

MSLS 2026 Annual Meeting Schedule

Optional Pre-Conference January 28th MSLS Old Port Pub Crawl with Camille Alden, PLS

Meet in the Regency Hotel lobby Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM, please RSVP director@msls.org.

THURSDAY	Kent Track Thur	Legal Track Thur	Thursday Evening	FRIDAY	Kent Track Fri	Repeat of Day 1	Expert Track Fri	Friday Executive
7:00 - 8:00		Registration <i>Atlantic Room</i>		7:00 - 8:00			Registration <i>Atlantic Room</i>	President's Invitational Breakfast
8:00 - 9:30	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> New ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys	Kevin Tilton, LLS, PLS <i>Armory Room</i> Boundary Determination Federal Condemnation	5:00 - 5:30 Freshen up break	8:00 - 9:30	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> New ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys	Repeat of Day 1	Daniel J. Martin National Geodetic Survey <i>Armory Room</i> GNSS Best Practices	1
9:30 - 10:30		1.5		9:30 - 10:30			1.5	1.5
10:30 - 11:45	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> The Art of Retracement: Following in the Footsteps	Dawn Dyer, Esq <i>Armory Room</i> Law Behind the Lines	6:30 - 7:30 Annual Banquet <i>Mariners Church</i>	10:30 - 11:45	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> The Art of Retracement: Following in the Footsteps	Repeat of Day 1	Claire Kiedrowski, PSM <i>Armory Room</i> Skills & Tech Overview inc. a UMaine Edu Update	1
11:45 - 1:00		1.25	Program & Awards 7:30 - 8:15 Keynote: Rich Vannozi	11:45 - 1:00			1.25	NESS 10:30 <i>Board Room</i>
1:00 - 1:30		1.25	8:15 - 9:00 B&B Auction <i>Mariners Church</i>	1:00 - 2:15	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Continued	1.25	Walk to lunch Lunch; NSPS Update <i>Mariners Church (across street)</i> (Exhibition Hall remains open)	1.25
1:30 - 2:45	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Continued Retracement/Footsteps	Dawn Dyer, Esq <i>Armory Room</i> Law Behind the Lines <i>Continued</i>	NOTE: <i>Mariners Church</i> is across the street at 368 Fore St.	2:15 - 2:30	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Continued	1.25	Tara Mullen, PLS <i>Armory Room</i> The Road to Licensure Exam Prep, Today's Skills, & Opportunities	1.25
2:45 - 3:30		1.25	Ongoing Map Contest (Entry Deadline 9:30)	2:30 - 4:00	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Surveying	Break	Tara Mullen, PLS <i>Armory Room</i> Continued	ExCom 2:30 B&B Workshop 2:45 <i>Board Room</i>
3:30 - 5:00	Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Surveying Jeopardy Game!	Jordan Gagnon, Esq <i>Armory Room</i> Alternative Dwelling Units	Silent Auction (Ends Friday at 10:30)		Gary Kent, PS <i>Regency Room</i> Jeopardy Game!	1.25	The Road to Licensure Exam Prep, Today's Skills, & Opportunities	1.5
	1.5		Atlantic Room					
			Key Continuing Education Exhibition Focus					
			Networking & Social Cheer					
			Society Business Matters					

CEUs to be posted on member records in February; non-member certificates will be emailed.

Schedule subject to change as necessary (1/14 ver)

An Important Schedule Note:

Gary Kent's presentation is the same on both Thursday and Friday. Two-day participants can select either the legal track on day one or the expertise track on day two and Mr. Kent's track on the opposing day. CEUs cannot be issued for a repeat attendance of his program.



Our 2026 Annual Conference

Expert Speakers and Presentations

Gary Kent, PS is a Professional Surveyor with Schneider Geomatics in Indianapolis. After 37 years, he transitioned to part-time in 2020 and formed Meridian Land Consulting to provide training, consulting and expert witness services. Gary was chair of the ALTA/NSPS Workgroup responsible for the ALTA/NSPS Standards from 1995 to 2021. He has presented programs on boundaries, standards, risk management, safety, easements, leadership, and other topics multiple times in all 50 states including several visits to Maine.

An Important Schedule Note: Mr. Kent's full day presentation is the same on both Thursday and Friday. Two-day participants can select either the Legal track on Thursday and Mr. Kent on Friday or Mr. Kent on Thursday and the Expert track on Friday. CEUs cannot be issued for a repeat attendance of his program.



