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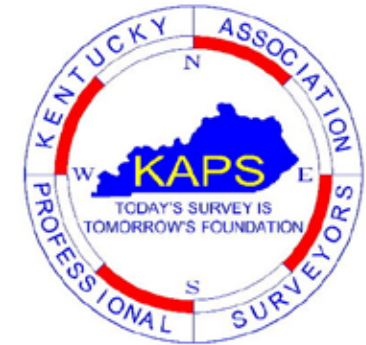
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Don Pedigo presents the  
Surveyor of the Year award to  
John Schneider.



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# FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

### "SPRING TIME - IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TIME OF THE YEAR"

It is my distinct pleasure to serve you as President again in 2012, I truly look forward to another year of working with you. 2011 was a successful and positive year thanks to the hard work of the surveying professionals around the Commonwealth and the tireless work of the 2011 board of directors. This year has already gotten off to a great start; our legislative efforts are paying off. Thanks to you and your KAPS leadership! –GREAT JOB!!

As I stated and talked about at the conference, I am convinced that KAPS is moving in a positive direction and we want to keep it that way. KAPS has made some changes in 2011 that have made the office and KAPS more efficient and more up to date. We have updated the KAPS website, with beta testing currently being performed and a formal announcement in the near future. With our launch of the new website we are going to continue to make some changes within KAPS this year.

In 2012, I/we will strive to make all of the changes positive and progressive that will benefit the membership and the surveying profession in its future endeavors. For example, we plan to provide more services online, membership renewals, seminar and conference registrations etc....With your help and patience this goal is being achieved and realized, and one we will continue to pursue.

Part of the pleasure of being President is meeting the KAPS membership and visiting with the various Chapters around the Commonwealth. My plan is to visit all ten Chapters; I did not make it to all of the chapters in 2011, but I will do my best to make up for that in 2012. **If you have a particular meeting or function you would like for me to attend, please let me know as soon as possible so I can get it on my schedule.** We depend on the Chapter Chairs to help keep the membership



informed of what is going on at the State level and with the workings of the KAPS Board. Please keep up the good work.

Mr. Jeff Travis of Hopkins County, a 30 year employee of Mr. Scott Vaughn was injured on a construction site in early August after he was run over by a dozer. Jeff is still hanging tough but needs our prayers especially during this holiday season. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Mr. Travis was and is on the minds of Kentucky and Tennessee surveyors. His accident and situation was discussed at the KAPS conference in February and at the TAPS conference in March which I attended.

Surveyors once again stepped up to the plate! Walter G. Robillard was a seminar presenter at the TAPS conference and at the conclusion of his seminar on Friday, I was asked to speak to his class about Mr. Travis. Mr. Robillard offered one of his books for sale to that class with the proceeds going to Mr. Travis, with the auction raising \$240!

The purchaser did not know Mr. Travis but came through out of the kindness of his heart. I cannot thank him or Mr. Robillard enough.

Surveyors, across the Commonwealth and the state of Tennessee made up a total of \$2,761.00 for Mr. Travis at their respective conferences. Surveyors coming together for another surveyor - **GREAT JOB!!!!**

You can also find information on Face Book at "Prayers for Jeff Travis" <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Prayers-for-Jeff-Travis/142020265884627>.

### **SAFETY!**

I talked a lot about safety in 2011, I will continue to do that in 2012. Please take some time to reflect on your operations, and your field procedures while working on highways. While all the lights, signs, cones, vests, and well founded precautions cannot stop an accident, they certainly reduce the chances.

**This is a perfect time to take a moment to discuss safety with your employees and survey crews, ask and/or remind them to take the time to think about safety and to be acutely aware of their surroundings at all times. "Be Careful out there!"**

**The following is a brief review of activities since the January issue of the Interior Angle and our Annual Conference and the February, 2012 board of Directors meetings:**

**SAVE THE DATE: June 22 and 23, 2012**  
**KAPS Annual Golf Outing and Picnic. My Old Kentucky Home Golf Course and the Wickland Historic Mansion in Bardstown, Kentucky.**

**KET Telefund, March 15, 2012** – This is an annual event, KAPS members, family members and friends, manned the KET Telefund phone banks. KAPS as usual donated \$500.00 to KET. We raised \$10,340 and had \$2,977 in call-outs despite being on television opposite an NCAA tournament game with UK. Thank you to the volunteers that helped with the phone banks and those that contributed to the telefund. GREAT JOB and **AGAIN THANK YOU!!!**

**2012 KAPS Conference** – Thank you for your attendance!!!! The conference committee was dedicated, committed. They worked hard to put together a well round conference. Thank you for a job well done. The Conference committee was made up of, Robert Miller (Chair), Don Pedigo, John Schneider, Kevin Philips, Bob Fentress, Lisa Gentry, James Mayo and of course Molly Forrest. Please take a minute to thank them for their hard work.

**(TAPS) Conference, March 08 – 10, 2012** -The Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors (TAPS) Conference was held at the Embassy Suites in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. TAPS was gracious in inviting Cathy and I to attend and we had a great time! They provided some very informative seminars including: Engineer and Land Surveyor Liability, Boundary Dispute Resolution, Forensic Surveying, and Litigation Alternatives. As some of you know, I enjoy the game of golf, and as it turned out I was available to play in the golf outing on Saturday. The weather was great and we had a truly enjoyable time.

**Fall Seminars** – The 2012 fall seminars are right around the corner. We plan to present seminars across the Commonwealth again this year. If you would like a seminar in your area, let us know but be prepared to help in the planning. We need topic suggestions and suggestions on locations for the seminars as well. Please take minute to look over the 2011 schedule and make suggestions/recommendations for 2012 and future seminars. Spread the word about the quality of the seminars KAPS presents to members and non-members that need the continuing education hours or just want to attend a worthwhile seminar to learn about new surveying technology, forensics, business and/or surveying standards. Molly and I learned a lot about the fall seminar process, I/we have already began looking to the 2012 Fall Seminars and the pre-approval process and timing.

**Proposed Easement Regulation** - Easement regulations have been discussed for quite some time. At the direction of the survey committee the staff and board legal counsel of the Board of Licensure drafted some preliminary language. The language is a result of research along with communications with several utility companies by the board of licensure staff. I have appointed a





committee to review the information we have been provided. KAPS is presently in the review process of this document. Please understand this is an arduous process and takes considerable time and effort to work through. I will keep you updated as the process progresses.

#### **House Bill Concurrent Resolution - Task Force**

- A Bill (Concurrent Resolution) was submitted by Representative Leslie Combs, creating a Task Force to study/combat timber theft and trespass in Kentucky. Language in the resolution discusses, "indefinite, unmarked, and disputed property boundaries..." as one of the causes of timber trespass. I received information about this bill from Kyle at the board of Licensure. Bob Fentress, Rachel Phelps Bayens and Mike Helton met with Representative Leslie Combs to discuss and request that KAPS be involved with the task force. Representative Combs was very receptive to the request. On January 11, 2012, Representative Combs introduced HCR64 into the House. The task force is composed of eighteen members with KAPS included as one of the members. Our thanks to Jim, Bob Mike & Rachel for their efforts to have KAPS included on this Task Force. This has passed and being delivered to the Governor according the LRC website.

