

**SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
Saturday, October 13, 2018  
Ripley's Aquarium, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

The meeting began with a President Tim Davis, PLS welcoming attendees to the first membership meeting of the 2018-19 SCSPLS year. He said he appreciates the fact that you took the time to come to the meeting today. Davis thanked LTC Marguerite McClam for the presentation on the role the SC State Guard is playing in the recovery of the North East corner of SC.

The SCSPLS General Membership meeting was called to order at 11:37 AM at the Ripley's Aquarium in Myrtle Beach.

Davis said under normal circumstances, Treasurer Chris Bass would lead us in the invocation and pledge of allegiance. Bass was unable to attend; so, he asked President Elect Floyd Sweatt to lead.

Next, Davis asked if the agenda was approved as submitted? A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the agenda.

Davis asked if the minutes from the June meeting at Saluda Shoals were approved. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the June 2018 minutes.

Davis asked SCSPLS Secretary C.A. Shealy, PLS to call the board roll for the meeting. Proxy's are included in the attending list. The following were in attendance: President Timothy Davis, President Elect Floyd Sweatt, Vice President Nancy "Dee Dee" Schwacke, Secretary C.A. Shealy, Past President William Fairey, Henry Dingle, Bill Tripp, Robert "Bobby" Foster (Proxy), Ralph Vanadore (Proxy), Michael Culler, III, Terry Hatchell (Proxy), Earl Horton, William Martin and Dennis Clinkscales.

President Davis thanked each of the attendees for coming to the meeting. He is looking forward to the upcoming year and serving as the SCSPLS president.

The 2018-2019 meeting dates are posted on the website. Please continue to attend our meetings. He encouraged members to become active in the society. The state meetings are an opportunity to stay on top of the latest rules, regulations and legislation that affect our profession. These meetings are also the way to find out what is affecting surveyors around the state.

Davis said we are in the process of implementing our 3-year plan. The society will discuss the change of the Mission Statement and Vision Statement during the discussion of the Constitution and bylaws. He hopes you have noticed the increased online presence with Facebook, Twitter and a new LinkedIn company page.

Mark your calendars for the 2019 Convention and Technical Conference. It will be back at the Double Tree in Columbia. SCSPLS will have an SCSPLS General Meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> and classes will be on Thursday, Feb. 28 – Mar. 1. Allison King will give more information later in the meeting.

At the last meeting, a committee was formed to discuss the issues Surveyors are having when filing plats in regards to the Enabling Act of 1994. I am a part of the committee and helped represent SCSPLS at the Board of Registration Meeting in July. Dennis Clinkscales is here to make a report later in the meeting today.

He said it is so important to educate and inform the younger generations about Surveying and the opportunities available for the surveying profession.

Because Chris Bass had to unexpectedly miss the meeting to help the Aiken area with power outages, Davis provided the financial report as submitted by Treasurer Chris Bass.

Checking - \$ 12,194.74  
Scholarship Fund - \$ 5,206.43  
Savings - \$162,403.43  
Merrill Lynch - \$ 48,005.57

The question was posed as to low number in the checking account. Allison King said renewals are very slow this year because she tried to automate an online system. At this time, only about 1/3 of the membership has paid. King said she will be sending individual emails to unpaid members.

Davis asked if there were any delegate reports.

Allison King said she is not a delegate, but informed the meeting the SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies hosted a dinner for the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors on Monday, September 24, 2018. It was held at the Palmetto Club in Columbia, SC. Representing SCSPLS were Elliotte Quinn, Brian Bonds and Allison King.

NSPS:

Henry Dingle said there is a meeting in Maryland next week and will give an update at the next meeting. Dingle also said they will be voting on the national level about the increase in NSPS dues. As you remember, SCSPLS approved the increase.

Dingle also said to use the National Society of Professional Surveyors Foundation, Inc. (NSPSF) Disaster Relief Fund Policy if needed after the hurricanes and flooding.

Next, Tim Davis asked if there were any Chapter or District Reports. The following reports were submitted by the following:

**Grand Strand:** Reporting: June 2018 – Oct. 2018, Chapter President: Aaron Leach, Meeting Schedule: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month at T-Bonz in Myrtle Beach.

There were 3 meetings with an average attendance of 15 members and 2 guests.

The Grand Strand Chapter met in August to discuss Planning/County Requirements of Surveys and submitted a list of grievances to the County Planning Commission. The meeting was canceled due to the hurricane and flooding but will be on the next agenda.

