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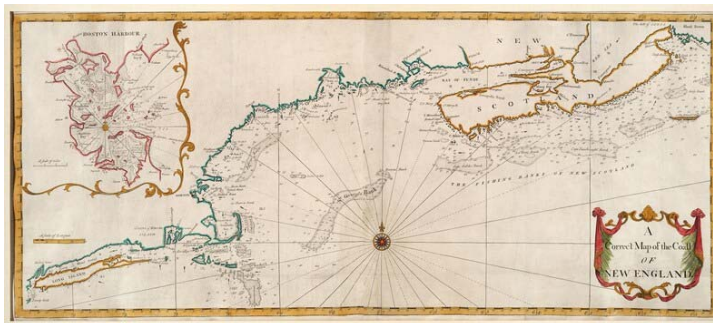
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...to the **2024 MSLS Annual Conference?**

MSLS's Annual Conference is not just a "Maine" event but one with visitors from neighboring surveying associations and also one with a decidedly international flavor.

This year's Conference will open with a plenary session featuring NSPS Vice President Linda Foster offering a national update and information on what's happening in surveying across the globe. Ms. Foster is Global Manager, Land Records/Cadastre at Esri and oversees worldwide strategic vision for land records, cadastre, surveying, and land administration.

Guests will be hailing from our sister Northeast Surveying Societies [NESS] and we do know at this point that Vermont President Randy Otis, New Hampshire President Ryan Fowler, and New York Secretary William Eggers will be joining us in the Old Port.

Additionally, New Brunswick Vice President Joey Chessie and Quebec Council Member Alexandre Beaulieu will be coming from Canadian provinces to attend.

All MSLS officers as well as many Chapter leaders will be in attendance and registrations from your many fellow surveyors and friends are rolling in. Hopefully yours is already in!

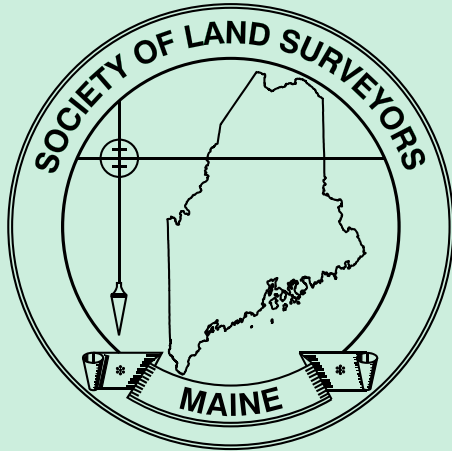
We are also fortunate to have Exhibitors from a number of familiar businesses servicing our profession and a couple new ones joining us too. Several will be presenting technical sessions. Be sure to stop by their exhibit booths to talk equipment, technology, and shop.

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Legislative Committee
(Levi Ladd - Chair & Daniel Bernier, Esq.)

Nominating & Membership Committee
(Donald Dostie - Chair)

Budget & Finance Committee (Jimmy Courbron)

Board of Licensure (Levi Ladd - Liaison)

NSPS (William Shippen, NSPS Director)

SVT at UM (Stephen Gould - Liaison)

FEMA (Mark Carpenter - Liaison)

Registries (Charles Hildebrand - Liaison)

Publications, FieldNotes and Website
(Bruce Bourgoine)

Education Committee - (Deborah Briggs - Chair)

Scholarship Committee
(John Lloyd & Stephen Gould - Co-Chairs)

Historical Committee - (Tom Blake - Chair)

Benevolent & Betterment Benevolent Fund Com't
(Matt Ek - Chair)

Program Committee
(Steve Gould & John Lloyd Co-Chairs)

Letter from the President



Dear Esteemed Members of the
Maine Society of Land Surveyors,

As we approach the Annual Conference, I want to emphasize its vital role in shaping our professional image. This is the cornerstone event for our society, fostering knowledge exchange, networking, and camaraderie that defines our collective dedication to Land Surveying. I am encouraging all of our members to attend.

For this year's conference, we have selected the historic and charming Portland Regency Hotel in the heart of the Old Port District. This venue provides a professional atmosphere to showcase our successes and commitment to high standards. The program features distinguished speakers, including Linda Foster, NSPS Vice President, and Esri Global Manager of Land Records/Cadastre, offering a comprehensive National and International perspective on current events in Land Surveying. Additionally, Dan Bernier, Esq., our MSLS Legislative Liaison, along with Craig Young and Elizabeth Frazier, Esq. from the Maine Real Estate and Development Association will provide a Legislative Update on issues impacting our profession. There are also roundtable discussions and educational opportunities for technicians on the agenda.

The Thursday evening banquet, being held at the elegant Mariner's Church Banquet Hall, is a celebration of our achievements and dedication to the field. I encourage all members to attend dressed in their finest attire. It is more than a dinner, it is an opportunity to showcase our professionalism and commitment to excellence. Spouses and guests are encouraged to join, amplifying the spirit of unity and shared purpose.