**2012 Legislative Session** – The legislative session concluded on March 30, 2012. Our legislative committee and Government Strategies, LLC did a great job keeping a watchful eye on the progress of the session and on anything that affected us.

**Plat Law Legislation** – As reported by the KAPS Legislative Committee, then discussed and approved at the December 10th, 2011 KAPS Board of Directors meeting, the Committee and I met with Government Strategies on January 03, 2012 to discuss the upcoming legislative session and KAPS' legislation priorities. The decision was made to draft some simple plat law language and introduce it in an attempt to see where, if any, the opposition is to a plat law. In the event the bill is opposed and depending on the level and type of opposition, the bill could be withdrawn so efforts can begin to work with those parties to find a common ground. The language submitted to the Board of Directors electronically on January 19, 2012 was a draft of Plat Law language prepared by Government Strategies. The draft language

has been reviewed and approved in concept by the KAPS legislative committee. Based on the electronic vote by the Board, it was decided to move the conceptual language to the next step. The KAPS Legislative Committee then met with the Kentucky Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Executive Director, Staff and Legal Counsel on Friday February 03 and discussed the Plat Law Legislation and conceptual language. We feel that we have their general support for a plat law. The suggestion was made that we attend the next survey committee meeting on April 05, 2012 to discuss it further with the committee. I will keep you updated as this proposed legislation progresses.

**House Bill 474 (HB474)** – KAPS Proposed Amendment to KRS 413.140, Statute of Limitations bill. The bill was sponsored by Representative Brent Yonts. HB 474 places licensed surveyors under the one year statute of limitations for professionals. This bill made it to the Senate Judiciary Committee with no opposition before it and we ran out of time to get passed. We will try again next session. Thank you to all that helped push this bill along, especially to Government Strategies, LLC, Rachel Phelps Bayens and Mike Helton, they worked tirelessly to get this done for us.

**Senate Bill 178 (SB178) and House Bill 486 (HB486)** – Also referred to as the "*Montgomery Bill*" by some. The bill was sponsored by Senator Vernie McGaha and Representative Terry Mills respectively. SB 178 was revised from a Constitutional Amendment to a regular bill revising KRS 73 to require Licensing of the County Surveyor. This bill has been passed and is on its way to Governor Beshear's office for his signature. Thank you to all that helped with the work on this legislative activity! It should be known that many surveyors came together to make this happen. I know of countless meetings, calls and emails at the right time and all this work was very much needed to make this bill become reality. Mr. Richard Montgomery, PE, PLS deserves a tremendous amount of credit for making this bill come to fruition. He spent countless hours in Frankfort moving this forward. I do not believe this bill would have been passed without Richard. **Richard you have my sincerest appreciation and thanks for a job very well done!!!**

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**Christian County Flood Elevation Requirement**

– On November 03, 2011 the Christian County Community and Development Services (CDS) office issued a memorandum regarding Zone A flood hazard areas as it relates to platting. The memorandum states “when a survey you are performing involves illustrating an A Zone, **you will need to survey the base flood elevation contour**, not simply illustrate it as an approximate area.” During the December 10, 2011 Board of Directors meeting, the issue of the Christian County policy regarding FEMA Zone A Base Flood Elevation (BFE) location by licensed surveyors was thoroughly discussed. Understanding that the surveyor has the ability to identify the BFE contour on the ground as well as the survey drawing and/or plat, the board felt there is a FEMA Zone A determination implication by illustration of the BFE contour on the drawing/plat. The unanimous consensus is the policy is in conflict with the stated FEMA policy and procedures and will most likely be harmful to members of the public relative to floodplain issues. The board voted to issue a letter to CDS stating that KAPS does not support the proposed policy and is opposed to the premise of directing that a licensed professional surveyor can make said determination. This position was further amplified after one of our Western Kentucky floodplain practitioners confirmed our salient points with the FEMA Region 4 floodplain engineer. As directed on December 30, 2011, I issued a letter to CDS stating our position. I received a letter back from Mr. Steven Bourne, Director, CDS on February 06 in response to our December letter. The result of the letters is that we are now required to show the surveyed location of the BFE along with the line as graphically shown on the FIRM maps if there is a difference of course.

**Lightsquared Technology, FCC and the effect on GPS Concerns** - The LightSquared issue continues to be a topic. For those of you that have not been made aware, please check out the website at the end of this article for up to date news about the technology and the affect it could have on GPS. LightSquared is a company that is building a nationwide wireless broadband system utilizing 4G LTE technology that is both space based (satellite) and terrestrial based (cell towers). It plans to provide 4G wireless technology to 90% of the U.S. population by 2015. This has generated a great deal of concern among the GPS user community

that such a strong signal so close to the frequency that GPS utilizes will “jam” the GPS signal making it unusable. Protests have been sent to the FCC in this regard by the Pentagon, Lockheed Martin, Department of Defense, State DOTs, and The Save our GPS Coalition which is backed by Caterpillar, Deere Company, UPS, Garmin, and others. Based on an article dated January 31, 2012 the FCC has opened a new docket and new comment period, which is not about the waiver but about a petition by Lightsquared asking for a ruling that **GPS is not entitled to protection from interference**. If you filed comments on this before you need to do this again. The website for the Coalition is [www.saveourgrouops.org](http://www.saveourgrouops.org).

Molly continues to do a great job for us in the KAPS office. Please take a minute to call her, or even better yet stop by the KAPS office to meet and get to know her.

**I look forward to seeing everyone at the Golf Outing and Picnic in Bardstown, Kentucky on June 22 and 23, 2012 Respectively. See the picnic and golf advertisements in this issue of The Interior Angle.**

In closing, thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I promise that I will continue to serve the membership and the Board of Directors to the best of my ability. I will strive to achieve goals that we set and to keep KAPS and the surveying profession moving forward and in a positive direction. I look forward to visiting with our membership throughout the year and will do my best to get new members involved in KAPS. I truly look forward to making new friends this year. Please don't hesitate to call or contact me.

Professionally and Sincerely, Don Pedigo, PLS,  
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# 2012 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 13  
April 14

PE, PS Exams  
FE, FS Exams

Lexington KY  
Lexington &  
Louisville KY

April 6  
April 19-21  
July 20  
August 10  
August 22-25  
October 5  
October 26  
October 27

Board Meeting  
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Board Meeting  
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# THE BOARD REPORT

**Board Members**

Governor Steven L. Beshear has appointed Jim Riney, PE, PLS and Mike Ritchie, PE, PLS to the Board. We welcome both gentlemen and look forward to working with them to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and to advance the honored professions of engineering and surveying. We also want to thank outgoing Board members Steve Gardner, PE and Dennis Smith, PE, PLS for their service.