**Low Country:** Reporting 10/11/2018, Chapter President: Terry Hatchell, Meeting Schedule: Next meeting Nov. 9 at 8:00 PM at Harold's Country Club in Yemassee, SC. This meeting is a retirement recognition meeting in honor of Roy Green, a PLS since 1971 in the Estill area.

**Mid-State:** Reporting June 5, 2018 – Oct. 2, 2018, Chapter President: C.A. Shealy, Meeting Schedule: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6:30 Social, 7:00 Meeting at Roma's Restaurant in Prosperity SC. There have been 4 meetings since the last report with 7 members and 3 guests.

On June 5, the election of officers occurred with the officers remain the same and members with perfect attendance were recognized.

On July 10, Information was provided to attendees including Lexington County has adopted 1988 Datum for Flood Zones—FEMA Maps. President Shealy will forward Flood Zone Letter from Chris Stone at Lexington County regarding Flood Zones, At the State meeting, C. A. Shealy was elected Secretary of the SCSPLS and President Shealy covered a number of topics from the State Society meeting.

On August 7, the discussion was the SCIWAY, Get SC Land Surveyors Listed under SC Businesses.

On September 11, a report from Midlands Chapter Meeting was given, need to email Lake Murray elevation letters, Discussion held regarding determination of elevations utilizing SCVRS and President Shealy reported on "Home Advisor" website for listing of surveyors to advertise services and quotes. This site is not recommended and is illegal in South Carolina.

Next, Davis said it is time to move to the NEW BUSINESS section of our meeting. Davis asked Aaron Leach to report on TrigStar and Scholarships.

#### **TrigStar:**

Aaron Leach proposed the scholarship wording should be changed and possible even be used to fund Trig Star and STEM. Leach said the scholarship fund has not been used in years. Allison King said she looked before the meeting and said it looks like the last scholarship was awarded in 2013 or 2014. She found applications from 2014 but could not find a winner.

Currently the wording is too stringent and is not allowing potential surveyors the ability to gain scholarship money. The application says the student must be enrolled in 14 hours in order to qualify. He said this is hard to do when the person pursuing Land Surveying is also working full time. Leach suggested we adjust the number of hours to an attainable number. It was suggested to change to 6-8 hours instead of 14.

Next, Leach suggested we use the scholarship money for TrigStar and our STEM outreach. The group thought this was a good idea; however, Ronnie Tyler said the scholarship was set up very specifically with it's own rules. SCSPS cannot access the funds in the scholarship account for other reasons.

Leach suggested we set up a new account for TrigStar and STEM. The 2019 raffle will be used for this account rather than scholarships. A motion was made, seconded and passed to move forward with the raffle to benefit a new account for TrigStar and STEM.

Leach then showed the group an interactive Sandbox to take to STEM. Henry Dingle said he mentioned this a few years ago.

Allison King said this would be great for STEM conferences because the more direct interaction you have with the kids the more will visit. She said it is almost word of mouth in Charleston. The kids all know if a booth has something cool to do or see.

Davis thanked Aaron Leach and asked Gene Dinkins and Henry Dingle to make a report on behalf of the SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors.

#### **SC State Board of Profession Engineers and Surveyors:**

Gene Dinkins was the first to speak to the group. Dinkins said the Board is taking the issue with the filing of plats with additional requirements very seriously. He said the board asked for specific instances of information required on a plat by Counties and Municipalities around the state.

Next, Henry Dingle spoke regarding a few of the items he is spearheading on the Board.

Dingle said he would like to support surveying courses at technical schools that may not be able to meet the minimum number of students. If a school requires six people in a class and only four sign up, the class is canceled. Dingle proposed funding from SC LLR to make up the difference in the missing students to maintain the class for the interested students.

Dingle said he is working with Midlands Tech for a 2 + 2 program with USC Spartanburg.

#### **Lobbyist Report:**

Adam B. Jones, SCSPS Lobbyist, provided the Legislative Update.

Jones said he would talk about the legislature before going into potential legislation.

As you've seen in the news, one of the things that is going to be predominant again this year in the legislature this year is the VC Summer Nuclear Plant.

Originally, he was just following this like every other John Q. Citizen, but after it was discovered they had been using unlicensed design professionals, he immediately took a professional interest in this as well.

Jones said we all know elections will be here in less than a month. Jones said to vote. By voting, you will help who represents you and your area. When a change is needed, you will need to call upon these elected legislators.

Jones explained this is the first session of a 2-year term in the SC Legislature. If SCSPS proposes a change, we will have 2 years to get it passed by both the Senate and the House. If it does not pass after the second year, it will have to be filed again. We will discuss this more in the upcoming months based on what Dennis Clinkscales will discuss in a few minutes.

