To date Beaufort, Greenville, Horry, Lexington and Richland counties are all accepting electronic filing and York is in the process of setting up a system to accept electronic filing. The goal is to stay ahead of the changes being made and attempt to have some influence on the systems that each county sets up. The committee is also looking for other tools that may be available to surveyors to prevent their work from being stolen. The topic was opened for discussion. Software that notifies viewers when a drawing has been altered was mentioned as an option for securing the integrity of the surveyors’ plats. Working to have plats made exempt from the electronic signature law was also mentioned. Mr. Crouch is going to set up a meeting in Columbia for the ROD Committee and asked that suggestions be sent to him so they can be discussed by the Committee.

Appointment of Nominating Committee: Mr. Dennis Johns is Chairman of the Nominating Committee. His Committee members are Mr. Ronnie Tyler and Mr. Joe Baird. Anyone interested and willing to serve on the Executive Board or as a District Director should contact a committee member. Nominations are due by the March 23rd General Membership meeting, being held at Camp Buckhorn in Greenville.

NSPS Membership Initiative: Mr. Henry Dingle, NSPS Governor, announced that the 100% NSPS membership initiative vote passed by 94%. President Hudson signed the MOU at the Board meeting earlier in the evening. 37 States have approved the initiative thus far. NSPS expects membership to rise from 1,875 members to anywhere between 25,000-33,000 members. This increase will greatly strengthen the national voice of surveyors. Mr. Dingle, Mr. Joe Baird and Mr. Dennis Johns were all thanked for their hard work in getting this message to the Chapters throughout the state.

National Registration Numbers: Mr. Thurl Amick presented a few national numbers that he recently received from NCEES. In 1997 there were 49,966 registered surveyors; 52,622 in 1999; 44,614 in 2003; and 60,071 in 2012. At the end of 2012, South Carolina reported 921 resident, licensed surveyors and 779 non-resident, licensed surveyors. Discussion began on SCSPLS membership numbers. The Membership Committee sent a letter to every non-member, licensed surveyor in the state of South Carolina encouraging them to join the Society and received several new members as a result. Members present, especially Chapter Representatives were asked to get involved and encourage membership in the Society within their Chapters and among their peers.

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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_____ I will be attending the 12:30 lunch at Camp Buckhorn.

_____ I will be attending the 1:30 PM Board & General Membership meeting.

_____ I will be attending the 3:00 Chapter Cook-off & Swap Meet.

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Or Greg Jenness, Education Chairman
E-mail: gjenness@aec-sc.com

Welcome New Members

The following new members were approved at the February 2013 Board meeting: **Full:** Richard A. Aldridge, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC; Jason B. Bowick, O. L. Thompson Construction Co., Inc., Charleston, SC; Thomas Brant, Jr., Bonneau, SC; Hugh E. Brazil, Jr., Shaw Group, Columbia, SC; Thomas Wes Broadway, Broadway Surveying, Inc., Cassatt, SC; Walt Dunlap, Charleston, SC; Jack D. Epperly, Hartsville, SC; Ronald W. Fisher, Survey One, LLC, Lexington, SC; Byron H. Gaskins, Kellahan & Associates, Kingstree, SC; Andrew C. Gillette, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC; Russell S. Owens, Survey One, LLC, Lexington, SC; Todd C. Phillips, Gulf Stream Construction, Mt. Pleasant, SC; Walter C. Sampsell, III, Bowman Consulting, Chantilly, VA; Mark L. Shuler, John Tinsley Surveying, Holly Hill, SC; William J. Smith, T-Square Surveying, LLC, Bluffton, SC; Nancy VonMeyer, Fairview Industries, Pendleton, SC; John O. Wetzel, Blythewood, SC; L. Maurice Wilder, Parker Land Surveying, Hanahan, SC. **Associate:** Jacob D. Cannon, Richland County Public Works, Chapin, SC; T. Gordon McLeod, Walterboro, SC. **Sustaining:** Stephen G. Agnew, Insurance Management Consultants, Inc., Mooresville, NC; H. James McNeil, Continental Aerial Surveys, Inc., Lenoir City, TN


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Legislative Report for SCSPLS - Joe S. Jones

March 4, 2013

The most important legislation to surveyors and engineers, the rewrite of Title 40 Chapter 22: Engineers and Surveyors, may be introduced in the SC House of Representatives the week of Mar. 4. Rep. Nelson Hardwick, PE, (R-Horry) agreed to be the lead sponsor in the House and had the bill drafted by the Legislative Audit Council. For the last week, I have been contacting members of the House Labor Commerce and Industry Committee, explaining the changes to the Engineers and Surveyors practice act. Also, I have been asking House members to sign on as a co-sponsor for this bill. Berkeley County Senator Paul Campbell agreed to be the lead sponsor for this legislation in the Senate. He has sent it to Legislative Council, and I am expecting to get it and begin soliciting co-sponsors. The Senate bill will be sent to the Labor Commerce and Industry Committee, and I have been meeting with members of this committee as well, telling them about the bill and asking them to support it, too. 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 told me 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. Rest assured; as soon as bill numbers are given to these House and Senate bills, I will be asking you to contact your legislator regarding this legislation.

