

## SCSPLS GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, June 28, 2019

Saluda Shoals Park, River Center

Columbia, SC

President Tim Davis, PLS, welcomed all in attendance to the final general membership meeting of the 2018-19 SCSPLS year. Davis called the SCSPLS General Membership Meeting to order at 11:31 AM.

Next, Davis asked President Elect Floyd Sweatt, PLS, to bless our meeting and lead us in the pledge of allegiance. Davis stated SCSPLS uses the Robert's Rules of Order for this and all meetings.

The first item is the Approval of Agenda. A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, seconded and approved.

Next, the minutes were addressed. A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from April 13, 2019 as presented, seconded and approved.

Secretary CA Shealy to call the Board Roll with the following board members in attendance:

President Timothy Davis, PLS, President Elect Floyd Sweatt, PLS, VP Dee Dee Schwacke, PLS, Treasurer Chris Bass, PLS, Secretary CA Shealy PLS, Past President William Fairey, PLS, Henry Dingle, PLS, Bill Tripp, PLS, Robert Foster, PLS (Proxy), Aaron Leach, PLS, Ralph Vanadore, PLS, Earl Horton, PLS, William Martin, PLS, Dennis Clinkscales, PLS, Bill Hipp, PLS, (Proxy) and Michael Culler, PLS.

Next, Treasurer Chris Bass provided the Financial Report:

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Scholarship - \$3,506. 43

Savings - \$152, 508. 46

Merrill Lynch Scholarship Fund: \$47,889.01

Tim Davis, PLS, began the Presidents report by thanking the SCSPLS Members for attending the meeting and said he thought SCSPLS had a very good year.

In the fall, SCSPLS participated in the High School STEM Career Fair. We were able to talk to over 100 students and tell them about surveying. We may have met a future surveyor – we can only hope. We will be doing it again this fall. The Enabling Act of 1994 was a hot topic this year. Allison King sent notifications to membership about the potential changes and set up a platform for people to make suggestions.

In December, the society met at the Fire Academy in Columbia to discuss how to proceed with the Enabling Act of 1994. It was determined that a questionnaire would be sent to all members with a vote on each individual proposed line change.

The membership decided to attack 32 different items in the Enabling Act of 1994. With the help of lobbyists Adam Jones and Joe Jones, it was determined to take on a small piece this year and continue in the second half of the session in 2020.

In January, the surveyors, engineers, architects and contractors partnered to host the Design Construction Partnership Legislative Reception. With over 200 surveyors, engineers, architects, and contractors in attendance, legislators had the opportunity to hear from multiple members about the issues our industries are facing this year.

At the end of February, we had an outstanding Convention and Technical Conference at the Double Tree in Columbia. We sold out the exhibit space and had to add a table in the hall. We added another sponsor this year as well. The most surprising part of the conference was the amount of people that attended. For a non-renewal year, it was the highest

attended Conference we've had in many years. We had over 250 attendees. Once you count in the speakers and exhibitors, there were almost 350 people at the conference this year.

Again this year, we had Surveyors Day at the Statehouse. A HUGE Thank you to everyone that came to the Statehouse. As we previously reported, SCSPLS was recognized 5 times by 5 different legislators.

The first legislator to recognize the Surveyors was Representative Russell Ott by introducing the Professional Land Surveyors and thanked us for all of our contributions to the State by issuing a House Resolution. Next, Chris Wooten recognized Henry Dingle as the Life Service Award Winner. Then, Kirkman Finley went to the podium to thank Mike Mills and all Surveyors for their service to the state.

After waiting about an hour for the Senate to go into session, the Surveyors were seated first and on the front row of the Senate balcony. Senator Kent Williams enthusiastically read the Resolution honoring the Professional Land Surveyors. Next, Sen. Sandy Senn recognized Alexander (Sandy) Peabody as the Professional Land Surveyor of the Year. Senn and Williams invited the land surveyors into the senate lounge for pictures.