We will continue to host "Tuesday Surveyors at the State House" this year. This is where you come to the state house and we'll go see your Representative and Senator. Let them know what we're working on. Tuesday is the day they generally come to Columbia, so if you come early, I'll take you to lunch before we go to the State House. You'll be back on the road by 2:00PM.

Jones thanked the group and said if you need anything please give me a call directly. And please plan on joining me on a Tuesday this legislative year. If we pursue the Enabling Act of 1994, Jones said he will need all of your help. Lobbyist can only go so far. Constituents are needed to make the change. He reminded everyone to vote and passed the floor to Dennis Clinkscales.

#### **Enabling Act of 1994**

Dennis Clinkscales addressed the group next. Clinkscales said he, Robert "Bobby" Foster and Tim Davis are on the committee that was formed at the meeting at Saluda Shoals in June 2018 to work on changes to the Enabling Act of 1994.

Clinkscales reported he attended a meeting with the Homebuilders in Greenville on Monday, Oct. 8, 2018. The Homebuilders already have an issue with the counties and are interested in the problems the Land Surveyors are having as well. Rep. Loftis was at the meeting as well as a Greenville County representative, a few Homebuilders, 2 attorneys, Bobby Foster, Adam Jones and Joe Jones. Clinkscales said the Homebuilders will back us if SCSPS makes changes to the Enabling Act.

Clinkscales said he and about 4 other surveyors talked to the Registration Board about their issues last month.

Clinkscales said he, Bobby Foster and Tim Davis went through the whole document and made some suggested changes. It is pretty self explanatory, but if it has the words crossed out, it is to delete it. If it is in bold, it is to add it. Clinkscales said he is not going to go through each one in the meeting for now but said it is basically the same thing he has been saying for the last year about subdividing property and requiring information on plats that is not surveying.

Allison King said she will set up a Google Drive account with the document. She will also set up a form for suggestions, critiques, etc. She will look at it to make sure, but it will most likely be in an Excel format. She also said she has 5 copies of the proposed changes at the registration desk if someone wants a copy.

King also said she will send it in the Friday Blasts. She said she did not send one yesterday because of traveling for the meeting, so technically the first blast about the changes will be on Monday or Tuesday.

Clinkscales said we need to prefile the legislation by the end of the year. He said it needs to go early if we want to get it passed.

Clinkscales also said we need to reach out to other groups that might be having the same issues – Homebuilders, Realtors, Farm Bureau, Forestry and others. He said to talk to people in these groups if you know them.

Allison King said this is something the membership will have to vote on. King said the next SCSPLS meeting is the Wednesday before the Convention.

Kevin Schwacke asked if there would be a meeting at the Citadel in December like there used to be in the past. King said since she has been with SCSPLS, the Charleston meeting is held in the spring at James Island County Park.

King said she can continue to send this information to the membership for review and we can schedule 1 to 2 hours at the meeting.

The question was posed if the membership would vote at the meeting before the Conference. Allison King said it will have to go to membership. Ronnie Tyler said it will have to go to membership for a vote and based on the constitution, there will have to be a majority that voted to move forward.

Davis said a vote will need to go to the full membership to move forward and asked for a vote to present to the full membership. A motion was made, seconded and approved.

Allison King said she would set up the Google Drive for all comments and questions about the Enabling Act. She said it will be on the Friday blasts and will work with the web designer to put it on the website.

President Davis thanked Dennis Clinkscales for all of his hard work.

Next, Davis asked Allison King to cover quite a few pieces of business.

### **SCSPLS Constitution Update**

Through the years, Allison King said she has been told by more than one member that the Constitution and Bylaws must be updated. Specific topics include:

1. Online Voting – approved in 2015 but never officially changed in constitution
2. Emeritus Status – changed in 2011 but never officially changed in constitution
3. Past Presidents Council – no longer the most recent Past President as head of the committee.
4. Change of Mission Statement and addition of Vision Statement
5. NEW Proposed Change: Funds for Trigstar and STEM.

The changes will not be made today, but King asked Ronnie Tyler to be here as he is the Constitution Guru.

Ronnie Tyler said the Constitution needs updates and all changes will have to be voted on by the membership.

### **State Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines by DHEC**

The next thing Allison King wanted to cover is the State Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines by DHEC. King received a call from Michael Culler in the Grand Strand chapter last week about the issues he is having with the Beachfront Jurisdictional Lines by DHEC.

South Carolina law requires DHEC's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management to establish and review the position of the two lines of beachfront jurisdiction every seven (7) to ten (10) years. The average annual erosion rate for all oceanfront land that is developed or potentially could be developed is also reviewed during this time frame.