The Limited Liability Corporation Bill, S. 124 is on a



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Senate Judiciary Subcommittee agenda this week. I understand 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.

Changes at LLR

At the first of the year, Mr. John Johnson, PE, PLS, began serving as the second surveyor on the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors. He took Mr. Thurl Amick's, PLS, position.

Furthermore, Registration Board lost one of its members when Mr. Charles M. "Chuck" Joye, PE, resigned and was appointed by the Governor to serve on the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control Board.

Also, Ms. Jan Simpson, SC Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors Administrator, announced her retirement effective June 30, 2013. She is also the administrator for four other licensing groups.

In an email to the Registration Board she said, "It has been my great privilege and honor to have represented the South Carolina Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors since 2004, and I will miss all of you. You and previous Board members welcomed me and mentored me in so many ways: in learning the world and language of engineers and surveyors, the complexities of the professions, the educational requirements. It has been a wonderful experience but it is time for someone else to have that opportunity."

Ms. Simpson has been a delight to work with and helpful on registration issues. When she reaches that retirement date, she will be missed.

There have been other personnel changes at LLR with those that work with the engineering and surveying board. Ms. Missy Jones left Jan's staff and went to the LLR legal staff and Mr. Jamie Saxon, the registration board's attorney has left LLR. Mr. Gary Wiggins, long time administrator of the SC Building Code Council, announced his retirement as well.

I trust you will help me by contacting legislators as the Engineer/Surveyor Practice Act and other bills important to surveyors, like S.124, begin moving through the legislative process. I will only ask if I truly need your help. Stay tuned; the legislative session is just beginning

Deeds: A Primer for Surveyors

By Knud E. Hermansen†

P.L.S., P.E., Ph.D., Esq.

During the course of searching the records, surveyors will review numerous deeds. I've often had surveyors ask about the difference between the various types of deeds. This article is an overview of the common forms of deeds used to convey title to property.

Most current deeds fall into one of four categories: 1) General Warranty, 2) Special Warranty, 3) Quit Claim deed, and 4) Bargain and Sale deed.

General Warranty Deed — The General Warranty deed is often referred to simply as a warranty deed. It is a deed conveying title where the seller (grantor) makes six covenants or promises to the buyer (grantee) as part of the conveyance. (Some states have limited or eliminated one or more covenants in a warranty deed by statute.) The six covenants that are part of a warranty deed are further divided into present and future covenants. The three present covenants are the following:

- 1) **Covenant of Seisin** - The grantor covenants to the grantee that the grantor has title and possession of the property. If a grantor conveys property burdened by a valid and current lease, the grantor would breach this covenant because they grantor had the title to the property but not the possession.
- 2) **Covenant of Right to Convey** - The grantor covenants that the grantor can validly grant or convey both title and possession. A life tenant that delivers a warranty deed to the grantee is in violation of this covenant. The life tenant had the right to convey the possession but not the right to convey the title to the property.
- 3) **Covenant Against Encumbrances** - The grantor covenants that there are no encumbrances against the title. Encumbrances could include easements, mortgages, trusts, and limitations on the title. A landowner that conveys property where the neighbor has secured an easement across the property by prescription is in violation of this covenant.

The three future covenants are the following:

- 4) **Covenant of Warranty** - The grantor covenants that the grantor will protect and defend the buyer against anyone who comes and claims a superior title to the property. Under this covenant, the grantor will have to defend any claim against the title of the grantee if and when a person comes forward with a claim to the title to the property the grantor conveyed by warranty deed.
- 5) **Covenant of Quiet Enjoyment** - The grantor covenants to the grantee that the grantee will have unimpaired use and unrestricted enjoyment of the property. For example, this covenant would be breached if someone obstructed the easement that provides access to the property (based on a claim of right).
- 6) **Covenant of Further Assurances** - The grantor covenants

to the grantee that the grantor will take actions reasonably necessary to perfect the grantee's title if found defective. For example, if a grantor delivered a deed to the grantee where the acknowledgement was found to be defective (e.g., notary commission expired), the grantor would be required to take the steps necessary to deliver a deed with a valid and effective acknowledgment.

The distinction that often arises between present and future covenants involves when the breach of a covenant occurred and when the statute of limitations begins to run. A breach of the present covenants will occur, if at all, at the time of conveyance. If a breach occurred, the time period of a relevant statute of limitation will commence at that time. On the other hand, the breach of a future covenant will occur after the time of conveyance, perhaps decades later.