I would like to stress how important this is to do every year. This is an easy way for our legislature to get to know the Professional Land Surveyors, especially SCSPLS. When we are there, we show our awareness and interest in the process.

As we say at every meeting, we have to get more people into the surveying profession. Talk to your crew about getting the education and passing the test to become a Professional Land Surveyor. We need new blood. By increasing the numbers of Professional Land Surveyors, it will help increase our membership. Henry Dingle and the Board of Registration are working hard to help have classes offered to potential surveyors for the required surveying hours to become licensed.

Please encourage others in our profession to join our organization. Let's boost that in 2019-2020. We all know people that are not members. Tell them about the Conference. Tell them about all of the headway we made in the legislature this year. Tell them we will grow as a profession by joining the society.

Thank you again for your support this year as your president.

Davis opened the floor for reports.

The SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors and the NSPS report from Henry Dingle was given next.

Each year NCEES has a survey jury group to give a monetary award to schools for surveying. The awards are substantial financial awards to the institution. The group received 14 applications this year to review. The process is done at NCEES in Clemson, SC.

This is a very interesting process. Each institution is evaluated based on participation from the surveyors and chapters and associations. Most importantly, it gives us a solid base of proprietary ideas. The winners are awarded \$25,000 for 1<sup>st</sup>, \$15,000 for 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 10,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Four years ago, New Mexico State was awarded \$15,000. New Mexico State was in the process of closing. New Mexico State is the "Maine of the West". Dingle said all it needed was a boost and now they are by far the most impressive group.

Folks are being educated and licensed due to the help with the grant.

Dingle said the effort at Midlands Technical College (MTC) is gaining momentum. There is now equipment at MTC and enrollment is full for fall with 21 students. It is already 2/3 full for the spring semester as well.

Dingle said he thinks surveyors should approach this in a similar manner as Lizards Thicket Restaurants, a midlands restaurant with 13+ location. Lizards Thicket told MTC they need a school for cooks not chefs. Similarly, Dingle said the Surveyors need technicians and good crew chiefs. Dingle believes if technicians and crew chiefs are introduced to surveying, it is more probable to get them educated and licensed.

NSPS effort is to get into schools and promote surveying.

NSPS has a new set of officers. President Lisa Van Horn, President Elect Mark C Sargent, Vice President Tim Burch, Secretary Craig Amey, Treasurer Robert Miller and Past President Kim Leavitt.

Trigstar is growing.

Dingle asked why SC has never had a Young Surveyor. The age restriction is the issue. John Mark Mills fits into the age bracket. Dingle asked if Mills would be interested in being the representative from South Carolina. Mills said he would have to look into it.

Dingle wanted to bring a few things to the members attention regarding Licensing Statistics: In SC, there are 74 Photogrammetry Surveyors, 28 GIS Surveyors, 11 Geodetic Surveyors. There were 7 applications for PLS – 71% 5 passed. Dingle reported the land surveying numbers are slowly creeping up. One thing that helps is that the test can be taken early.

Next, Dingle informed the group that Qualification Based Selection (QBS) was passed in Alabama with both private and public work. This is the something the engineering community has wanted for SC for a long time. The surveyors have helped support this in the past.

Dingle said the Board of Registration can no longer publish a policy because of the lawyers. By publishing, it would make it too easy for anyone to collect data. That is what Surveyors do and emphasized it is what we are trained to do.

In July, a guideline will be published by SC Board of Registration.

Pursuant to **SECTION 40-22-2**. Purpose.

In order to safeguard life, health, and property and to promote the public welfare, the practice of the profession of engineering and surveying in this State is subject to regulation. It is the policy of this State and the purpose of this chapter to encourage the development of professional engineers and surveyors in this State and to promote the accountability for engineering practice and surveying practice in a global economy. The State recognizes the need for qualified engineers and surveyors to support the local and global economy and, to that end, encourages efforts to increase access to accredited education, the examinations, and the experience necessary and appropriate to protect the health, safety, and welfare of South Carolina citizens and to support licensure as the basis of accountability.

