



What Has MSS Done for You Lately?

MSS promotes high ethical standards, professionalism among surveyors and its members' general welfare, efficiency, and services. *We work hard to support our membership by providing career development opportunities, workforce development, and legislative monitoring. Here are just a few highlights of the accomplishments and activities of the Maryland Society of Surveyors in the past year.*

- *MSS drafted legislation to allow for the submittal of digital plats to the Maryland Archives*
- *MSS helped defeat a bill that would limit our access to adjoining properties to locate boundary evidence.*
- Monitored legislation on transfer-on-death deeds, State Archives document fees, private road dedication and the Silver Homes Act
- MSS hosted its 58th annual conference October 15-18, 2025 at Owings Mills Metro Centre, in Owings Mills MD with a total of 250 persons in attendance. The 2026 conference will be held at the Ashore Resort and Beach Club, MD on October 14-17.
- MSS hosted its annual Spring Technical Conference at the Maritime Institute Conference Center in Linthicum Heights, MD on March 6, featuring 16 sessions enabling members to earn 8 CPC continuing education credit hours. A total of more than 200 persons attended. Since COVID, our Spring Technical Conference has also included a webinar program. The 2026 program included four webinars that total 3 qualifying 5 CPC credits.
- Over the past 12 months, the society held two General Membership Meetings that featured dinner and a speaker. Topics were Prop Owners Ass'n of Arundel on the Bay, Inc. V Tose; Maryland Occupational Safety & Health.
- MSS has established an active Women in Survey Committee, that meets Quaterly.
- The CST program is very active in Maryland. MSS hosts a CST exam prep class twice each year and the CST exam at both our Spring Technical and Annual Fall conferences, where we average 12-20 participants in each session. The next CST Exam Review Class is on Saturday, September 19 in Columbia, MD with the exam being offered at the Fall Conference.

- MSS continues to support and work with the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) to improve its surveying program, including implementing online delivery options and classes to prepare students for licensure as professional land surveyors.
- The annual Chesapeake College seminar was held on Friday, June 12 in Wye Mills, Maryland, Queen Anne County on the Eastern Shore, providing timely and informative sessions for professional land surveyors and technicians, field crews, and future surveyors on topics such as Vertical Land Motion in the Chesapeake in Bay Region; New Datums – New Coordinates – New Heights; 2026 Legislative Update; Construction of Ellicott City North Storm Tunnels; Techniques and Theory of Modern Boundary Retracement; enabling surveyors to earn 8 CPC/PDH credits.
- Provided education scholarships for future surveyors through the MSS Educational Trust
- Offered land surveying books published by MSS – *Law of Land Boundaries* (2018 Supplement) by James Demma, *Institutes of Boundary Retracement* by Joel Leininger, and *Statutory Laws of Maryland Relating to Land Surveyor* by James Demma, and the newly released *Rights, Ways, and Rights of Way* by Joel Leininger
- Represent surveyors' interests before the Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC) and coordinate with other geospatial-related disciplines on activities, legislation and policy.
- MSS promotes the profession of land surveying at the Towson University Geographic Information Systems (TUGIS) conference with a booth and information.
- As a Sustaining Member state society of NSPS, MSS members get full benefits from programs that pro-actively represent surveyors in Congress and federal agencies.