**Historical Exam Pass Rates**

Below are the pass rates for both national surveying exams since 2001:

Year	PS Exams	Pass	Pass Rate	FS Exams	Pass	Pass Rate
2001	76	43	57%	105	34	32%
2002	46	20	43%	93	34	37%
2003	53	23	43%	77	21	27%
2004	48	20	42%	77	24	31%
2005	36	14	39%	97	36	37%
2006	42	19	45%	84	40	48%
2007	48	25	52%	83	33	40%
2008	44	26	59%	71	39	55%
2009	50	26	52%	55	32	58%
2010	34	20	59%	55	25	45%
2011	25	12	48%	72	32	44%

## Congratulations to the new LSIT and PLS Recipients!

**New LSIT Recipients**

Michael Arnold, Madisonville, KY  
Ross Chaloupka, Roswell, GA  
Martin Farkas, Bowling Green, OH  
Jacob Fitzsimmons, Indianapolis,. IN  
John Greenwell, Bardwtown, KY  
Philip Hamby, Dawson Springs, KY  
William Jewell, Greensburg, KY  
John Napora, Lexington, KY  
Nicholas Rosa, Henderson, KY  
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Joshua Shepherd, Felicity, OH  
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All in all, it was rather amazing. The sun was out, the air was warm, it was obviously spring, but unlike the situation in the years just past, the warm weather somehow had brought with it a desire on the part of some clients, at least, to begin the construction season. That this was so was evidenced by the increase in the length of our job list and a definite shift in crew assignments to construction staking.

This morning, Samantha's crew was assigned to stake the footings of a very large new residence. We had done a boundary and control survey three years ago, but after we had finished that much of the project, the economy had put the job on hold. The design was an architect's whimsy, and try as I might I couldn't find a ninety degree angle in the building. Samantha had been proactive and while Tom, her rodman, was hunting up stakes and flagging, Sam had computed coordinates for the building corners to be staked. We had purchased a new data collector since we had last worked on the job, so Sam had to upload both project control and building coordinates into the new data collector. Despite the passage of time, the lack of activity on the site held some reassurance that the control would be there for us. Since I'm the surveyor, I had Sam check her computation by plotting the building coordinates she had worked up. The plot showed two corners that had to be recomputed. Sam took the necessary corrective action, rechecked the work, and then uploaded the data collector once again. It had taken a while, but I felt good about the work; it always gave one a secure feeling to begin stakeout using coordinates in which you were confident!

Ted, who runs the second crew, was assigned to a pipeline project. The job was in a downtown area with lots of obstructions and multistory buildings. For the past two days, Ted and Bill had

been running offset lines and setting hubs at half station intervals along the pipeline. That part of the work had taken a little longer than I had expected—there were obstacles on line, limited sight distances, and the "urban canyon effect" precluded the use of GPS. Fortunately, Ted now had the offset lines correctly tied into other control and we had temporary benchmarks on site for the contractor to use during construction. Unfortunately, we still had to mark cuts along the offset line to control construction. The dirt contractor was an old and valued client. He was planning to move a trackhoe to the beginning of the job early this morning and it wouldn't do to keep a good client waiting. Since I'm the surveyor, I computed the cuts based on the elevations from Ted's survey and the plans for the pipe job. To keep everyone productive, I told Ted to drop Bill at their next project. While Bill set up on the new work, Ted could drive to the pipeline and mark grade. I quickly moved Ted out the door with directions to be sure to keep Frank, the dirt foreman, happy.

Tim, who was a new hire, was the only one assigned to boundary retracement. He was using the company GPS and seemed to have the job well in hand. Fortunately, he was about a day ahead of schedule. Unfortunately, he was working on the other side of the county and the GPS equipment would be tied up on his project for the rest of the day. Since I'm the surveyor, I told Tim to be sure to call me before he left the site. I didn't want him to make that drive again to pick up data he had missed.

With all the crews in the field, I got Lynn, the drafter/computer, to work on a minor subdivision plat. Having already worked with the *surveying* end of my *surveying business*, it was now time to charge (rather literally as there were statements to go out) into the *business* end of the *surveying*

*business*. I never got the chance. Sam called. Fortunately, some of the control we had set in the fall of 2009 was still on site. Unfortunately, she couldn't occupy the remaining control and see the staking area. Using her typical initiative, Sam had positioned the total station by resection. Fortunately, she was able to figure out how to use the resection routine on the data collector. Unfortunately, of the first two corners she staked, one was in the road, and the second was on an adjoiner.

Since I'm the surveyor, I was expected to resolve the matter. I had just checked the staking data, so I had confidence that it (at least) was right. That left the control and the resection routine. There were potential problems with each: In the three years since we last worked on the job, the control might have been disturbed. In the three months we had had the data collector, we had never used the resection routine. I reasoned that if the control was correct, the problem had to be in the resection solution. Ergo, check the control and eliminate one of the variables. Sam said she would get right on it and let me know what she found.

I felt sure we had the problem cornered. It was time to charge back into business, but before I could get charged up, Frank phoned. Frank was, as usual, well...frank! He came right to the point. "Your staking doesn't make sense—*any* sense. You've got me seven feet deep on manhole one. We have a minus three percent grade from the outlet to the interceptor. By the time we get *there* we're going to be about 15 feet down! Something just don't seem right!"

Since I'm the surveyor, I was supposed to resolve the matter. The matter, of course, was that I was delaying a valuable client who now had a crew eating up donuts, a trackhoe eating up diesel, and a big hole in a downtown street. Still, I had been careful in calculating the cuts, and marking them was a simple assignment that Ted had done many times before. Fortunately, the job wasn't far away. Unfortunately, I hadn't a ghost of an idea what had happened. I called Ted and told him to knock off work on his current job and to meet me at the pipeline.

I got to the pipeline before Ted. I walked along the line and looked at the cuts marked on the stakes. I had thought maybe Ted had skipped one, or maybe had transposed some figures, but neither was the case. Walking along the pipeline, I finally saw the pattern: The cuts were all correct, they were just marked in the wrong direction! The seven foot cut Frank had told me about was supposed to be at the interceptor; Ted had marked it at the beginning of the line. I moved the correctly marked stakes to the correct stations and apologized to Frank. He didn't make a big deal about, so I didn't feel it necessary to mention a restaking job we had to do after his dozer operator had taken out an afternoon of our work on a certain road project, but he knew and I knew and we both left it at that. Ted arrived just as I set the last stake, and I explained the need to associate cut-at-a-station with the correct station. The problem was a relatively minor one, but work done once had to be redone, Ted and Bill's work at the other job was interrupted and delayed, and I had had to leave the surveying *business*.