People must understand the general public cannot collect data and send to everyone. It must be done by a surveyors.

Dingle said a point of confusion for a lot of people SC Code 40 22 290 – exclusions. Please read in full below:

**SECTION 40-22-290**. TIER A surveying; exclusions.

The practice of TIER A surveying does not include:

(1) the creation of nontechnical maps:

- (a) prepared by private firms or government agencies for use as guides to motorists, boaters, aviators, or pedestrians;
- (b) prepared for publication in a gazetteer or atlas as an education tool or reference publication;
- (c) prepared for or by educational institutions for use in the curriculum of any course of study or academic research;

- (d) produced by any broadcast or print media firm as an illustrative guide to the geographic location of any event;
- (e) prepared by lay persons for conversational or illustrative purposes, including advertising material and use guides;
- (2) the transcription of existing documents or land records into geographic information systems/land information systems by manual or electronic means;
- (3) the transcription of public record data into a cadastre (tax maps and associated records) and the maintenance of that cadastre by either manual or electronic means, including tax maps and zoning maps;
- (4) the use of all documents or databases prepared by any federal agency and documents or databases using federal data by any person to prepare documents and databases including, but not limited to, federal and military versions of quadrangle topographic maps, military maps, and satellite imagery;
- (5) the use of all civilian or commercial remotely-sensed satellite data;
- (6) all maps and databases created by any firm, in either hardcopy or electronic form, by full-time employees of that firm, of features that are wholly contained within properties that the firm owns, leases, rents, or has exclusive use or shared easement to, are exempt from the definition of surveying. This exclusion includes public and private utility companies preparing inventory maps of their facilities as long as those maps and databases are not provided to anyone outside the company with any data that illustrates property ownership lines of property the firm does not own, lease, rent, or on which they have exclusive use or shared easement;
- (7) the creation of maps and databases depicting the distribution of natural or cultural resources prepared by foresters, geologists, soil scientists, geophysicists, biologists, geographers, archeologists, historians, urban and regional planners, or other individuals qualified to prepare such maps as long as any property boundaries shown are either supplied by a professional surveyor or transcribed from public deed or plat records converted from tax maps or cadastre, or are clearly not intended to serve as legal property boundaries;
- (8) the creation of all maps and geo-referenced databases depicting physical features and events prepared by any government agency where the access to that data is restricted by statute, including geo-referenced data generated by law enforcement agencies involving crime statistics and criminal activities;
- (9) the work of any official or employee of a political subdivision of this State while in the performance of their official duties involving Emergency 911 mapping, land use mapping, property tax mapping, remote sensing and implementation, maintenance, creation, and distribution of mapping grade GIS data as part of a political subdivision's geographic information system.

Dingle said Surveying is not limited to just property lines and corners.

Tim Davis asked if it excludes the counties? Dingle answered Yes. It excludes counties and 911.

Dingle stressed if you see a company doing something wrong, Call it in.

Dingle concluded with saying Midlands Technical College is looking to hire a full time Surveying instructor.

Sandy Peabody provided a report for the Coastal Chapter. The Coastal Chapter has had 3 meetings since the April meeting. In June, Aaron Leach spoke about Trigstar.

The new president is John Byrnes, the vice president is Maurice Wilder and Kevin Thewes is the treasurer. The directors are Scott Wilson, Bob King and Mark Lamb. Next meeting is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in August.

Aaron Leach submitted reports on behalf of the Grand Strand Chapter. Four meetings were held from February 2019 – June 2019 at Thorny's on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 PM. At most meetings, 15 members were in attendance with 1-2 guests. The Chapter voted to give \$500 to the scholarship fund in the name of Helen and Thurl Amick.