In preparing to gather, let us not underestimate the impact of our collective appearance on the perceived value of our services and expertise. By projecting an image of professionalism, we bolster our ability to justify increasing fees and we create an atmosphere that signals to the next generation the value of involvement. Let's make this year's conference a showcase of excellence, camaraderie, and professionalism.

I look forward to your participation in this year's annual conference!

Warm regards from your President,
Cassandra Quintal

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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

White Duck Brew Pub – Winthrop, ME
January 9, 2024



Members Present

Officers -	President	Cassandra Quintal
	Secretary	Kevin Farrar
	Treasurer	Jimmy Courbron
Directors -	Androscoggin	Keith Morse (via Zoom)
	Crown of Maine	Spencer Caron (via Zoom)
	MidCoast	Karl Olson
	Narragansett	Wayne Wood
	At Large	Ellen Brewer (via Zoom)
	At Large	Jon Stewart (via Zoom)
Past President -		Don Dostie
Executive Director -		Bruce Bourgoine
Legislative Committee -		Dan Bernier
Benevolent & Betterment Fund Com -		Matt Ek

The meeting was called to order by President Quintal at 6:03.

Legislative Committee (Levi Ladd) – To aid discussions and provide an insight on what legislation MEREDA (Maine Real Estate & Development Association) is monitoring, Don Dostie provided the following report in an email prior to tonight's meeting.

Legislative Committee Report:

Dan Bernier has provided an updated list of Legislative bills being considered. As a member of the public policy committee with MEREDA, Don Dostie has been involved in discussions regarding the following bills: LD 772, LD 1134, LD 1257, LD 1672, and LD 1976.

LD 772 would bring more predictability to projects having received approval of their application being complete. This will stop after the fact moratoriums put in place for a specific project if the project meets current zoning requirements per the municipality's land use comprehensive plan. Years of efforts to design and submit applications for large developments at a substantial cost to the developers are subject to moratoriums voted on after approving the application when concerned local citizens rally against the project and put pressure on public officials to place moratoriums.

LD 1257 and LD 1134 are two bills looking to change the definition of subdivision allowing for "units" to be constructed within existing housing structures in urban-growth districts without going through subdivision. LD 1257 has many sponsors and more traction, LD 1134 is sponsored by Rep James Boyle, Gorham, who also happens to own Environmental Permitting and Inspection, LLC <https://www.maine.gov/legis/housedems/boylej/index.html> both bills have been carried over. Units numbering 3 to 18 could avoid subdivision with the changes. LD 1134 is much more aggressive in its amendments.

LD 1672 will establish an Affordable Housing Board at the State level allowing developers to bypass local planning and apply for permits through the new Board. There would be 7 members of the Board, 5 members, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, 1 who works for the department, 2 from the affordable housing development or affordable housing finance industry, 1 from a municipal government, 1 who is an architect with building code experience and 2 trained in urban design that would be appointed by the Governor.

LD 1976 proposes amendments to Growth Management law's language with the goal of streamlining the approval process. The bill redefines "affordable housing" and outlines multiple districts in support of LD 2003 which was passed last year. In conclusion, there is a lot of momentum to increase affordable and middle-income housing within the State of Maine. Several of the bills outlined above attempt to stream line the process of approving projects and increase housing even so far as to create a State Board that would override local planning boards and staff providing a permitting process at the State level. While he can't go into too much detail about discussions held at MEREDA due to confidentiality requirements of members on the committee, MSLS should be paying attention to these bills and support affordable housing efforts as well as bringing more predictability to the approval process. We make no recommendations except that MSLS should support LD 772 and LD 1976 while following closely developments on the remaining bills as they go through workshops. These are in Dan's updated list.

At the ExCom meeting, Dan spoke about some proposed subdivision law changes. LD 1672 would establish an "Affordable Housing Development Review Board" to issue permits for the development of affordable and workhouse housing. Dan mentioned that the Maine Municipal Association (MMA) is having some issues with this bill. Don pointed out that this bill would likely have to go through appropriations at the Legislature because there would be a fiscal note attached due to the establishment of a new board. Don also added that he has concerns that the current proposed make-up of this board does not include a surveyor or civil engineer. LD 1787 is a resolve to create a stakeholder group "to review and recommend a comprehensive overhaul and modernization of subdivision laws". Dan said that tone in Augusta and the wording of many of the bills aimed at increasing housing supply in Maine are pushing Maine toward some loss of local control at the municipal level. LD 1685 would change the acreage

eligibility requirement from 10 to 25 acres of forested land for the “tree growth” tax credit. Dan said that the Judiciary Committee had a few flood zone questions on LD 2035. That bill would require property sellers to notify in writing whether a property is in the flood zone, and/or has incurred flood damage, or filed flood claims while the seller owned the property. Dan was at the committee hearing for another organization he mentioned that MSLS could answer those questions.