The grantor may limit any of the warranties within the deed by express wording in the deed. For example, a grantor may state within the deed that the property is subject to an easement. Because the grantee is put on notice of the easement, the covenant against encumbrances would not apply to the easement cited in the deed.

The warranties that are included in a warranty deed extend back in time to the inception of title. The warranties made by earlier grantors also extend to future owners of the property. For example, assume a title defect occurred in 2001 when Ames owned the property. Ames conveys the property to Betty by quit claim deed. Betty conveys the property to Chad by special warranty deed. Chad conveys the property to Diane by warranty deed. Diane conveys the property to Edgar by quit claim deed. In 2013, Edgar discovers the 2001 title defect. Edgar can sue Chad for breach of warranty for the title defect occurring in 2001. Edgar can sue Chad even though Chad was not Edgar's grantor. The title defect that Chad had warranted occurred before Chad owned the property. Because of the long reach of the warranties back in time and future predecessors in title,¹ warranty deeds are losing popularity in favor of title insurance to protect the grantee. Warranty deeds may now be rare in certain states.

The title found at the top of the deed is not determinative if the deed is a warranty deed unless the state has a *Short Forms Deed Act* that allows for abbreviated wording in the deed to determine the covenants present in the deed.

Under the common law, a deed had to state the following or similar words in the habendum clause in order for the deed to be a warranty deed and the six covenants to be present:

¹ Of course the obligations of the grantor imposed by warranties ends with the death of the grantor and probate of the grantor's estate.

To Have and to Hold, the premises hereby conveyed, ... and the Grantor(s) do for themselves, their heirs, successors and assigns covenant with the Grantee, their heirs, and assigns that the Grantor(s) are well seized of the premises as a good indefeasible estate in fee simple; and have good right to grant and convey the same ... and the same are free from all encumbrances whatsoever ... and the Grantors do by these presents bind themselves and their heirs, successors and assigns forever to warrant and defend the premises hereby conveyed to the Grantee and its assigns against all claims and demands whatsoever...

Special Warranty Deed — The category of special warranty deed is similar to a general warranty deed with one important difference. The covenants in the special warranty deed only extend to any breaches in title that were caused by the grantor or occurred during the time the grantor owned the property. In other words, the grantor in a special warranty deed only warrants the title against the grantor's own actions or omissions.

The habendum clause for a special warranty deed would have wording the same or similar to the following:

To Have and to Hold, the premises hereby conveyed, ... and the Grantor(s) will warrant specially the property thereby conveyed, ... and that he, his heirs and personal representatives, would forever specially warrant and defend the property unto the grantee, his heirs, personal representatives and assigns, against the claims and demands of the grantor and all persons claiming by, through, or under him.

Because of the phrase “specially warrant” and other words found in the special warranty deed, an uninformed grantee tends to believe “specially warrant” is better than “generally warrant.” Some states have eliminated special warranty deeds or changed the name or language in the deed to prevent heightened and mistaken expectations by the grantee. For example, Maine law has changed the name of a special warranty deed to a quit claim deed with covenants of warranty. Many states have also limited the number of covenants that arise in favor of the grantee by a special warranty deed.

Quit Claim Deed — A quit claim deed is also known as a “release” deed. As the name states, a quit claim deed does not actually state or claim that title is being conveyed. Rather, the grantor is quitting or releasing any claim they have in the title to the property against any present claims made or that can be made by the grantee for the title against their grantor.

In theory, if Sally had title to the property and quit any claim she had in the property to Sam, Sam would not have gained title to the property. However, Sally who does have title would be estopped from denying that Sam doesn't have title after delivery of the quit claim. Sally has by delivery of her deed to Sam asserted that she would not claim title to the property against Sam, his heirs, or assigns. Because Sally is merely quitting her claim she is making

no covenants to Sam that she in fact actually has title.

Most states, as a practical matter, do view a quit claim deed as the conveyance of title. There are no warranties in the quit claim deed other than what a state law mandates. The quit claim deed is usually recognized by the use of the words “quit claim” or “release” rather than words such as “grant,” “convey,” “give,” or similar words found in warranty deeds. There is usually no habendum clause in a quit claim deed. A “Sheriff's Deed” or a “Tax Deed” are categorized in most states as a form of quit claim deed.

The quit claim deed is often used where the grantor does not want to be held to warranties and the grantee is in no position to demand warranties from the grantor. This is usually the case when the property is being conveyed for less than the fair market value or the grantee is faced with a “take it or leave it” situation.

For example, assume a spouse dies without a will leaving a surviving spouse and two adult children sharing the title to the decedent's property. It is not uncommon for the adult children to quit claim their interest in the estate to their surviving parent so the surviving parent will have full use and control of the property. The generous nature of the children toward their surviving parent would not go so far as to include warranties that the children may be called upon later in their lives to defend to a successor-in-interest to the surviving parent (i.e., later owner of the property).