Rodney Seymore submitted reports on behalf of the Foothills Chapter. Six meetings were held from September 2018 – August 2019 with an average attendance of 8. Topics during meetings include NGS Webinar, Rashida Jones and Judy Wortkoetter from Greenville County Subdivision, Briar Patch Forestry, a joint chapter meeting with Kelly McCormick Speaking from City of Greer, Johnny Wagner of Duke Energy and Rashida Jones-Campbell from Greenville County Subdivision.

Reid Huggins submitted reports on behalf of the Pee Dee Chapter from June 2018 – June 2019 with an average of attendance of 8-12 people with up to 2 guests. Most meetings do not have a program, but the chapter still meets for fellowship. Program topics we have had during our regular meetings are: 1) One surveyor's method for creating a surface and then translating it into a staking plan, 2) GIS resources of local county's website including research options 3) Received report from State Society meeting regarding changes to the Planning Enabling Act and gave our input back to the Society Reps.

Aaron Leach submitted the Scholarship Report. For the first time in many years, SCSPLS gave 2 scholarships at the 2019 Convention.

New business –

CA Shealy reported on Trigstar. Shealy made presentations in the Newberry area and considered it successful because he was able to get in front of 28-30 students. While talking about Trigstar, he also shared what the profession is all about. Test results need to be improved upon. If you can get in front of a school about Trigstar, this is a good way to get in front of the school for the surveying profession. We need to get more surveyors into schools.

Shealy expanded saying if you can get into the school and if you can get into the math teachers information on the program, there is a better chance to get it in schools. Shealy was fortunate enough to get in front of the chairman of the school board. Shealy made a presentation of the chapter. Shealy had to give the presentation to someone at district office as well. Finally, he made a presentation in the high school. Teachers understood the program. Time of testing can be an issue too. Higher numbers last year and year before because the testing was earlier in the year. The teachers like testing to be sooner so it doesn't interfere with other student testing.

Aaron Leach submitted a report that SC had 4 schools participate with 250 students. The next Trigstar meeting will be in July to grade the tests.

Next, Adam Jones provided the Legislative Report.

The last time we met in Charleston he told you about the two bills that were being introduced as first step in fixing the problems some areas are facing with the planning and enabling act. For those who are not aware we are taking a different approach as a complete overhaul of the planning and enabling act would be a heavy lift and would have fierce opposition.

Since that Charleston meeting, we worked with Senator Loftis to reword what we had written to make the bill stronger and hopefully more likely to pass. We had Senator Loftis introduce the bill in the Senate. Senate Bill 833 is co-sponsored by Senators Turner, Corbin, and Verdin. It has been sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee where currently sits while they are in recess. We introduced pretty much the exact same bill as H. 4598 in the house. Representative Burns lead the way sponsoring the bill with Representatives Long and Chumley as co-sponsors. It is sitting in House Judiciary while they are in recess.

Copies of both bills were in the meeting packets. Since this amending current law, you will see the new portions that we are pursuing underlined. In S. 833 The first addition is in section four dealing with subdivisions. We've added the following line starting on line 42 "But must be excluded from any review, comment, or approval or denial by any political subdivision of this state including any county or municipal government, or any of its departments, divisions, boards or commissions. We hope this will take care of local planning departments denying the recording of a plat. In order to help with the definition of sub-division we added language to the subsection dealing with lot size or density. We changed the number of acreage in subsection B to read: "The division of land into parcels of one acre or greater where no new street is involved and plats of these exceptions must be received as information by any political subdivision of

the estate, including any county or municipal government, or any of its departments, divisions, boards, or commissions which shall indicate that fact on the plats.” We also added subsections D & E which read: any resurveys that do not create new lines, easements or rights of way: and a division that results from the settlement of any estate or clearing of title by heirs and is not intended for immediate or future sale, lease, or building development.” On the last page we added the following language: Section 7: “Plat” means a diagram drawn to scale showing all essential data pertaining to the boundaries and subdivision of a tract of land as determined by a survey and must be signed and sealed by the surveyor.” Section B Land surveys, which meet the existing state surveying standards, must be filed directly with the register of deeds, register of mesne conveyance, clerk of court, or other offices housing such documents and are exempt from any review, comment, or being approved or denied by any political subdivisions of the State including any county or municipal government or any of its departments, divisions, boards, or commissions.