Dan’s list of pending legislation that he is monitoring is emailed to members regularly. If you are not receiving them, contact Bruce Bourgoine to make sure he has your email address. The following bills which can be researched at the following web address are on the emailed list. <http://www.mainelegislature.org/LawMakerWeb/search.asp> Once at that web address, add the LD# and hit search.

LD 226 – “An Act to Address Maine’s Affordable Housing Crisis” was assigned to the Labor and Housing Committee. No hearings or workshops have been scheduled.

LD 240 – “An Act to Increase Public Access to Utilities” has been assigned to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee. A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 9th.

LD 371 – “An Act to Address Certain Local Zoning Ordinances” was assigned to the Housing Committee. A workshop is scheduled for January 9th.

LD 772 – “An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Applicants” was assigned to the State and Local Government Committee. A workshop was held on Jan 5th.

LD 1134 – “An Act to Improve Housing Affordability by Amending the Definition of ‘Subdivision’ Under the Site Location of Development Laws” was assigned to the Housing Committee. A workshop was held on January 5th.

LD 1787 – “Resolve, Directing the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry to Convene a Stakeholder Group Tasked with a Comprehensive Overhaul of the State Subdivision Statute” was assigned to the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee.

LD 1864 – “An Act to Increase Maine’s Housing Supply by Prohibiting Certain Zoning Requirements in Areas Where Public Sewer and Water Infrastructure Are Available and in Designated Growth Areas” was assigned to the Housing Committee. A workshop is scheduled for January 12th.

LD 1976 – “An Act to Update the Growth Management Program Laws” was assigned to the Housing Committee. A workshop is scheduled for January 12th.

LD 2003 – “An Act to Protect Access to Maine’s Intertidal Zone” was assigned to the Marine Resources Committee. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 11th.

LD 2030 – “An Act to Exempt Certain Emergency Activities and Structure Elevation Increases in Flood Zone from Permit Requirements Under the National Resources Protection Act” was assigned to the Environment and Natural Resources committee. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 10th.

LD 2034 – “An Act to Address Identified Gaps in Laws Governing Erosion Control and the Natural Resources Protection Act” was assigned to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee. A Public Hearing is scheduled for January 10th.

LD 2035 – “An Act Regarding Disclosure of Flood Risk by Sellers of Real Estate” was assigned to the Judiciary Committee. A Public Hearing was held on January 3rd.

LD 2087 – “An Act to Protect Property Owners by Preventing the Use of Eminent Domain to Build Transmission Lines Under the Northern Maine Renewable Energy Development Program” was assigned to the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee.

LD 2101 – “An Act to Strengthen Shoreland Zoning Enforcement” was assigned to the State and Local Government Committee.



Secretary Report (Kevin Farrar) – The minutes from the December 12th meeting held at the Sebago Technics in South Portland were accepted as printed. Motion to accept was made by Jimmy Courbron, seconded by Wayne Wood and approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report (Jimmy Courbron) – Jimmy said that we currently have \$20,864.92 in our checking account. The Vanguard account (scholarship fund) as of today contains \$208,140.72. An “end of year” profit/loss report and the 2024 proposed budget is in the meeting materials. Jimmy said that the profit/loss report shows a positive result for 2023 mostly due to some money in the B&B fund and about \$600 placed in the miscellaneous income budget column from an overdue collection on 2022 dues. Moved to accept the Treasurers report by Wayne Wood, seconded by Karl Olson, passed unanimously.

Executive Dir. Report (Bruce Bourgoine) – Bruce’s report is below. He added that he’s been focused on the annual meeting. He said that it is too early to tell on whether registrations are running ahead or behind.