I had just gotten back into the truck when Samantha called. She had checked the control, and it was okay. We hadn't been on that job in three years, and either she or Tom had misidentified one of the stations they were using for the resection. Once she had entered the correct station, the data collector had delivered a correct solution. Fortunately, Sam had checked her work by measuring the foundation distances between hubs. We knew that the foundation would have the correct shape and dimensions. Unfortunately, Sam was working from a resected position. We knew that we had to be sure that the foundation with the correct shape and dimensions had the correct location.

Since I'm the surveyor, I told Sam to occupy the two front corners of the building and measure to perimeter control as a further check. She could use the data collector to inverse between the control and the building corners occupied. The inverse routine worked, the measurements checked, and Sam and Tom finally got off the site, but the job had taken half a day longer than we had planned.







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I finally got back to the office and then, in the late afternoon, Tim called. He said that he had located everything that he and I had flagged when we had walked the boundaries and talked to the client and the adjoiners. He had packed up and was ready to drive back to the office. I was gratified to learn that things had gone so well, and I congratulated myself that at least the boundary retracement had gone as planned. Then I asked about the road. Fortunately, Tim said he had located it. Unfortunately, he said he had done so by eye-balling PI's, PC's and PT's just like with the last company he had worked for. Unfortunately, I needed more data than that for a defensible location.

Since I'm the surveyor, I told Tim to get a series of points either on centerline or on both sides of the pavement along the total length of the road frontage including both curves and tangents. Nothing extreme—every 30 feet would be all right. Tim had to get the equipment back out and set up again. Then he got the centerline points needed, and we avoided an extra trip back across the county. It was well after dark when Tim finally got back to the office. I knew because I was sending out statements.

Looking back at the day, I initially assumed that it was just one of those days on which nothing seemed to go right. What actually caused the problems? My crews (and I) were experienced and the work to be done fairly routine. We had good equipment, and the weather was absolutely gorgeous. How could we avoid an instant replay at a later date?

To begin, during the past three years, we had done construction staking on a very irregular basis. In fact, I could recall only 2 other staking assignments—both roads—during that time period. My high school baseball coach use to say that *you're only as good as your last at-bat*. Could it be that my crews were somewhat rusty? Or were we not taking the staking seriously enough?

As to the building staking, the good news was that Samantha had done a very careful job and checked her work. But had we approached that

job correctly to begin with? For example, should we have checked the control before beginning staking? Theoretically, it didn't seem right to charge the client again for work already done. Realistically, if the same client had purchased a 2009 car and then parked the car unused for three years, would he have expected to immediately put the car on the highway? And we weren't talking about a car, we were talking about a BIG house!

During the past recession, we had decreased our crew size and had increased our reliance on technology. We tried to work people on the crews independently—one person setting up equipment while another marked grade, for instance. But were we being a little too creative? Would the mistake on the pipeline have been less likely if Bill had marked grade while Ted read off the cuts from the cut sheet? It would have been more expensive to use two people, but that would have been cheaper than pulling both me and Ted away from other work while a good client wondered why we couldn't seem to get it right.

As to our reliance on technology, it was clear from Samantha's experience that we needed to be thoroughly familiar with the technology before trying to use it on the job. Standing on the job punching the data collector and trying to figure out the computational routines just doesn't cut it. Technology also was a factor in the delay Tim had experienced. He was working by himself on that job because we had access to some pretty impressive technology. Unfortunately, the technology didn't help Tim with the established procedures used by our company. Frankly, I should have spent some time with him on a few different jobs so that he could learn company procedures before relying on the technology.

Obviously, we are still working on the staffing-technology balance. We plan to get it right sometime in the not-to-distant future. After all, as I have remarked many times before, "This is surveying, and it just doesn't get any better than this!"

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## KAPS General Membership Meeting

Friday, February 25, 2011

Crowne Plaza Hotel- Louisville, KY

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### CALL TO ORDER

Having determined a quorum, 2011 KAPS President Don Pedigo called the February 25, 2011, KAPS General Membership Meeting to order.

### WELCOME

President Pedigo welcomed all members and guests to the KAPS 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting. He welcomed the 2011 KAPS officers and directors and thanked them for being willing to serve in a leadership position. He also thanked them for attending the General Membership Meeting at its new time slot this year, immediately following the conference luncheon.

Mr. Pedigo asked Brian Cox, 2010 KAPS President, if he would like to address the group. Mr. Cox thanked the 2010 KAPS Board of Directors for serving on the Board and for the help he received from them during his term.

### GUESTS

**Robert Akins** - Ohio NSPS Governor; **Donald G. Groesser** - President-Elect of Illinois Society; **Charles M. Coyle** - Indiana Society President

### 2010 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

After the members present had reviewed the minutes from the 2010 General Membership Meeting, Brian Cox made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Tom Crabtree. Motion carried.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

The proposed budget from the Finance Committee for 2011-12 was submitted and reviewed by the members. President Pedigo said that the proposed budget had been accepted by both the 2010 and 2011 Board of Directors, respectively, at February 23, and February 24, 2011, board meetings. James Riney made a

motion to approve the budget. Seconded by James Mayo. Motion carried.

### KAPS 2012 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

KAPS 2012 Annual Conference is scheduled for February 22-25, 2012, at the Clarion Hotel, (formerly Holiday Inn North, in Lexington, Kentucky). The General Membership Meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2012, at the conference.

### NEW BUSINESS

President Pedigo announced the next KAPS Board of Directors meeting will be held April 9, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Kentucky Engineering Center, 160 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY. He also announced that he has meetings and events already set up for the remainder of the year until the 2012 Annual Conference.

President Pedigo reminded the group of KAPS participation in the KET telefund and urged those who had not volunteered to help man the phones on March 17, 2011 to do so as soon as possible. He reminded them that National Surveyors Week is from March 20<sup>th</sup> through March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Tom Bushelman had been asked by the Board to make a change in KAPS By-Laws concerning special called board meetings. The By-Laws state that 30 days notice should be given and the board wanted it changed to a 14 days notice of a special called meeting. The change recommended by Mr. Bushelman and his committee was ratified at the General Membership meeting.

One other change to the By-Laws was requested by the KAPS Board. A proxy should be assigned to someone who is a member of the absentees chapter. The recommendation by Mr. Bushelman and his committee was ratified at the General Membership Meeting.

Mr. Bushelman spoke of a brochure that he is developing for KAPS and his chapter. He is willing for other chapters to use his brochure and make changes to suit their individual chapters.

### COMMENTS BY MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Chuck Felts spoke of the Statute of Repose. He is interested in following up on this and he has done a lot of work and is willing to continue.

Charles (Chuck) Coyle of Indiana thanked KAPS for the invitation to attend KAPS Conference and he said it had been a good experience for him.

Donald Groesser, President-Elect from Illinois also thanked KAPS for the invitation and that he had also enjoyed the events of the conference.

Robert Akins, NSPS Governor from Ohio said that he was pleased to be a part of KAPS Conference.

Jim Riney said that he had distributed to all participants a Legislative Questionnaire and

he urged everyone to complete and return the document before they left the conference.