What's Changed? Introducing the New 2026 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards

After 3 years of work on the part of the Joint ALTA/NSPS Work Group, the 2026 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys were adopted by ALTA and NSPS in October 2025 with an effective date of February 23, 2026. This program outlines the changes from the 2021 Standards and provides a detailed explanation of the reason for each and how each affects the surveyor. Emphasis will be given to the most significant changes including an improved definition of Relative Positional Precision, changes to the Section 4 Records Research requirements, new clarity on what processes and procedures may be employed in performing a Land Title Survey (including a change to Table A item 15), better clarity as related to the Section 5 Easements and Servitudes section, and a new Table A item calling for a table identifying certain conditions that were observed in the process of conducting the survey. In addition, an overview of the entire set of 2026 Standards will be provided including a detailed explanation of the relationship between Land Title Surveys and title insurance. Guidance on certification to successors and assigns will be provided and throughout the program, the presenter will answer any and all questions relating to Land Title Surveys.

The Art of Retracement: Following in the Footsteps

Every professional surveyor across the United States knows the phrase "Follow in the Footsteps" as it relates to conducting a boundary retracement survey. But what does it really mean and what is the basis for following the footsteps? And exactly whose footsteps are we talking about? What happens when the evidence of the footsteps on the ground conflicts with the written title? What if there are seemingly no footsteps to follow? In this program we will explore the concept of retracement, how it relates to and is dependent on the document of conveyance, and what controls when conflicts are inevitably encountered. When armed with a full understanding of the concept of retracement, surveyors will be much better equipped to help steer their clients (and their affected neighbors) away from the pain and cost of litigation, and towards an amicable solution based on well-placed confidence and understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.

The Surveyor in Jeopardy

This audience-centric, extremely popular program is presented in a Jeopardy format with 6 different survey-related categories of 5 questions/answers each. It is far more than just a simple trivia game. Time is taken to ensure the audience understands the "why" of each question/answer and everyone stays engaged as numerous survey-related topics and issues are covered. The audience will be split into teams with one member of the team logging into the application. When the answer appears on the screen, teams click in to provide the question. The app identifies who clicked in first, and keeps track of points.

Thursday Legal Track

Kevin Tilton, US Forest Service



Kevin's presentation will look at condemnation cases, or takings by eminent domain, primarily as they have created boundary conflicts with landholdings and rights adjacent to the White Mountain and Green Mountain National Forests. Kevin will especially share his perspectives on the subject as a surveyor formerly in the private sector and now in the public sector. Kevin will also review the different types of land records found in the files of the Forest Service that may not be found in other public records.

Kevin is a Licensed Land Surveyor in the State of New Hampshire and a Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Maine. Kevin joined the US Forest Service in April 2022 as the White Mountain National Forest Land Surveyor. Kevin earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in Civil Technology with an emphasis in Surveying and Mapping from the Thompson School of Applied Science at the University of New Hampshire in 2005. Kevin was employed with HEB Engineers in North Conway, NH from May 2005 to April 2022. He has considerable experience with boundary and engineering surveys, deed research and plan compilation.

Law Behind the Lines: Real Estate Litigation for Surveyors

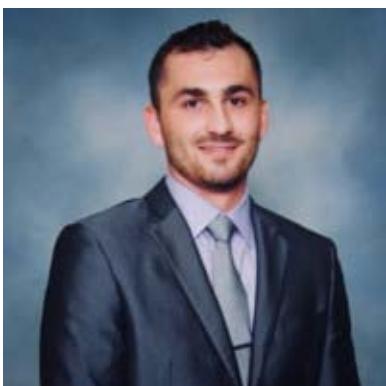


Join us for an in-depth, two-part seminar designed specifically for land surveyors, led by experienced real estate litigation attorneys from **Bernstein Shur**. We'll explore how surveys impact property rights, boundary disputes, easements, and liability and share practical strategies to avoid costly legal pitfalls. Through real-world case studies and interactive scenarios, you'll gain insights to protect your work and your clients in today's complex legal landscape.



Dawn Dyer is a seasoned litigator with extensive experience in real estate law. She represents clients in complex property disputes, title issues, and land use matters—and can be counted on for her practical, solutions-oriented approach. She is precise, deeply knowledgeable about local regulations, and laser-focused on delivering on her clients' goals. Her experience spans private practice and nonprofit leadership, with a strong foundation in land use and property law.