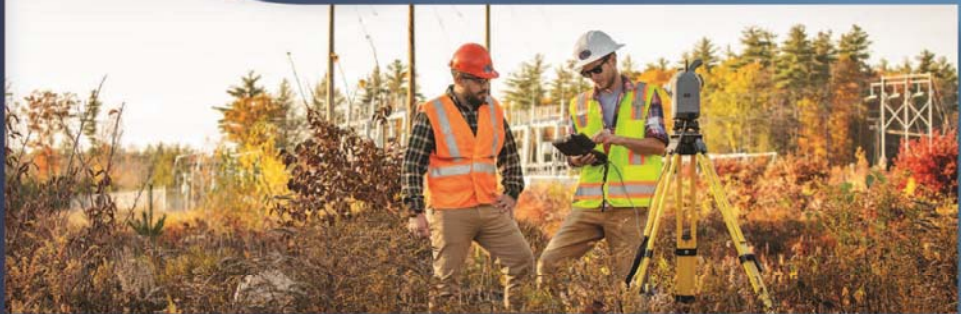
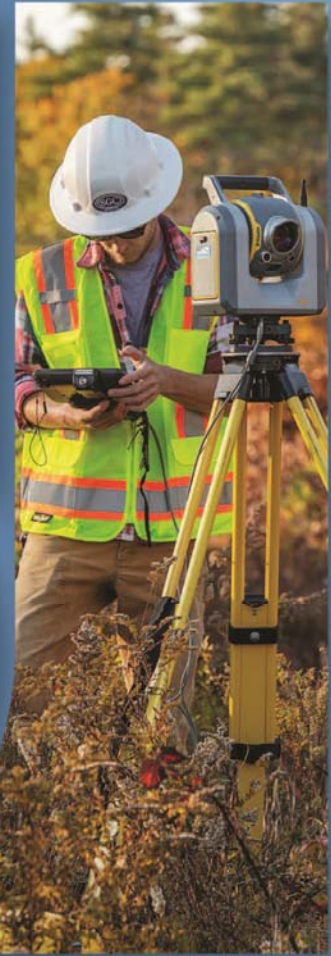
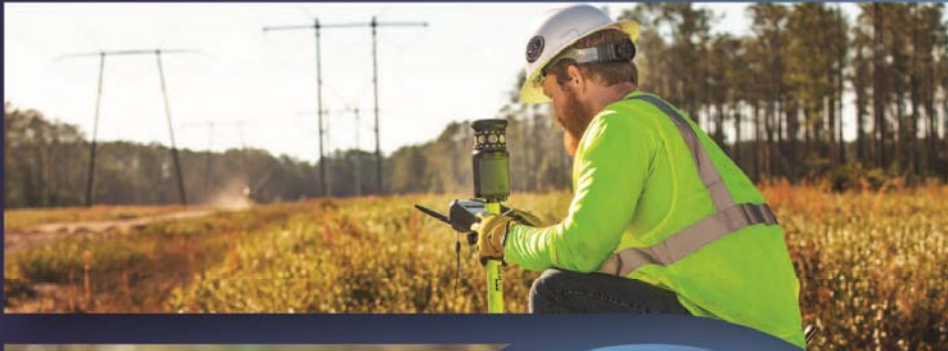
To: MSLS Executive Committee
From: Bruce Bourgoine, Executive Director
Regarding: December 2023 Report
Date: January 7, 2024

Here are the items focused upon during December:

Scholarship applications collected and forwarded to Scholarship Committee.

Ballot preparation finalized and distributed.

Annual meeting coordination with venue, exhibitors invited, assist Program Committee with scheduling and program support.
Routine matters of ExCom meeting preparation, deposits, broadcast e-mails, website updates, FieldNotes publication, and handling external and member communications as required.



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Looking ahead, the following items will be of intermediate focus:

Annual Meeting registration, Program Committee support, coordination of resources and promotion, on site logistics and CEUs follow up.

Finalize AMS (Association Management Software/website) evaluation work to make a vendor recommendation to ExCom. As always, I do appreciate the direction you provide to me to help achieve MSLS goals.

Nominating & Membership Committee (Don Dostie) – The approved ballot was mailed to members. The votes will be counted and the results revealed at the annual meeting. Written report is below.

		December 2023 Report		
		Dec	Nov	+/-
AS	Associate	22	21	+1
CH	Charter	0	0	0
CO	Complimentary	2	2	0
HO	Honorary	7	7	0
LC	Life Charter	4	4	0
LF	Life	9	9	0
MB	Regular	178	178	0
OC	Out of State Charter	1	1	0
OR	Out of State Retired	0	0	0
OS	Out of State	16	16	0
RC	Retired Charter	1	1	0
RT	Retired	38	39	-1
ST	Student	13	13	0
SU	Sustaining	7	7	0
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		298	298	0



There is one new applicant for membership, Todd Chapman (associate). It was moved to accept Todd as a member by Wayne Wood, seconded by Karl Olson, and approved unanimously.

Education Committee (Deborah Briggs) – No report.

Scholarship Committee (John Lloyd & Steve Gould) – John emailed a report with the following information (names removed until awards are given) - *The Scholarship Committee reviewed three applications for 2024 MSLS Scholarships. The committee recommends that two applicants receive MSLS support. The third applicant is a new student and does not currently meet our requirements. That said, we should strongly encourage the third applicant to reapply next year, as he appears to have the makings of a fine student and surveyor.*

The Committee recommends that MSLS award \$2,500 to one student and \$1000 to the second whose applications were accepted.

The Committee is concerned by the small pool of scholarship candidates. To that end, we have been discussing changes to our requirements that would expand the pool of eligible candidates to more "non-traditional" students. It is our hope that we can provide more awards in future years, of similar size, increasing the overall disbursement. Our fund is healthy, growing, and has the capacity to support these goals.

We will have more to share in our Annual Report in a few weeks. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully, Co-Chairs - John Lloyd & Stephen Gould

The discussion at ExCom began by focusing on how few applicants there were. Jimmy Courbron and President Quintal talked about efforts MSLS has made with UMaine faculty, the UMaine Student Chapter to get students to fill out the application. Our residency requirement may be a limiting factor, but there has got to be many more than 3 students who are Maine residents in the SVT program.