On May 3, 2018, **Act 173**, the Beachfront Management Reform Act, was signed by Governor Henry McMaster. The Act established the position of the jurisdictional baselines and setback lines for the 2018 establishment cycle. As a result, the 2018 jurisdictional baselines and setback lines established by the Act do not move landward from their positions set during the 2008-2012 establishment cycle.

Act 173 established the baseline location as the **most seaward** location of either the baseline established during the 2008-2012 establishment cycle, or the baseline proposed by DHEC on October 6, 2017. Similarly, Act 173 established the setback line as the **most seaward** location of either the setback line established during the 2008-2012 establishment cycle, or the setback line proposed by DHEC on October 6, 2017.

Act 173 also provided guidance to DHEC for the implementation of future line review processes, which will be initiated on or after January 1, 2024.

King spoke with Jessica Boynton a Shoreline Specialist with the Ocean and Coastal Resource Management of the S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control. She stresses that surveyors are to use the most SEAWARD location of either the setback line established during the 2008-2012 establishment cycle, or the setback line proposed by DHEC on October 6, 2017.

There are two sets of jurisdictional lines available from DHEC:

1. The baseline and setback lines that were adopted between 2008-2012 (called CURRENT) and;
  2. The baseline and setback lines that were proposed in October 2017 (called PROPOSED).
- Survey packets with coordinates are available through the DHEC **Jurisdictional Line Viewer**, available at <https://gis.dhec.sc.gov/shoreline/>

There is a single survey packet for each beach, which contains the coordinates for both the CURRENT and PROPOSED baseline and setback lines. **Act 173** requires that the more seaward line position be used for determining the location of both the baseline and setback line. Until a single set of lines are digitized, surveyors must determine which combination of lines represent the most seaward location on each parcel.

**Please Note:** The CURRENT lines have the following coordinate system: State Plane NAD83 (1986). The PROPOSED lines have the following coordinate system: State Plane NAD83 (2011).

OCRM staff are working to digitize a single set of lines that will represent the most seaward location of the CURRENT and PROPOSED baseline and setback lines. The anticipated release date for this information is by December 1, 2018. The coordinate system for the final lines will be State Plane NAD83 (2011).

Proposed activity within the state's beachfront jurisdiction should be coordinated with DHEC to determine if notification or an individual permit application is necessary. Please be aware that there may be critical areas landward of the jurisdictional setback line that may also require authorization and coordination with DHEC. Staff is available to assist property owners in understanding these requirements.

Michael Culler said he is in a hard place with this right now. He is working a job right now that has an 80-foot difference depending on which lines you use.

King SCDHEC would like to speak at our conference and also would like to speak at our April Meeting in James Island.

She asked if it would be beneficial to have them twice in 2 months? As Jessica said, there may changes and additional information in the 2 months between the 2 events. While not an official vote, the majority of the group said to utilize DHEC at the Conference and the April meeting.

### **2019 Scholarship Raffle**

SCSPLS is having the 50/50 raffle again this year. We sold over ½ of the tickets last year and our goal is to sell 100% this year. This year, the goal is to raise money for Trigstar, STEM Conferences and Scholarships.

As with last year, the cost for the ticket is \$100.

This is a 50/50 raffle and there will be 3 winners.

50% of the tickets sold remain with SCSPLS Scholarships. The remaining 50% will be split between the 3 winners.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize will win 25% of the money raised.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize will win 15% of the money raised and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will win 10%.

We will sell tickets today at the meeting. We will be advertising weekly on the Friday Blast and you will be able to buy multiple tickets on the SCSPLS website.

### **2019 SCSPLS Convention and Technical Conference**

King said we will be back at the Double Tree in Columbia. The link for hotel rooms will be up as soon as they generate the link. She asked for it for almost a month now so hopefully it will be available soon. As soon as it is available, King will update our website and will also have it listed on our Facebook page.

The Doubletree has assured King the construction will be finally be finished by the conference. She was told last year the construction would be finished by the time we had our meeting, so she truly hopes we will not run into the same problems we had last year with rooms, construction noise and lack of water on Saturday.

King sent a call for papers to over 190 people this year. She hopes to be able to give you an exceptional list of speakers to choose from this year. To date, she has received responses from less than 10, but will continue to send to the request.

If you have a specific topic or speaker you would like to see at the conference, please let King know.

#### **2019 SCSPLS Convention and Technical Conference**

**SCSPLS Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019**

**Conference: Thursday, Feb. 28 – Friday, Mar. 1, 2019**

Registration opens at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2019. We will have an SCSPLS board and general meeting in the afternoon. Exhibitors will set up on Wednesday afternoon.

