

PURPOSE

The S. C. Society of Professional Land Surveyors (SCSPLS) was formed to advance the public welfare and the professional, social and economic interests of the Land Surveyor by promotion of education, legislation and public relations through the establishment and maintenance of high ethical standards and practices. It is proposed to bring about coordination between the Land Surveying and Engineering Professions through close cooperation with representative organizations of Professional Engineers.

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

SCSPLS Membership year is from July 1 through June 30 of each year.
\$205.00 per year for Full, resident members plus \$10.00 application fee = \$215.00
\$165.00 per year for Full, out-of-state members plus \$10.00 application fee = \$175.00
\$200.00 per year for Sustaining members plus \$10.00 application fee = \$210.00
\$ 65.00 per year for Associate members plus \$10.00 application fee = \$75.00
\$ 10.00 Complimentary application fee
\$ 25.00 per year for dues for Student members, Application fee waived = \$25.00
Emeritus Members = dues exempt.

FULL MEMBERS

Professional Land Surveyors who are of good standing in South Carolina or any state or territory of the United States that regulates the practice of land surveying and the licensing of Land Surveyors. Full, resident members of SCSPLS are automatically members of the National Society of Professional Surveyors and entitled to all privileges and benefits of NSPS membership. They are also represented on a national level by an NSPS Governor and NSPS Representative.
Annual Dues: \$205.00. Application fee: \$10.00.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Land Surveyors in Training and any person who is working toward registration as a Land Surveyor and has not qualified for the exams may become an Associate Member of the Society. Associate members shall have all rights and privileges of membership except the holding of office or balloting in the election of officers. Associate members whose legal residence is in South Carolina are allowed to take part in the NSPS membership program on an optional basis at the current rate of \$40, in their appropriate NSPS membership category.
Annual Dues: \$65.00 (\$105 if participating in NSPS Membership program). Application fee: \$10.00

SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Any commercial or professional institution or individual interested in surveying and mapping, the manufacture of instruments or equipment for this work or the production or compilation of maps. Sustaining members shall have all rights and privileges of full membership except the holding of office and voting.
Annual Dues: \$200.00. Application fee: \$10.00

EMERITUS MEMBERS

Any member who has reached the age of 65 and has been in good standing for 15 or more consecutive years with SCSPLS may apply for Emeritus Membership subject to approval by the Board. Emeritus members have all rights and privileges of full membership. Emeritus members whose legal residence is in South Carolina are allowed to take part in the NSPS membership program on an optional basis at the current rate of \$40, in their appropriate NSPS membership category.
Annual Dues: Exempt (\$40 if participating in NSPS Membership program).

HONORARY MEMBERS

The Board may bestow upon any person who has rendered acknowledged eminent service and who has made valuable and outstanding contributions to the profession, the title of Honorary Member. Honorary members shall have all rights and privileges of full membership except the holding of office and balloting in the election of officers.
Annual Dues and Application Fee: Exempt.

STUDENT MEMBERS

Any student of a school of higher education recognized by the Board of Directors who is interested in Land Surveying or related professions. Student members shall not be eligible to vote or to hold office in the Society. Transcript copy must be included with your application. Student members of SCSPLS can qualify to be included in the NSPS Membership program at the current rate of \$10 starting with the 2014 membership year.
Annual Dues: \$25.00 (\$35 if participating in NSPS Membership program). Application fee waived.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

Date Application Received at the SCSPLS Office: _____ Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ Ck No. _____
Membership Committee Action Date: _____ Board Action Date: _____
Certificate & Membership Card Mailed: _____ ID# _____

Membership Committee Chairman or Co-Chairman



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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

NSPS Membership

Full SCSPLS members that are residents of SC are automatically members of the National Society of Professional Surveyors and entitled to all privileges and benefits of NSPS membership, including exclusive insurance programs. SCSPLS members are represented on the national level by an NSPS Governor and Delegate that is elected by SCSPLS members. NSPS monitors legislation on the national level (i.e. Lightsquared, Davis-Bacon Act, etc.), and holds a Lobby Day each year.

SCSPLS Convention & Technical Conference & Trade Show

The SCSPLS holds an annual convention each year. Attendees exchange ideas, hear guest speakers for related professions and socialize at planned events and meals. The annual business meeting is also held during the convention. Lifelong friendships are begun and renewed at the Convention. This event is planned to benefit each category of membership and is the highlight of our year. A variety of events, from leisure to technical, are planned for everyone. Individuals, couples or families with children can obtain tremendous benefits from this event. Out-of-state guests are always in attendance with current activities and information from our Colonial States. SCSPLS holds a Trade Show along with the Conference annually. This affords members an opportunity to see the most current equipment and services on the market for the surveying profession.

Education

SCSPLS members receive a discount on educational seminars and workshops that are conducted at various regional locations around the State. Continuing education units may be earned through these programs to meet the SC State Board of Registration requirements. These educational programs are designed to provide a wide variety of topics including business and legal aspects, as well as surveying technology. SCSPLS is an Approved Sponsor for the presentation of Continuing Professional Competency courses or programs by the N.C. Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. While the SC State Board of Registration does not pre-qualify providers, programs sponsored by the SC Society of Professional Land Surveyors are designed to fulfill the requirements for Continuing Professional Competency in South Carolina.

PLSPAC and Legislative Monitoring

SCSPLS created the Palmetto Land Surveyors PAC (PLSPAC) to ensure that members are provided an opportunity to demonstrate support for key state legislators who share our profession's public policy goals and objectives. The PAC Committee works in cooperation with the SCSPLS Lobbyist to monitor legislative activity and update members when there is an issue that requires action by surveyors.

Membership Directory

An online directory of current members and officers of SCSPLS is accessible to SCSPLS members only. The SCSPLS Constitution, By-Laws and information on state SCSPLS Chapters are listed in the online directory.

Newsletter

The newsletter, *The Carolina Benchmark*, contains articles of interest to the membership including activities of the Society, general business tips, and timely topics of interest to surveyors. This is also an excellent opportunity for Sustaining members to advertise their equipment and services. Newsletters are accessible on the SCSPLS website at www.scspls.com.

Scholarship

The Society is proud of the scholarships awarded in the past and will continue this program to assist land surveying students in their educational goals.

National and State Affiliations

SCSPLS sponsors delegates to:

National Society of Professional Surveyors

SC ARC

SC Council of Engineering and Surveying Societies

SC Utilities Committee

Your voice is amplified when you join SCSPLS! You have a vote in the Society's direction, priorities, and governance. You are represented by SCSPLS liaisons with other professional organizations and government entities. We attend all SC State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Surveyors meetings on your behalf.

Districts of the South Carolina Society of Professional Land Surveyors