Bruce Bourgoine reviewed our scholarship rules/bylaws and indicated that the "new student" rule was an ExCom policy and not an MSLS bylaw. Jimmy Courbron moved that we waive the new student/freshman policy so that the application can be properly reviewed by the scholarship committee. The motion asks the committee to provide ExCom with a recommended scholarship reward amount for the third applicant not to exceed \$2500. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Matt Ek moved to follow scholarship committee recommendation on the other two applicants. The motion was seconded and also passed unanimously.

Benevolent & Betterment Fund Committee (Matt Ek) – After a brief discussion about a local surveyor in need, Don Dostie said that we are going to need to establish policy on how to manage this fund. It was decided to have a workshop around March.

Historical Committee (Tom Blake) – No report.

Public Relations Committee (no chair) -

Program Committee (Steve Gould & John Lloyd) – The 2024 MSLS Annual Meeting will be held Thursday February 1st and Friday February 2nd at the Regency Hotel in the Portland Old Port. On Thursday, the professional track will feature Linda Foster, ESRI Global Manager of Land Records and NSPS Vice President who will give a presentation titled “National update and what’s happening in surveying across the globe”. Richard Brooks, Senior Project Manager with Control Point Associates will be speaking on “Ethics for Surveyors”. Rich Vannozi, UMaine SVT Professor, will be speaking on the “Top 10 Practical Lessons for being an effective Land Surveyor in Court” and Dan Bernier, Esq. and MSLS Legislative Liaison will be speaking with Craig Young and Elizabeth Frazier (MEREDA) with a “Legislative Update and Outlook”. The Thursday technical track will include equipment presentations by Spillers, Maine Technical Source, Keystone Precision Solution and TopCon. This will be followed by our Thursday night banquet, awards and auction. Friday’s technical track will feature a presentation by Lee Burkhardt on drone data capture and operator licensing. Richard Brooks will present a topic titled “Why 100’ measured yesterday may not be 100’ today”. Also on Friday, President Cassandra Quintal will host a luncheon discussion “Women in Leadership and Surveying Roundtable”. Robert Yarumian will do a presentation on “Expansion of Portland’s Waterfront from Colonial Times to the Present”. There will also be a panel discussion called “Business Owners Perspective” with Bruce Martinson, Stephen Gould and Cassandra Quintal. Technical sessions on Friday will include presentations by Rich Vannozi and Daniel Martin (NGS).

LIAISONS –

Board of Licensure (Levi Ladd) – The December 17th meeting was cancelled due to a snow storm. The next meeting is scheduled for January 30th. There are currently multiple vacancies on the board. Bruce asked about whether MSLS should be trying to recruit a surveyor to nominate to the Board through FieldNotes. It was decided that Don Dostie would work with Bruce to create a “help wanted” style advertisement/listing to place in FieldNotes.

NSPS (William Shippen, Director) – No report.

SVT at UMaine (Stephen Gould) – No report.

Central Maine Community College (Cassandra Quintal) – Cass said that the class wrapped up last week. They ended with 11 “graduates”. The next one starts in April. There have been a few equipment donations and a couple of CST applicants. CMCC is currently working with Tara Mullen (instructor) on a way to lead the course remotely from SMCC, as she lives close to that campus.

FEMA (Mark Carpenter) – No report. Matt said that he heard Cumberland County will accept the proposed FEMA flood maps by July.

Registries (Charles Hildebrant) – No report.

Chapter Reports –

Androscoggin Chapter (Keith Morse) – No report. Keith said that he’d like to get in touch with Stuart and try and get a meeting going.

Narragansett Chapter (Wayne Wood) – The Christmas party was held on Thursday December 14th at R.W. Eaton Associates in Westbrook. Same officers were re-elected.

Crown of Maine Chapter (Spencer Caron) – No meeting, but the Chapter is considering doing another carousel ice wheel, this time along the international border on the St John River.

MidCoast Chapter (Karl Olson) – The chapter meets at 8am at Moody’s this Friday.

Penobscot/Hancock Chapter (vacant) – No report

Somerset Chapter (Steve Gould) – Pres. Quintal said she attended the meeting, there were about 6 people there and they had a good surveying issues discussion.



Unfinished Business –

A) Final 2024 Proposed Budget Review – The budget below has been adjusted after last month’s comments and after comments made at tonight’s meeting. Jimmy spoke about a few changes since the last meeting. He added \$1200 to meeting room fees. It is harder and harder to find places for ExCom to meet that are not charging a meeting room fee. Prior to tonight, the budget showed a “profit” of \$2320. It was decided to add a “contingency” line item to expenses with “profit” amount. This could be used to cover unplanned but necessary expenses that may arise. The budget now comes out as “even”, without a profit or loss.