H. 4598 is the same. So how did we come up with this. We took language that Tim, the executive board, and we worked on and took it to Loftis and Burns. Loftis took it to Legislative Services to turn it in to bill language. We went back and forth a few times before what you see in front of you is what was introduced.

Ralph Vanadore said a survey done may not approve the driveway on the lot. Neither driveway may be sufficient – will surveyors have any liability?

Tim Davis said to survey an existing property it should be exempt. Counties often take a blind eye to the 5 acre rule.

Vanadore then asked if plat is recorded with no review – is this a service to our customer? You assume you are buying a property you can use.

Davis said that is a legal issue. Non evaluation – when land owner signs, property has not been perced yet. Don’t k now if it will pass a perc test. You are going to sign, but not know if you will be percible.

Earl Horton asked, what if you give to an attorney, but he doesn’t file it? Is surveyor responsible for the survey?

Will Fairey said the burden is not on the filer. It must be filed with the register of deeds.

Peabody - If plat is approved without a planning department it is an existing plat of record. You did not create the non-conforming log.

A point was made to verify these changes mirror the code of law.

Mike Mills said most existing parcels are exempt. Wording does not specifically address this.

He said it is foolish to record a plat with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> parties if they cannot use the lot. If you do, you will probably get a letter from an attorney about a parcel of land that it is a valid lot. If you create non useable parcels of land, you will be on the hook at some point.

Will Fairey said he can see Mills point and said there are so many things that are already an issue. SCDOT access points on a road and the certificate of non-evaluation covers you for water and sewer. Already issues with other organizations.

Mills said most planning departments know the restrictions.

Adam Jones said SCSPLS can withdraw and authors can amend the wording if needed. It can be redrafted and reintroduced during off season lobbying. We will be hitting the ground running.

So, what now? We will be reaching out to member of the Judiciary committees during the off season to try and get the bills subcommittee hearings in January. Senator Rankin who is the head of Judiciary in the Senate and Representative Peter McCoy in the House will be two of our first meetings. They will assigns them to subcommittees and who can help us get the subcommittee meetings set up. When we have meetings with legislators, we would like to have you join us. So they can hear directly from a Surveyor on why this needs to be passed. We will start our grassroots efforts the first week of session as well, starting at the Design Construction partnership legislative reception on January 15, 2020 the second day of session.

So that is where we stand on the planning and enabling act. After we pass these bills, we will reexamine the planning and enabling act and find another part to chip away until you all are able to conduct business the way you should be able to.

A few other bills I do want to mention that had movement before the end of session . The first is H. 3243 which is now Act 58. This act deals with a schedule of specified filing and recording fees. So why you guys care about it? Well it states from now on there is a flat fee of \$15 for “a plat or survey not part of or attached to another document to be recorded.” So that is a uniform filling fee in all counties.

A couple other bills to note. You may remember me telling you about two bills that deal with the licensure of military spouses. There is a national push for this to help military families. The bill number that passed is S.455. We preferred the Senate Language, so we are happy it passed, but the House struck the Senate Language and inserted H. 3263’s language. The Senate insisted on their language and now the bill sits in conference committee. The Senate put Senators Scott, Gambrell, and Davis on the committee, but the House has not assigned their conferees as of the end of session, so this bill will probably sit until session next year. We have let the Senate conferees know we support their language. We believe their language is a little more black and white and gives the board more power to deny a license.

Another bill dealing with licensure that we’re working on is H.3404. & S.431. This bill provides a path to licensure for people in our country and state legally that are not citizens. The bill had a subcommittee hearing towards the end of the session, but didn’t make it out. It will have a subcommittee hearing early next year. The one hearing did have a positive impact as not many legislators were aware of the bill, and now it has picked up many co-sponsors so it has momentum.