President Pedigo gave the dates for KAPS golf outing and Annual Picnic. They are both to be held at Barren River State Park. The golf outing is to be June 17, 2011, and the Annual Picnic will be June 18, 2011. He also reminded everyone of the NSPS Surveying USA Event on Saturday, March 19, 2011. He urged everyone who could to take part in the event.

### COMMITTEE & CHAPTER REPORTS

No committee and chapter reports were received.

### ADJOURNMENT

Brian Cox made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Robert Evans. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Fentress, PLS, Secretary

Edited for content by Doug Comer, Editor.

## KAPS Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, December 10, 2011 10 A.M. EST

Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, 40511

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### CALL TO ORDER

Don Pedigo, KAPS 2011 President, called the December 10, 2011 KAPS Board of Directors Meeting to order.

### PROXY VOTES

One proxy was reported under deadline: Chris Gephart assigned his proxy to Bob Westermeyer on November 30, 2011. Doug Comer moved to accept this proxy. Jim Riney seconded. Motion carried.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

**Don Pedigo** – 2011 KAPS President; **James Mayo** – Vice President of External Affairs/ Director; **John Schneider** – Vice President of Internal Affairs/Southeast Chapter Chair; **Brian Cox** – Past President; **Bob Fentress** –

Secretary/Director; **Doug Comer** – Treasurer/ Director; **Craig Palmer** – NSPS Governor Committee Chair; **Bob Westermeyer** – KSPE Liaison; **Ted Niemann** – GIAC Liaison; **James Riney** – Director; **Bill Jones** – Director; **Thomas Clayborn** – Audubon Chapter Chair; **Shaun Foley** – Barren River Chapter Chair; **Kevin Phillips** – Bluegrass Capitol Chapter Chair; **Robert Miller** – Green River Chapter Chair; **Johnny Justice** – Highlands Chapter Chair; **Tom Bushelman** – Northern Kentucky Chapter Chair; **Jonathan Payne** – Jackson Purchase Chapter Chair; **Molly Forrest** – Administrative Assistant

### MEMBERS ABSENT

**Chris Gephart** – Director; **Steve Lilly** – Ex-Officio Director; **Tim Chilton** – Falls of the Ohio Chapter Chair; **Mike Ruggles** – Northeast





Chapter Chair

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS PRESENT

**Chuck Felts** – Statute of Repose Committee Chair; **Richard Montgomery** – County Surveyor Committee Chair; **John St. Clair** – Scholarship Committee Chair

### GUESTS

**Richard Howerton** – Board of Licensure

### PRESIDENTS WELCOME

President Pedigo welcomed everyone. Guests were especially welcomed and introductions were made.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2011 Board Meeting were reviewed. Tom Clayborn pointed out a date discrepancy within the date of the September meeting. Bill Jones made a motion to

accept the minutes with the date change noted. Jim Riney seconded. Motion carried.

### KAPS OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report** – President Pedigo directed everyone to the President's Report in their board packet. President Pedigo was invited to speak to the Student Contractors Association at Eastern Kentucky University on December 1, 2011. He announced that ECU now has a minor in surveying.

**President Elect's Report** – President Pedigo brought everyone's attention to the President Elect's Board of Directors Nominations Report included in their packet. Bob Fentress asked everyone to consider making the term of President a 2 year term. He was not calling for any immediate action since a change in the by-laws would be necessary. President Pedigo asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Being none, President Pedigo called for the vote. Motion carried. (No second was needed since the motion came from a committee).

**Treasurer's Report** – A Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement were included in the board packet. Upon review, Bob Fentress made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bobby Miller seconded. Motion carried.

**Administrative Assistant's Report** – Molly Forrest submitted a report in the board packet. She reported that the laptop had been purchased for office use.

### ADDITIONS OR REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

President Pedigo stated he would like to discuss Surveyor of the Year as New Business if there was no objection. Being none, said topic was added to the agenda.

### OLD BUSINESS

President Pedigo asked for Old Business. There was none.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Next KAPS Board Meeting** – Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 6 P.M. EST at the Clarion Hotel, 1950 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511. President Pedigo encouraged the current members to bring the incoming 2012 Board Members to this meeting.

**KAPS Website Update** – President Pedigo reported on the most recent meeting with Andrew Dodson of Code Forte. A timeline has been discussed and Mr. Dodson's proposal is for a cost of \$3,750 with a \$750 deposit up front (the contract and work order were included in the board packet). In September of 2011, the board approved an expenditure of up to \$5,000 for this project. President Pedigo asked for a motion to move on the contract from Code Forte. Jim Riney made a motion to sign the contract. Doug Comer seconded. Plans are to unveil the new site at the conference in February. Motion carried.

**Proposed Easement Regulation** – President Pedigo provided a copy of the letter written to the Board of Licensure (BOL) indicating KAPS support of the need for an easement regulation and anticipation of working with the BOL toward the clarification and finalization of the regulation.

Upon review of the KAPS letter, the BOL has questions before moving forward with the regulation. The BOL would like KAPS to discuss if there is a need for the regulation and the type of language needed. President Pedigo will form a committee to look into this regulation further.

**Concurrent Resolution, Timber Theft and Trespass Task Force** – President Pedigo brought attention to the document included in the board packet but moved discussion of the matter to the legislative segment of the meeting.

**Christian County Flood Elevation Memorandum** – President Pedigo directed everyone's attention to the memo included in the board packet. The memo states that after January 1, 2012, the Christian County Community and Development Services will return unsigned any plat that has an A Zone that does

not have the surveyed contour with Base Flood Elevation denoted.

Bob Fentress made a motion for KAPS to send a letter to the Christian County Community and Development Services regarding concerns over private flood elevations and make them aware that the elevation line they are requiring be put on plats is not the FEMA flood hazard area. Jim Riney seconded. Motion carried.

**Surveyor of the Year** – President Pedigo asked for nominations from the board and the membership for Surveyor of the Year. Traditionally, the President makes the final choice, but nominations are appreciated. Being no objections to President Pedigo making the choice, a deadline for nominations of January 15, 2012 was set.

Brian Cox made a motion for three (3) Surveyor of the Year statues to be purchased in order to take advantage of holiday sales. Bob Fentress seconded. Motion carried.