	<u>2024 Budget</u>	<u>2023 Actual</u>
<u>Income</u>		
Membership Dues	\$53,650	\$44,160
Misc. Revenue (auction/ads/store) \$1,720		\$5,072.19
Meetings (Annual/Spring/Fall)	\$65,000	\$51,132.50
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Total Income	\$120,370	\$100,364.69
<u>Expenses</u>		
<u>Administration</u>		
Ballot Printing	\$600	\$553.82
Bank fees	\$3000	\$3052.56
Dues & subscriptions	\$360	
ExCom travel	\$2000	\$1285.24
Meeting Room fees	\$1200	
Executive Director (fees)	\$20,000	\$20,862.50
Executive Director (expenses)	\$2,500	\$2059.65
Secretary Fee	\$750	\$750
Treasurer Fee	\$750	\$750
Tax Accountant	\$750	\$695
P.O. Box / Postage	\$378	\$359.40
Insurance	\$462	\$600
Legislative Monitoring/Support	\$5,500	\$5,500
Contingency Fund	\$2570	\$650
NSPS Director travel	\$3000	\$2585.40
NSPS Joint Membership	\$10,200	\$8,900
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Total Admin. Expenses	\$54,020	\$46,603.57
<u>Committee Expenses</u>		
Trig-star Committee	\$250	\$250
Organized Student Groups	\$2000	\$2000
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Total Committee Expenses	\$2250	\$2250
<u>Program Expenses</u>		
Meetings	\$55,000	\$44,744.22
Chapter Disbursements	\$600	\$500
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Total Program Expenses	\$55,600	\$45,244.22
<u>Public Relations</u>		
MSLS phone	\$600	\$450
MSLS website	\$0 (goes to AMS)	\$524.18
AMS Software Install	\$0 (pay with 2023 funds)	\$0
AMS Software operating	\$6000	\$0
Misc	\$200	\$294.50
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	\$6,800	\$1268.68
Publications	\$1700	\$699.53
Total expenses	\$120,370	\$97,688.30
Profit/loss	\$0	\$2676.39



Wayne Wood moved to submit the budget as edited to the general membership. Seconded by Don Dostie, passed unanimously.

B) Awards – Surveyor of the year was discussed by ExCom through emails before the meeting. A nominee was selected. A motion was made and seconded. A vote was taken and this individual who will be revealed at the MSLS Annual Meeting awards banquet, won unanimously approval. A life membership award was voted to go to another MSLS member.

New Business

Scholarships – Previously discussed.
2024 Excom Meeting dates – President Quintal emailed a tentative schedule for 2024 ExCom meetings/locations. After discussions, she proposed the following schedule: Thur. Feb. 15 at White Duck in Winthrop; Wed. Mar. 13 in the Brunswick area; Thurs. April 11 at the Cabana in Wales; Wed. May 8 at the Cabana in Wales; Thurs. June 13 in the Portland area; Mon. Aug. 5 at Wayne Wood’s house in Gray; Wed. Sept. 11 at the Cabana in Wales; Thurs. Oct. 10 at the Cabana in Wales; Wed. Nov 13 in the Bangor area; Tues. Dec 10 at Sebago Tech in South Portland.
The Wales location is President Quintal’s camp on Sabattus Lake on Marr’s Point Road in Wales.
Appoint Tellers Committee – Ellen Brewer, Don Dostie and Wayne Wood have agreed to serve.
Pre-authorize Treasurer with President co-signature to pay venue and program items submitted by the Executive Director on behalf of the program Committee at the Annual Meeting not to exceed \$40,000. So moved by Wayne Wood, seconded by Matt Ek. Passed unanimously.
Confirm next ExCom meeting date and place. Previously discussed.

Consent Agenda -

January 9, 2024		
<i>From Whom</i>	<i>MSLS Committee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Bruce Bourgoine</i>	<i>Executive Dir. Expenses ~ December</i>	<i>\$203.82</i>
<i>Bruce Bourgoine</i>	<i>Executive Dir. Services ~ December</i>	<i>\$2,262.50</i>
Total		\$2,466.32
Additions at meeting –		
Law office of Dan Bernier		\$5500.00
White Duck meeting room		\$ 172.00
Grand Total		\$8138.32

It was moved to accept the Consent Agenda by Wayne Wood seconded by Matt Ek, passed unanimously.

Moved to adjourn at 7:52 by Matt Ek, seconded by Don Dostie and passed by a wide margin.

Respectfully Submitted
DRAFT
Kevin Farrar – MSLS



WAYNE- **Peter L. Ault**, 92, passed away at Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston after a brief illness on Thursday, August 10, 2023, with his loving sons by his side.

Born in Lewiston on January 31, 1931, to the late Charles and Ruth (Dobson) Ault, Peter was the seventh of ten children. Childhood was at Cushman Place in Auburn, where Peter attended Auburn schools. Summers were spent in Wayne; in the summer of 1942 the family moved to Wayne year-round, and the Auburn city kid became a country boy.



Peter attended Wayne School for 7th and 8th grade and then went to Winthrop High. In his junior year he was sent to The Manlius School, a military school where, according to him, he learned to march. He graduated from Manlius in 1948. He graduated from Bates College in 1952 with a bachelor’s degree in history.