The conference will begin Thursday, February 28, 2019 with Breakfast and sessions at 7:45 AM. Registration will open at 7:00 AM. The day will be packed with education sessions for 8 PDH.

When the sessions are over on Thursday, stick around for an Exhibitor Happy Hour with light hors d'oeuvres. Use this time to make connections with representatives of the companies you use most as well as connecting with your fellow Surveyors.

Friday, March 1, 2019 will be another packed day to earn an additional 8 hours of PDH. Pricing will be the same as 2018.

**Member Full Conference – \$350**

**Member Thursday Only – \$200**

**Member Friday Only – \$200**

**Non-Member Full Conference – \$450**

**Non-Member Thursday Only – \$300**

**Non-Member Friday Only – \$300**

### **2018 Surveyor of the Year**

Allison King said the Surveyor of the Year sign up sheet is on the website. Please be sure to send in your chapter's nomination by Feb. 1, 2019.

### **2018 Plat Contest**

Allison King said the Plat Contest rules are on the website. Please be sure to send in best work and be recognized by your peers. Please send in by Feb. 1, 2019.

### **2018 STEM Conference**

On Monday, Oct. 8, Allison King headed to Charleston to set up for the 2018 Charleston County Stem Conference. This year, President Tim Davis, Vice President Dee Dee Schwacke, Elliotte Quinn and Scott Wilson helped man the booth.

While there were less students this year because of the amount of school missed for Hurricane Florence, King said she thinks we were able to talk to about 75-100 students.

King was also able to make contact with 14 teachers and administrators in the Charleston area. This is promising for 2 reasons – 1<sup>st</sup> is TrigStar. At this time, TRIGSTAR is not in any of the Charleston area schools. Hopefully, this year, we will get in with the person who will champion this program for us. Next, we've asked to be able to talk to middle school and high school classes for career day, career fairs and general talks to students.

I've spoken with Chris Morelli in the Rock Hill area. He will be taking part in a STEM program on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. President Elect Floyd Sweatt will be accompanying him. King said once you get in with the program, they will ask you to return every year.

Also, Richland District 1 is having a STEM conference on Friday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>. King knows Brian Bonds will be participating, but if you are available to volunteer, please let me know.

STEM seems to be a hot topic in the state right now. Please let King know if your area is having an event and she will gladly see what she can do to get SCSPLS in front of the children.

### **2018 Membership Update/FINDJOO**

Next, King wanted to go over the current renewals for SCSPLS.

She said she is sure all in attendance has seen the emails about the issue with our new membership program, FINDJOO. We've had between 1/3 – 1/2 of membership renew through FINJOO.

About 2 weeks ago, King worked with her contact at Findjoo to issue an online renewal reminder. She thought she conveyed she wanted to have a link for members to renew on this email. She said it is obvious that she did not articulate this correctly because the email that was sent only caused trouble for members and their staff and generated at least 50 calls to the SCSPLS office.

King is working with FINJOO to get this corrected by renewals next year. You probably saw that renewals were sent by email on Wednesday because Findjoo is having to write code to provide the letter I was hoping to send out.

King sincerely apologized for the trouble it has caused this year. She said she was trying to move the society into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and it obviously failed miserably. She also again apologized to all of the SCSPLS membership for the problems this has caused each of you this year. She said she was trying to streamline renewals and events and it has been a true learning experience.



### **2018 -2019 SCSPLS Events and Dates**

King reported the dates for the 2018 – 2019 year. She reminded everyone the dates for the year can be located on the SCSPLS website.

Jan. 29, 2019 – Design Construction Partnership Legislative Reception

Feb. 1, 2019 – Surveyor of the Year Due – go to [scspls.com](http://scspls.com) for guidelines.

Feb. 1, 2019 – Plat Contest Due – go to [scspls.com](http://scspls.com) for guidelines.

Feb. 27 – March 1, 2019 – 2019 SCSPLS Convention and Technical Conference

March 17-23, 2019 – National Surveyors Week

March 20, 2019 – SC Surveyors Day at SC State House

April 13, 2019 – Quarterly Meeting – James Island County Park, Charleston, SC

June 28, 2019 – Quarterly Meeting – Saluda Shoals Park, Columbia, SC

President Tim Davis again thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reminded everyone that you can visit the aquarium before your leave.

Davis said to be on the look out for the information about the Enabling Act of 1994.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16 PM

Respectfully submitted by Allison King, SCSPLS Executive Secretary