James G. Monteleone is a shareholder at Bernstein Shur, where he leverages his background in journalism and law to provide incisive litigation counsel. Known for his strategic thinking and clear communication, James has built a reputation for effectively navigating complex legal challenges and advising clients on property-related disputes, ensuring their interests are effectively represented.



Jordan Gagnon is an associate attorney with **Landform Law** and previously was with Sebago Technics, Inc. in South Portland, Maine where he strategized and managed Municipal, State, and Federal environmental and land use permitting for complex projects. He represented and assisted clients all over Maine across a diverse range of development needs.

Jordan graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law where he worked with the law school's Energy Policy Initiatives Center (EPIC) Energy Law and Policy Clinic and was a member of the Client Advocacy Team (CAT). Prior to pursuing law, he received his BA from Illinois Wesleyan University and worked as an analyst for the Illinois State Senate.

Jordan will be addressing Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in his presentation to update us with the latest legal developments being established in this area.

Friday Expert Track

Focusing on technology skill, educational information, and an afternoon exam preparatory session that both the aspirant licensee will find helpful and the seasoned profession will find useful in review as well as understanding skills brought by new employees.



Dan Martin will present GNSS Best Practices The use of GNSS technology has become common within the surveying profession. This is especially true when it comes to the use of real-time techniques (Real-Time Kinematic) and Real-Time Networks (RTN). These techniques offer methods that significantly increase productivity, with little degradation of accuracy. But a tool by itself does not produce accuracy or confidence. The procedures used, and attention to detail by the user is what helps to ensure you achieve the results you are aiming for. In this workshop, we will discuss the GNSS tools and techniques that are available, their adequacy for common survey tasks, and take an in-depth look at “best practices” that have been developed by practitioners (including two of your own) that are designed to catch blunders, eliminate common systematic errors, and increase confidence in surveying results. We will also look at the newly released NGS Standards and Specifications, which include the use of RealTime techniques, and provide research showing why certain specifications or techniques are required.

Dan has worked for the National Geodetic Survey since 2003 and has been the Northeast Regional Geodetic Advisor since 2015. As the Regional Advisor, he instructs local surveyors, state and municipal agencies, and the geospatial community at large, on how to use and preserve the National Spatial Reference System and provides liaison between the National Geodetic Survey and the States of ME, NH, VT, MA, CT, RI, NY, and NJ, as well as other federal agencies.



Claire Kiedrowski, PSM will offer wide ranging Skills and Technology Overview from her perspective as the newest faculty member of the Surveying Engineering Technology as Assistant Professor at the University of Maine. Claire will wrap up her session with an informative University of Maine update.

Ms. Kiedrowski brings over 30 years of expertise in mapping and surveying, with experience spanning large corporations (ESRI, Intergraph, Boeing), mid-sized firms (Autometric, EagleView), and small businesses (including her own company KAPPA Mapping, Sewall, and Cornerstone Energy Services), as well as public sector work with the State of Maine. She is licensed as a Professional Surveyor & Mapper (PSM) in Florida, a Registered Professional Photogrammetrist (RPP) in Oregon, a Surveyor Photogrammetrist (SP) in Virginia, a Photogrammetric Surveyor (PS) in South Carolina, and is nationally recognized as a Certified Photogrammetrist through ASPR



Tara Mullen is a Professional Land Surveyor working in Maine. Beginning her career in surveying with an associate's degree from the University of New Hampshire Tara continued her education at the University of Maine earning both a bachelor's and a master's degree. Professionally she works as a project manager at Colliers Engineering and Design. Last fall she taught her first course at Central Maine Community College. Tara is passionate about surveying education and providing resources to those seeking licensure. She recently authored the “Maine Specific Land Surveying Exam Study Guide” which is available or purchase on Amazon

Tara's session is titled “The Road to Licensure: Exam Prep, Today's Skills, and Opportunities; however, The presentation itself is designed not solely for exam prep but solid practical knowledge that both the aspirant licensee will find helpful and the seasoned profession will find useful in review as well as understanding skills brought by new employees.

Again this year for companies, our Expert Track features affordable new group pricing rates. Empty the office for the day on Friday, send your staff to the MSLS Friday Expert Track, and then refill the office on Monday with new appreciation and knowledge about surveying!

Highlights and Hotel Information



Thursday Banquet Keynote Speaker

“Forty-four years and I am in the same place, and why that is a good thing.”