Upon graduation he was drafted into the Army and was shipped off to the Korean War. Korea was a very formative experience. He often reflected that the homeless starving refugee families he saw in all of the bombed cities between Seoul to Pusan gave him life-long gratitude for the gifts of family and peaceful beauty of Wayne, Maine. He was also grateful for his education, which saved him from being sent to the front lines. When the hundreds of troops on his transport ship landed in Korea and were first assembled, the commander asked the troops if anyone could type. Peter was the only one to raise his hand. He was ordered to stay behind to type orders and the rest of the troops were sent north to the front lines. While in service, already knowledgeable in the care of farm equipment, trucks and cars, he also received training in the maintenance of military vehicles.

Peter’s career at the State of Maine Bridge Division began in the soils lab in 1962. He went on to be the Resident Engineer on bridges all over the State from the Penobscot in Sherman, to the Fore River in Portland. He especially enjoyed working on the restoration of many of Maine’s historic covered bridges. He retired from the State after 34 years in 1995. He continued to work as a bridge engineering consultant until 2013 on projects including the Maine Kennebec Bridge and the Augusta Traffic Signal Systems.

Peter enjoyed giving back to the community he loved. He served on the Wayne Planning Board, Selectboard, as Town Treasurer, as a Library Trustee, on the Historical Committee, Memorial Day Committee, Conservation Commission and 30 Mile River Watershed Association.



~ 2024 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM ~

Or register online at www.msls.org no form needed.

Thursday and Friday, February 1st and 2nd

Your Name Tag should read:

Name

Representing

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Primary Interest: ☐ Professional Track ☐ Technician Track

PLEASE COPY FORM AS NEEDED

☐ This is an individual registration

☐ This is a multiple registration, one or more registration forms are attached.

Firms writing one check may attach several registrations together, please include one form for each participant indicating registration selections and total registration payments on the top registration form. Thank you.

Registration Selections

Member rates apply to members of Maine Young Surveyors, Area 1 Associations, and Maine Bar Association

	Fee	Quantity	Enclosed
Member * Full Registration (includes banquet, lunches)	\$395		
Banquet selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Marsala Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tuscan Scallops <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian			
Member One Day (Thursday with lunch, excludes banquet)	\$295		
Member One Day (Friday with lunch)	\$295		
Non-Member Full Registration (includes banquet, lunches)	\$495		
Banquet selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Marsala Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tuscan Scallops <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian			
Non-Member One Day (Thursday with lunch, excludes banquet)	\$395		
Non-Member One Day (Friday with lunch)	\$395		
Student Sponsorship Thank you!	\$195		
Extra Banquet or Banquet Only (For spouse/guests or one day only registrants)	\$75		
Banquet selection: <input type="checkbox"/> Marsala Chicken <input type="checkbox"/> Tuscan Scallops <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian			
Thursday Lunch Spouse/Guests	\$50		
Friday Lunch Spouse/Guests	\$50		
Postmarked After Wednesday, January 24 & at the door, add	\$55		

Please advise director@msls.org of any dietary restrictions.

Please make checks payable to **MSLS** or register online at msls.org

Total:

MSLS meetings and seminars will have a published registration deadline date for each meeting, seminar or event that will determine refund availability. Refunds requested prior to the registration deadline date due to emergency issues such as illness and family matters will be made in full less any applicable online registration payment fees. Refunds requested prior to the registration deadline date (1/24/24) due to non-emergency issues such as work and personal scheduling will be made less an amount equivalent to the event's late fee for administrative purposes and less any applicable online registration payment fees. Refunds after the registration deadline date cannot be issued by MSLS due to its financial commitments already made in administrative, program, and venue planning.

Hotel & Additional Information:

For **hotel reservations**, the Regency Hotel has reserved a block of rooms for MSLS at \$149 per night (pre-tax for 1/31 and 2/1); this rate is guaranteed through **1/17/24**. Call to reserve rooms at **(207) 774-4200** and reference the "Maine Society of Land Surveyors" block to book (block ID 467411). Valet parking is \$25 per night; single day only parking is \$5.

☐ *** Not an MSLS Member?**

Join today at \$250 for 2024 to take advantage of member rates and also automatically join NSPS.

Mail Payments to MSLS, PO Box 420, Readfield, ME 04355

Credit Card/PayPal Payments at www.msls.org

Your registration mailed in advance by January 24 saves you registration time and extra fees. Thank you!