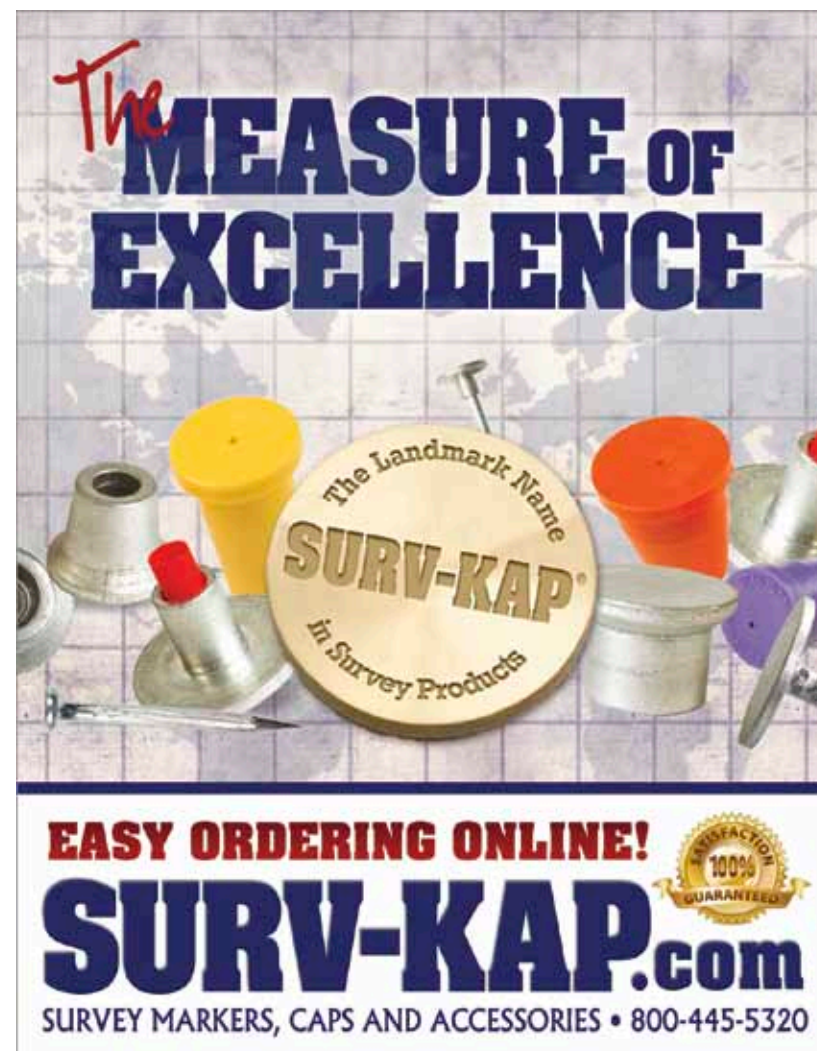
### EX-OFFICIO DIRECTORS REPORTS

**GIAC Liaison** – no written report; Ted Niemann reported the GIAC met on October 11, 2011; however, he was not in attendance. The GIAC is continuing to work on Mission and Values and is making progress. Mr. Niemann also announced a GIAC logo contest.

**KAMP Liaison** – no written report; President Pedigo, James Mayo, and Steve Lilly attended the GIS Conference in Frankfort. President Pedigo talked with Ron Householder and discussed how KAPS, KAMP and the GIS professionals could work together in the future. President Pedigo will update the board of any upcoming meetings of said groups.

**KY State Board of Licensure Liaison** – written report submitted; President Pedigo pointed out that Dennis Smith and Steve Gardner are rotating off the Board of Licensure.

**NSPS Governor** – written report submitted; Craig Palmer expressed concern over the Light-Squared issue. Mr. Palmer agreed to draft a



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letter from KAPS to Kentucky congressmen in Washington expressing concern over the issue. He will send the draft to President Pedigo for review and President Pedigo will send it on to the board for approval.

The main focus of the NSPS has been completion of the merger of ACSM & NSPS by the end of 2011. Details are provided in the written report.

**Professional Development Chair** – report submitted in the board packet; President Pedigo updated everyone on the fall seminars. Attendance has been low this fall. Reports on three (3) of the seminars was included in the board packet. No losses were incurred; however, more promotion needs to be done for next year.

The expense of audio / visual equipment rental was discussed. The KAPS office is looking to purchase a projector and screen for use in seminars and board meetings. Kevin Phillips reported the Bluegrass Chapter has purchased a projector and screen. The Bluegrass Chapter discussed the possibility of KAPS renting their projector and screen for upcoming seminars until it's paid for and then they could give it to the KAPS office to continue to use or give as a door prize.

Bob Westermeyer made a motion to rent the Bluegrass Chapter's projector and screen until it's paid for. Doug Comer seconded. Motion carried.

Tom Clayborn made a motion to purchase like equipment for KAPS. Bob Westermeyer seconded. Motion carried.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

**Audubon** – report submitted in the board packet; Tom Clayborn reported October and November meetings. New officers for 2012 are: Chair, Mike Ladnier; Vice-Chair, Joe Simmons; Treasurer, Ed Gentry. Mr. Clayborn thanked President Pedigo for attending the October meeting.

**Barren River** – no written report; Shaun Foley reported approximately 20 people came to the chapter Christmas party.

**Bluegrass Capital** – written report submitted; Kevin Phillips invited everyone to the chapter Christmas party on December 15<sup>th</sup> at Carrabba's in Lexington.

**Falls of the Ohio** – no written report; Bill Jones reported the chapter met in November and are having a Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup>. President Pedigo attended their September meeting.

**Green River** – no written report; Bobby Miller reported regular meetings with 4 – 8 in attendance. The chapter Christmas party is to follow today's board meeting at the Bread of Life in Casey County.

**Highlands** – no written report; Johnny Justice reported low attendance at the chapter meetings. The chapter Christmas party will be held December 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Northern Kentucky** – report submitted in the board packet; Tom Bushelman reported that Dan Farrell was the guest speaker at their last chapter meeting. Mr. Farrell updated the chapter on the state of affairs at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. Attendees received a one-hour PDH certificate for attending the meeting.

**Purchase** – report submitted in the board packet; Jonathan Payne reported President Pedigo's attendance at their October meeting. Randle Cruse, a former military surveyor, shared with the Chapter in September. The fall seminar in September went well. Jeff Clark and Jonathan Payne presented.

**Southeast** – no written report; John Schneider reported low attendance this year.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Annual Conference** – President Pedigo expressed his gratitude to the conference committee for their diligent work. A working draft of a promotional packet and schedule (created by John Schneider) is included in the board packet. Dr. Carl Hurley has been selected as the entertainment for the banquet.



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President Pedigo commented on the difficulty in drafting his cover letter of the promotional packet. The biggest struggle was the paragraph regarding benefits of being a KAPS member. He requested written feedback from the board and membership regarding their thoughts on KAPS membership benefits.

The Triple L Auxiliary has been represented at the Conference Committee meetings by Lisa Gentry. The Companion Program price has been reduced to \$125 this year.

A future course by Kandie Adkinson on annexation issues in light of the 2010 Census was discussed. Bob Fentress suggested publishing a newsletter article regarding this issue. The article would make surveyors aware of the importance of this issue as well as promote Ms. Adkinson’s upcoming seminar. John St. Clair accepted the challenge to write the article and send it to President Pedigo and Doug Comer.

**Boy Scouts** – no report; President Pedigo expressed concern over KAPS inactivity in this area.

**By-Laws** – no written report; Tom Bushelman reported that the motion made at the September 2011 meeting regarding “excluding the President from accepting proxy assignment” is a function of the By-laws, not the Policy Manual and would therefore need to go through proper protocol before being changed. Mr. Bushelman suggested making no change. The board agreed.