One last bill I want to mention is H. 3079, which is the bill dealing with using purple paint to mean no trespassing should pass early next year. Though it did pass the house and was voted out of sub-committee it didn’t make it through the votes before the last day of session. The Senate did make minor amendments so it will receive 3<sup>rd</sup> reading once they’re back and go back to house to pass.

None of the other 25 or so bills that we’re monitoring had any movement since our last meeting. Like I said we will start our off season lobbying effort in the next month. We will start by targeting members of Judiciary in order to get H. 4598 & S. 833 to move.

### **Scholarship**

Allison King expanded on Aaron Leach’s report. King said SCSPLS lost a very significant member of the organization on Friday, June 14, 2019.

The obituary that was posted for Thurl asked for donations to the Greenville Cancer Society. However, at the funeral, the program listed the SCSPLS Scholarship Foundation.

Thurl and his wife Helen helped to start the SCSPLS Scholarship Foundation. In his honor, we would like to rename the scholarship for 2020 as the Thurl M. Amick, PLS Scholarship. I talked with Aaron Leach, the Scholarship Chair and he whole heartedly agrees.

Also, the Grand Strand Chapter donated \$500 to the scholarship fund in memory of Thurl and Helen. If your chapter or if you would like to individually donate, it would be a great way to honor Thurl.

### **Constitution and Bylaws**

Allison King reported on the Constitution and Bylaws. It is a slow process, but the Constitution and Bylaws committee have started to review our current documents. As I reported last meeting, a committee has been formed from the Past Presidents meeting to address the needed changes.

As we all know, the constitution is very out of date.

That being said, I've again included the Constitution and Bylaws in your packet. Please take the time to read them carefully. I urge you to email any suggested changes to me.

Current items that have been addressed and need changing are:

1. In 2011 it was voted and approved by membership to change the criteria for an Emeritus Member.
2. In 2015 it was voted and approved by membership to allow online voting.
3. In 2014, a motion was made to change the chair of the past presidents committee from the immediate past president to an elected member of the committee.
4. The SCSPLS Constitution does not mention NSPS in any way even though an MOU was signed in 2014. Both GA and NC mention NSPS in their constitution and bylaws. I think this should be added.
5. If we want to change the Mission and Vision statement, this must be done in the Constitution
6. There is constant chatter in the meetings about the size of the board. In order to make the board smaller, a change will have to be made in the Constitution.
7. Last, I've heard many would like to reduce the number of meetings REQUIRED per year.

Off the top of your heads, does anyone have a suggestion for a potential change?

#### 2019 – 2020 Renewals

Allison King reported on the 2019 – 2020 Renewals. As you all know, trying to move renewals to an online program was disastrous last year. We will not be doing that again until I can find a better company. Findjoo was not a good fit for the Surveyors.

In your packet, you will find your 2019-2020 renewal. You will also receive one by email the first week of July.

\*\*The most important thing you will notice is the increase in the amount to NSPS. Henry Dingle presented this to the membership at the meeting in Myrtle Beach and it was approved to increase the NSPS dues to \$50 from \$40.

As always, we can accept checks or you can pay on the website with a visa or Mastercard. At this time, we are not able to accept American Express or Discover for renewals.

#### 2019 – 2020 SCSPLS Schedule

In the meeting packet, attendees were given the schedule of all major meetings and events with SCSPLS this year

King emphasized to make sure you all know to get the schedule on the website. King worked with the website designer and asked to make each event savable. To add to your calendar, click on the event and save to your computer, phone or tablet.

#### **SCSPLS General and Board Meeting**

**October 5, 2019**

*Magnolias At 26th, 2605 Ocean Boulevard*

*Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 United States*

Rooms available at the Carolinian. \$84 + tax for oceanfront room with king or two queens, small fridge, microwave and oceanfront private balcony -or- \$94 + tax for ocean view one-bedroom suite with king or two doubles, living room with sleeper sofa, kitchen and ocean view private balcony.