MSLS 2024 Annual Conference Schedule

Subject to change as needed

**February 1
THURSDAY**

Professional Track

Atlantic Room unless Stated Elsewise

Technician Track

Portland Room unless Stated Elsewise

7:00 - 8:00	Registration, Exhibitor Visits, <i>Regency & Armory Rooms</i>	
8:00 - 9:30	Opening Plenary Session, <i>Atlantic Room</i> Linda Foster NSPS Vice President and Ersi Global Manager, Land Records/Cadastre "National update and what's happening in surveying across the globe"	
9:30 - 10:15	Break in Exhibitor Area, <i>Regency & Armory Rooms</i>	
10:15 - 11:45	Richard Brooks Sr Project Mgr, Control Point Associates "Ethics for Surveyors"	Spillers Sustaining Member and Exhibitor "Canon Technical Session"
11:45 - 1:00	Lunch Room <i>Atlantic Room</i> , Exhibitor Area open	
1:00 - 1:30	MSLS Annual General Membership Business Meeting, <i>Atlantic Room</i>	
1:30 - 2:45	Rich Vannozzi University of Maine, NSPS Education Com't "Top 10 Practical Lessons for being an effective Land Surveyor in Court"	Maine Technical Source Sustaining Member and Exhibitor "TBD Technical Session"
2:45 - 3:30	Break in Exhibitor Area, <i>Regency & Armory Rooms</i>	
3:30 - 5:00	"Legislative Update and Outlook" Dan Bernier, Esq. , MSLS Legislative Liaison Craig Young, Elizabeth Frazier, Esq. MEREDA	Keystone Precision Solutions Sustaining Member and Exhibitor Jamie Deiana: Take Flight! Profit from the latest in UAS Technology
5:00 - 5:30	Evening "freshen up" break on your own	
5:30 - 6:30	Social Hour, <i>at the Mariner's Church</i> , Sponsored by Maine Technical Source	
6:30 - 8:15	Banquet, Program and Awards, <i>at the Mariner's Church</i> Entertainment by Dennis Price and Capital City Improv, Sponsored by Sackett & Brake	
8:15 - 9:00	Scholarship Benefit Auction, <i>at the Mariner's Church</i>	

MSLS 2024 Day Two Annual Conference Schedule

February 2
FRIDAY

Professional Track

Atlantic Room unless Stated Elsewise

Technician Track

Portland Room unless Stated Elsewise

7:00 - 8:00	Registration, Exhibitor Visits, <i>Regency & Armory Rooms</i>	
7:00 - 8:00	<i>President's Breakfast (by invitation only)</i>	
8:00 - 9:30	Aerial Data Capture, <i>Atlantic Room</i> and Commercial Drone Operator Licensing Lee Burkhardt Business Development, Aerotas	
9:30 - 10:30	Break in Exhibitor Area, <i>Regency & Armory Rooms</i>	
9:30 - 10:30	NESS Presidents & Representatives Meeting, <i>Portland Room</i>	
10:30 - 12:00	Richard Brooks Sr Project Mgr, Control Point Associates Why a 100' Measured Yesterday May Not be 100' Today	Rich Vannozzi University of Maine, NSPS Education Com't From Technician to Professional: Transitioning your career goal to Licensure
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch at the <i>Mariner's Church</i> , Exhibitor Area open Reserved seating: Women in Leadership and Surveying Roundtable facilitated by Cassandra Quintal, MSLS President	
1:15 - 2:45	Robert A. Yarumian, II Maine Boundary Consultants Expansion of Portland's Waterfront from Colonial Times to the Present	Daniel Martin Northeast Regional Geodetic Advisor Datums, OPUS, and NCAT, Oh My What's new at NGS
2:45 - 3:00	Refreshment Break, <i>Atlantic & Portland Rooms</i>	
3:00 - 4:30	Panel Discussion Business Ownership Perspectives Bruce Martinson, Stephen Gould, & Cassandra Quintal; respectively of Sitelines, Sackett & Brake, & Geospatial Service Center	TopCon Solutions Store Sustaining Member and Exhibitor Lidar Scanning Data for Roadway Construction

Have a safe trip home, CEU certificates will be emailed by Feb 28.

Continuing Education
Exhibition Focus
Networking & Social Cheer
Society Business Matters

Please Note:
Track headings are for information
only; attendees may go to any
session they choose.

Calendar Notes...

MSLS Annual Conference Hotel Reservations - **DEADLINE APPROACHING**

Available for the nights of January 31 and February 1, 2024

Lodging at the Regency Hotel in Portland at our guaranteed group rate of \$149 per night (pre-tax) is only available through **January 17**. You can make reservations only by calling (207) 774-4200 and referencing "Maine Society of Land Surveyors."

2024 Officer Ballot Mail Return Deadline

A January 17, 2024 or early postmark validates your ballot

2024 MSLS Annual Meeting - Deadline January 24

February 1 and 2, 2024 at the Regency Hotel in Portland's Old Port.

Registration form inside this issue but even faster online at www.msls.org

Rates go up \$55 after January 24.

MSLS February ExCom

Thursday, February 15 tentatively at the White Duck Restaurant in Winthrop at 6:00 PM. Zoom access will also be available.

Send Your Calendar Notes to: editor@msls.org

The Parting Shot...



Surveyor smiles all around as **Somerset Chapter** enjoyed breakfast together at their latest meeting. Please send along photos of your favorite Chapter events!

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