Upon searching the Policy Manual, Mr. Bushelman did not find anything regarding three other issues brought up at the September 2011 meeting: distribution of seminar profits; chapter reimbursement of KAPS dues; mileage / travel expenses. The committee’s recommendation is all three items be inserted as submitted. Hearing no concerns, the recommendation was accepted. President Pedigo reminded Mr. Bushelman that the Policy Manual needs to be changed on the website as well as the hard copy. He also reminded the entire board to send photos to Molly Forrest for inclusion on the new website.

**County Surveyors** – Richard Montgomery reported on an amendment to the Kentucky Constitution stating:

“No person shall be eligible for the office of Surveyor unless he or she has been licensed as a land surveyor. *A Surveyor who is not licensed and who holds the office prior to the ratification of the requirements of this subsection shall be eligible for succession to this office without meeting the licensure requirement.*”

Mr. Montgomery is asking for an endorsement from the KAPS board in support of the amendment, as well as permission to enlist lobbyist, Mike Helton’s help. According to Mr. Montgomery, there are currently seven (7) non-licensed persons holding the office of Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

President Pedigo clarified with Mr. Montgomery that the County Surveyors Association would spear-head this amendment. President Pedigo also expressed his concern that KAPS not over-extend the newly negotiated agreement made with Mike Helton and Government Strategies. President Pedigo suggested discussing the issue with Mike Helton before KAPS officially gave an answer on recruiting Government Strategies involvement.

Bob Fentress made a motion for KAPS to endorse a constitutional amendment to require a county surveyor be licensed under KRS.322. Tom Bushelman seconded. For the record, Jim Riney reminded the board of KAPS historical support of such an amendment. President Pedigo also suggested a letter of said support be sent from KAPS to the County Surveyors Association. Motion carried.

**Legislative** – report submitted in board packet; James Riney brought the board’s attention to the list of KAPS Legislative Issues included in the board packet. The list is a result of a brainstorming meeting held in August of 2011 and will serve as a priority guideline. The list can be revised based on changing circumstances. At this point, this specific list has not been shared

with Government Strategies. President Pedigo encouraged everyone to review the list and revisit it at the next meeting in 2012.

Mr. Riney also expressed his thoughts on Government Strategies getting involved in a possible amendment to the Constitution regarding the office of Surveyor under the KAPS contract. In his opinion, KAPS and the County Surveyors Association need to continue to act as separate entities for the benefit of both groups as well as for the benefit of the legislation; also to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interests. President Pedigo concurred.

**Publications / Newsletter** – no report; Doug Comer stated *The Interior Angle* will most likely come out in late December / early January. He mentioned articles are always needed. Doug would like to get a list of conference exhibitors to include in the next issue of the *Interior Angle*. He would also like for a postcard to go out to every surveyor across the state announcing the pre-conference issue. Doug further encouraged Chapter Chairs to keep the KAPS office updated with current email addresses for KAPS members.

**Scholarship** – report submitted in board packet; John St. Clair reminded everyone of last year’s discussion of making the first two awards the same amount of \$1,500. Doing so would force the last two awards to \$500 each. The committee is hesitant to reduce the last two awards and is recommending the first award (Ray Leigh Memorial) be \$1,500 and the second award (Rep. John Harper Memorial) be \$1,000.

Mr. St. Clair further reported the committee received more applications than ever before. The universities are reporting success in their surveying classes; however recruitment is difficult and numbers are down.

Mr. St. Clair brought everyone’s attention to the committee recommendation included in the board packet.

Ray Leigh Memorial \$1,500 Award:  
Kenneth Jason Graves  
Rep. John Harper Memorial \$1,000 Award:

Dawn Shroyer  
KAPS Scholarship \$1,000 Award: Chris Kenner  
KAPS Scholarship \$750 Award: Donald R. Snyder  
KAPS Scholarship \$750 Award: Jennifer Johnson

Kevin Phillips informed the board that the recipient of the second award, Dawn Shroyer, was no longer enrolled in school. In light of this new information, Mr. St. Clair offered to revise and resubmit the committee recommendation.

President Pedigo researched the 2010 minutes and the February 18, 2010 minutes state:

*“John St. Clair, Chair of the Scholarship Committee wanted to clarify how the scholarships were going to be awarded. It was decided that the four-year scholarship would be called “KAPS 4-Year Scholarship” and the Ray Leigh scholarship would be an annual award in much the same as the John Harper Memorial Scholarship. This year the Ray Leigh Scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.00. Next year when it is awarded the Harper Scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,500.00 and the Ray Leigh Scholarship will also be in the amount of \$1,500.00.”*

Understanding this 2010 statement would increase the scholarship budget to \$5,500, Mr. St. Clair sought the pleasure of the board: to increase the budget to \$5,500 making the first two awards \$1,500 each OR to take the committee’s recommendation and keep the budget at \$5,000, making the first award (Ray Leigh) \$1,500 and the second award (Rep. John Harper) \$1,000.

Bob Fentress moved to accept the committee’s recommendation that the first award (Ray Leigh) be \$1,500 and the second award (Rep. John Harper) be \$1,000 and allow the committee to reevaluate the candidates with consideration to the new information obtained during this meeting. The committee will then send the





recommendation to the Executive Committee for proper action. Doug Comer seconded. President Pedigo clarified this motion will reverse the board decision of February 18, 2010. Motion carried.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

**KY / TN State Line Monuments** – report submitted in board packet; James Riney reported the committee will be completing the project soon.

**KY BOL Nominations Committee** – letters submitted; Bob Westermeyer reported nominations are in the Governor's hands. The

three names submitted for consideration are: Joseph F. Sisler; PE, PLS; James R. Riney, PE, PLS; and, Robert W. Fentress, PLS.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Brian Cox made a motion to adjourn. Tom Clayborn seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by  
Molly M. Forrest for Bob Fentress, PLS,  
Secretary

Edited for content by Doug Comer, Editor.



Dr. Carl Hurley was the guest of honor at the 2012 KAPS Conference. He delivered a riotous speech about finding the humor in life. Even poking fun of himself for arriving a day early for the banquet. KAPS thanks Dr. Hurley for giving us his time.



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## SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR

At the 2012 KAPS conference banquet, John K. Schneider, PLS was honored as Surveyor of the Year by President Don Pedigo, PLS. A Middlesboro, Kentucky native, John has been a KAPS member for more than 20 years, joining immediately after receiving his Kentucky professional surveying license in 1990. After experiencing what an integral part of a surveyor's career KAPS was, John made the decision to become more involved in the Association in 1999 when he began his first of three separate terms as the Southeast Chapter Chair. Since then he has also served as Director, Conference Committee Chair, and currently he is serving as Vice President of Internal Affairs.