A quit claim deed is often used to affirm a boundary line agreement. The owner on each side of the agreed boundary is willing to quit any claim to the owner on the other side of the agreed boundary. Given the uncertainty in the boundary location, the owner is not willing to warrant the conveyance made to the neighbor.

Bargain and Sale Deed — A bargain and sale deed does not usually warrant against any encumbrances. The bargain and sale deed does mean that the grantor claims to have title to the property. This type of deed has often been supplanted by the quit claim deed in many jurisdictions. The bargain and sale deed was used frequently in tax sales and for foreclosure actions. Other covenants may be made a part of a bargain and sale deed if the covenants are specifically stated.

This review should help surveyors understand the common forms of deed they will encounter as part of their practice. The form of deed is seldom critical in providing surveying services. The form may be an indication of a problem related to a boundary and provides some fodder for thought.

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How will you serve your profession?

As the surveying profession is changing, we challenge you to consider becoming more active in your Society and your profession by serving on a committee on the State level. Being active will be an enriching experience both personally and professionally, and we encourage you to get involved. Standing committees are appointed by the President and approved by the Board to assist the President and the Board. Their tasks are determined and assigned by the Board, working mostly as advisors to the Board by making recommendations on their specific tasks and/or duties. The Scholarship Trustees (Committee) is the only committee able to work completely independent of Board approval by the Declaration of Trust. No committee can set its own agenda. Make sure your chapter representative is attending the four designated Board of Directors meetings as well as general membership meetings this next year in order for your chapter to be informed and updated. A few voices can sway decisions that affect all of us.

Get active and participate!

By getting involved, promoting the profession, and supporting the Society and local chapters, you are building a stronger foundation for yourself and those interested in the surveying profession. If you are interested in serving on the Board or on a Committee, contact one of the following members of the nominating committee: Dennis Johns, Nominating Committee Chairman, dennisj@carolinasurveying.com; Joe Baird, besurvey@compodium.net; Ronnie Tyler, rtylertfi@knology.net.

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(As approved by the SCSPLS Board of Directors November 7, 1997)

A. Eligibility

1. Licensed in South Carolina.
2. Resident of South Carolina.
3. Prior recipients are ineligible for five (5) years.
4. No record of administered disciplinary action by the S.C. State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.
5. Must be a member of the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors.

B. Nominations

SCSPLS Chapter

- (a) Nomination letter must have signature of Chapter President and another Chapter elected officer.
- (b) Only one nomination per Chapter.
- (c) Chapters may nominate same individual as other Chapters.
- (d) Chapter members may submit letters of recommendation.

Surveyors at Large

- (a) A nomination letter with the signature of two sponsors.
- (b) Sponsors must be resident licensed S.C. Land Surveyors.
- (c) Recommendation letters from 4 individuals other than the sponsors.
- (d) A minimum of two letters of recommendation must be from SCSPLS members who have been members for at least the two preceding years.

Data Required Regarding the Nominee in Nomination Letters

- (a) Biographic information.
- (b) Specific contributions to the surveying profession.
- (c) How the Chapters and/or the sponsors recognized the nominee's contributions to the profession.

Data Required Regarding the Nominee in Recommendation Letters

- (a) Specific contributions to the surveying profession.
- (b) How the nominee's contributions to the surveying profession were recognized.

All nominations and letters of recommendation must be submitted by May 1, 2013.

C. Selection of Surveyor of the Year

The Vice-President will receive the nominations, review and investigate the nominations. A report and ballot of all eligible nominees shall be mailed to each Board Member and Past President thirty days prior to the SCSPLS Annual Convention. Ballots must be returned ten days prior to convention to be counted. The Vice President, the Immediate Past Surveyor of the Year and the Executive Secretary shall serve as the tellers committee. In the event anyone of these is a nominee for Surveyor of the Year or cannot serve, a replacement shall be appointed by the President. The Surveyor of the Year Award shall be presented at the Annual Convention by the Immediate Past Surveyor of the Year if available.

**NOMINATIONS AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION ACCEPTED NO LATER THAN
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- **SUBDIVISION:** Plat of survey of boundary and division of property into two or more parcels.
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RULES:

1. Entry fee of \$10.00 per plat entered in each category. (If entry fees exceed cost of awards, excess will go to the SCSPLS Scholarship Fund).
2. Plat must be drawn of surveys performed after May 1, 2012.
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5. Entries must be reproduced as blue-line or black-line drawings - no originals. All plats must be reproduced to scale - no reductions or enlargements.
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AWARDS: Plaques will be awarded for first place and second place in each Category to be presented at the Banquet of the Annual Convention. First place winning plats will be entered into the NSPS Annual Map/Plat Competition.

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