A. Richard Vannozzi, MS, PLS, is a graduate of the University of Maine where, in 1984, he earned a BS in Forestry and, in 2006, earned an MS in Forestry, both with a surveying emphasis. Mr. Vannozzi has taught surveying across New England since 2003. Currently, Mr. Vannozzi serves on the faculty of the Surveying Engineering Technology program at The University of Maine where he teaches courses across the curriculum both in the traditional classroom and online. He is registered as a

Professional Land Surveyor in Massachusetts having first been licensed there in 1988 at the age of 25. He is a Past-President of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers (MALSCE) and, in 1998, was recognized as MALSCE's Surveyor of the Year. He is currently a co-chair of the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) Education Committee. He also served on the NSPS Board of Directors (FKA Board of Governors) representing Massachusetts from 2008-2019. In 2017 he was named a fellow of NSPS. He serves as the faculty advisor to the NSPS Student Chapter at the University of Maine.



Friday Lunch Program

MSLS Past President Cassandra Quintal will be hosting an informal discussion with reserved seating at Friday's lunch. This is an unstructured opportunity to discuss women in surveying and leadership.

We will also have an opportunity to hear from someone in NSPS leadership giving us an update on national affairs and priorities. Our NSPS Director, Matt Ek will introduce our guest.

Wednesday OLD PORT PUB CRAWL

Pre-Conference Wednesday Social Time

Back by Popular Demand, our Old Port Pub Crawl ably lead by Camille Alden is always a treat for those who join us for the full evening or just part of it. Sample the best of the Old Port's legendary conviviality with your fellow surveyors! No reservation or notice needed. Just show up in the Regency lobby at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, January 28. **Cheers!**



The Regency HOTEL Reservation Details

The Regency Hotel has a reserved block of rooms for us the at \$159/night (*\$176 with tax*) for Wednesday and Thursday. This rate is guaranteed through **January 19, 2026**.

You can make reservations by phone at (207) 774-4200 using our group code: **MSLS26** or at [this dedicated web link](#).



Maine Society of Land Surveyors REGISTRATION Annual Conference, January 29 & 30, 2026 at The Regency Hotel in Portland, Maine

Individual (s): _____

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Type	Item	Price	Count	Sub-Total
MEMBER	Full Con'f, Legal Thur, Kent Fri	\$450		
MEMBER	Full Con'f, Kent Thur, Expert Fri	\$450		
MEMBER	Thur & Fri, No Banquet, Legal Thur, Kent Fri	\$375		
MEMBER	Thur & Fri, No Banquet, Kent Thur, Expert Fri	\$375		
MEMBER	Thur Only, Legal Track No Banquet	\$300		
MEMBER	Thur Only, Kent Track No Banquet	\$300		
MEMBER	Fri Only, Expert Track	\$300		
MEMBER	Fri Only, Kent Track	\$300		
WELCOME NEW MEMBER!	Join Today and use above MEMBER rates	\$250		
NON MEMBER	Full Con'f, Legal Thur, Kent Fri	\$650		
NON MEMBER	Full Con'f, Kent Thur, Expert Fri	\$650		
NON MEMBER	Thur & Fri, No Banquet, Legal Thur, Kent Fri	\$575		
NON MEMBER	Thur & Fri, No Banquet, Kent Thur, Expert Fri	\$575		
NON MEMBER	Thur Only, Legal Track No Banquet	\$450		
NON MEMBER	Thur Only, Kent Track No Banquet	\$450		
NON MEMBER	Fri Only, Expert Track	\$450		
NON MEMBER	Fri Only, Kent Track	\$450		
FRIDAY TECHNICIAN TRACK	1 seat SPECIAL	\$250	*Note Below	
FRIDAY TECHNICIAN TRACK	2-4 seats SPECIAL	\$500	*Note Below	
FRIDAY TECHNICIAN TRACK	5-8 seats SPECIAL	\$750	*Note Below	
FRIDAY TECHNICIAN TRACK	9-12 seats SPECIAL	\$1000	*Note Below	
NON ATTENDEE	Walk-in Thur Lunch + Exhibit Hall	\$50		
GUEST	Thursday Lunch	\$40		
GUEST	Thursday Banquet	\$85		
GUEST	Friday Lunch	\$40		
SPONSOR	Student Attendance Sponsorship Contribution	\$100		
SPONSOR	Full Student Attendance Sponsor Contribution	\$300		
			Total	

Dietary Restriction _____ Guest Name if Applicable _____

*List names of any register above Friday Technicians: _____

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Thank you!

Please Register by January 18!

See You in Portland!