"Early in my career, I did not understand why I was being asked to give up an occasional Saturday or an evening to attend a KAPS meeting. Fortunately I was being mentored by some of the best professionals in the industry and they understood that professions change, industries change and these changes are being guided by those willing to participate. With time I understood that the issues addressed by KAPS impact my livelihood and touch the lives of everyone who carries the surveyor title. We can choose to be a part of the conversation or be left to live with the decisions."

John is living proof that hard work, ability and professional growth go hand in hand. John began his surveying career in 1979 at age 17 with a summer job at Vaughn & Melton Consulting Engineers, Inc. Like most surveyors, his early years were spent either in the field, the drafting room or the court house gaining the required experience for licensure. Thirty-three years later John is serving as the vice-president of Vaughn & Melton's Kentucky Region and as the Office Leader for the Middlesboro,

KY office. John coordinates the daily efforts of the Kentucky region and utilizes his 30 plus years of experience as Principle-In-Charge on a wide range of surveying projects. In addition to KAPS, John supports his profession by serving on ACEC's Council of Professional Surveyors (COPS) Steering Committee and Business Practices Committee.

John firmly believes that much of his professional growth is a direct result of his being given the opportunity to participate in KAPS and other pro-





professional organizations. “Participating in professional organizations keeps you abreast of the latest technologies, provides a forum for discussion of the issues that contribute to the welfare of the surveying profession and allows you to learn from the best surveyors in the industry. I am honored to have been selected as surveyor of the year and I challenge every employer to provide your staff the same opportunity provided me.”

More and more companies like Vaughn & Melton realize that they can only benefit from their commitment to support professions, including surveying, by allowing employees like John the time off from work that is needed to play an active role in professional organizations like KAPS. In today’s world, many firms are including professional organization involvement as an integral part of their mission statement. As an example, Vaughn & Melton has a mission of “providing leadership and support to our region and to the various professions to which our staff members belong.” They, along with many others, are realizing the return on the investment in both their employees’ growth and the advancement of the profession in which they practice.

Although he doesn’t get in the field as much as he used to, John still appreciates that one of the most unique aspects of surveying compared to many other jobs is the ability to spend a lot of time in the great outdoors. During the span of his career, John has been fortunate to be a part of surveying some of the most unique and beautiful land in Kentucky. Projects like the 120 mile “Pine Mountain State Scenic Trail”, Kentucky’s first linear state park, or the roughly 4,000 acre Wheeler Boone WMA and a 36 mile section of abandoned railroad right-of-way which will soon be Kentucky’s longest rails to trails project. It is gratifying for him to know that most of these wonderful properties have been acquired by the Commonwealth of Kentucky and thus are now available for enjoyment by everyone including our future generations.

John enjoys spending time with his beautiful wife Sheree, they are celebrating 33 years of marriage this year, and his two lovely daughters Andrea and Deborah. In his spare time John is an active volunteer working with his local church and other community service projects. As a juried member of the Southern Highlands Craft Guild, John also enjoys spending time in his woodworking shop.



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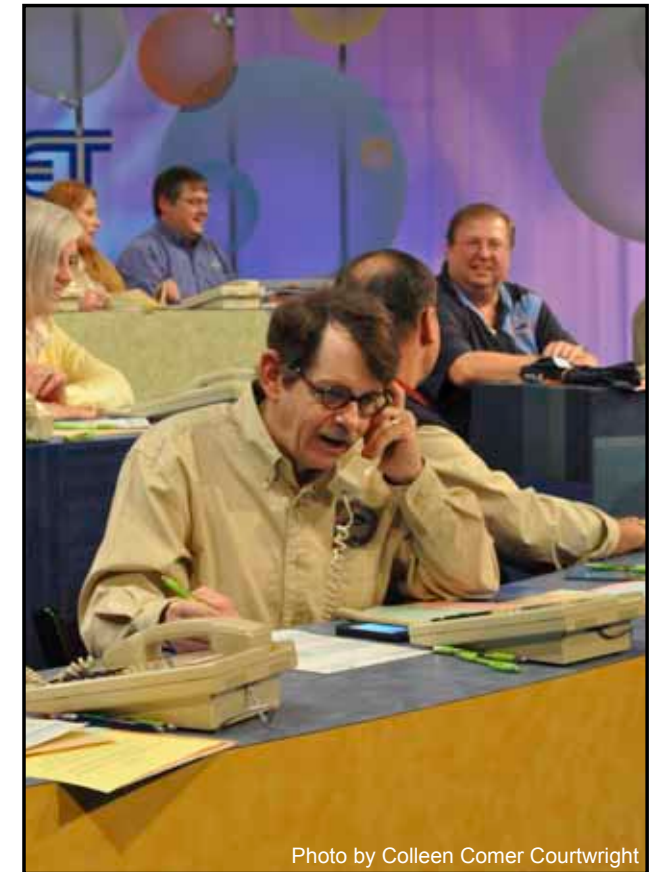


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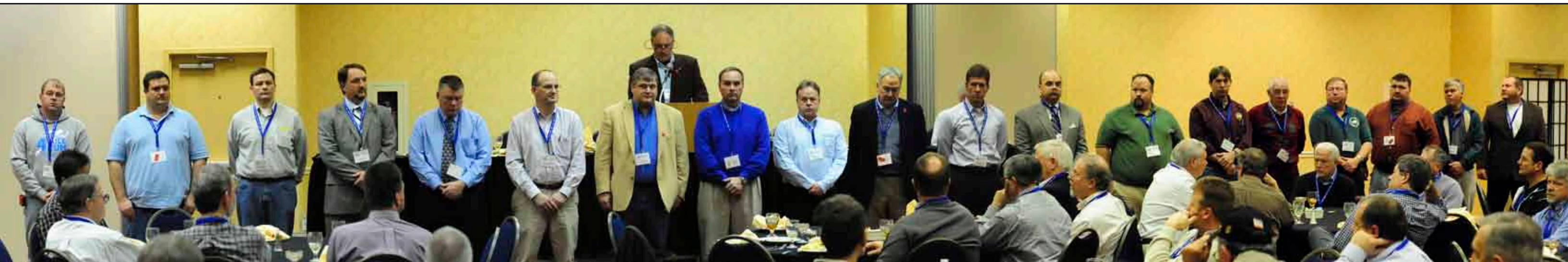
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Conference photos by Bob Westermeyer







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Date: Friday, June 22, 2012

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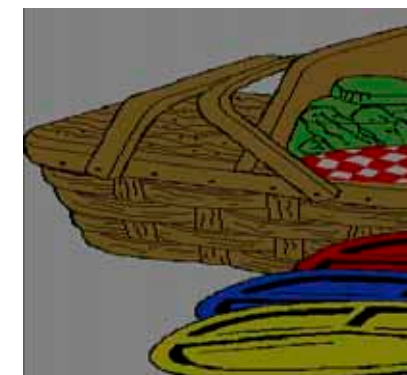
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