King said Ralph Vanadore has approached me about having something for Surveyors to do without having to get a PDH. While this is for a PDH, the price for the hotel is pretty amazing for front beach in the heart of Myrtle Beach. The rate for the hotel extends through Sunday, so if you want to make a mini vacation out of this weekend, I think that would be wonderful.

#### **Design Construction Partnership Legislative Reception**

**January 15, 2020**



USC Alumni Center, 900 Senate Street  
Columbia, SC 29201 United States

This is very important to have a surveyor presence this year. This is the year for the Enabling Act to move and the legislature needs to see you as a supporter of your profession.

For those who have attended in the past, the location has changed to the USC Alumni Center. It is a beautiful facility just down the hill from the Statehouse. We are hoping a change of venue will bring even more legislator and state officials this year.

### **SCSPLS General and Board Meeting at the 2020 Conference**

**February 26, 2020**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2100 Bush River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210 United States

This is the meeting at the conference so it will not have an additional speaker. King said she was surprised at the number of attendees in 2019, so we will have a larger room this year. Tentatively, the time for the meeting will be at 3:00 PM.

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

**February 27, 2020 - February 28, 2020**

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, 2100 Bush River Road  
Columbia, SC 29210 United States

We will be back at the Double Tree this year. If we keep growing, this will probably be the last year we will be able to fit in their facility.

You can sign up online for both the convention and hotel rooms: <https://scspls.com/annual-convention/>  
Speakers will be posted once they have been determined.

The group made the following suggestions for speakers and tracks: Data 2022 with FEMA, DOT, USGS, SCDHEC, Forensic Surveying, and Business.

National Surveyors Week is March 15, 2020 - March 21, 2020 which means SC Professional Land Surveyors Day at the State House is March 18, 2020. We had a great group this year, but we need you there again this year.

SCSPLS General and Board Meeting on April 18, 2020 at James Island County Park. I think the format worked well this year so we will do the same. We will have some snacks around noon and be extra hungry for the social afterwards.

Finally, the last meeting of the year will be back here on June 26, 2020 for the SCSPLS General and Board Meeting with Installation of Officers

One last thing that is not on the agenda but I thought about when I received a newsletter from the Coastal Chapter who also uses Mail Chimp.

SCSPLS uses 3 different programs for your convenience. 2 are free and so easy to operate. If you think your chapter could benefit from using Mail Chimp which is our email blast program or Survey Monkey, let me know. I will help you set it up and can easily show you how to use it over the phone or at a meeting.

Finally, Davis asked if there is anything that is not listed on the agenda before we do the officer inductions?

He concluded his presidency by saying he wanted to thank all of SCSPLS for helping make the most of his presidency. Don't be a stranger. I am still here to help with anything I can.

Next, Henry Dingle representing NSPS inducted the 2019-2020 Officers.

PRESIDENT – Floyd A. Sweatt, Jr., PLS, Sweatt Surveying, McConnells, SC

PRESIDENT-ELECT – Nancy “Dee Dee” Schwacke, Bowman Consulting, Charleston, SC

VICE PRESIDENT – Christopher W. Bass, PLS, Carolina Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc. Columbia, SC

TREASURER – C. A. Shealy, Shealy Land Surveying, Inc., Prosperity, SC

SECRETARY – Alexander “Sandy” Peabody, Peabody and Associates, Inc., Charleston, SC

#### District Directors

District 1: Charles (Chuck) Dawley, PLS, Charles F. Dawley, Jr., R.L.S., Wando, SC

District 3: C.A. Shealy, Shealy Land Surveying Inc., Prosperity, SC

District 5: William (Bill) Hipp, Hipp Land Surveying, Richburg, SC

#### EX-OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER:

Past President:

Timothy L. Davis, PLS, Timothy Davis, PLS, Loris, SC

Newly inducted President, Floyd Sweatt, PLS, quickly addressed the group. Sweatt said his push for this year is to promote the professionalism of the Professional Land Surveyor.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:57.