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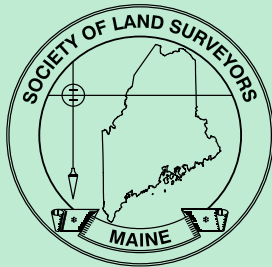
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Included with this issue is the
University of Maine Surveying
Engineering Technology
Spring 2025 Newsletter
courtesy of Ray Hintz.

President Ladd Addresses B&B Fundraising Drive

*Our B&B Charity Golf Tourney
followed the Spring Meeting at
Fogg Brook Resort in Palmyra
Photo by John Lloyd*



Approximately 65 members and guests attending our Spring Meeting hosted by Somerset Chapter. Colin Clark, State Shoreland Zoning Coordinator, Maine DEP addressed shoreland zoning rules and resource, including nonconforming structures expansions, dimensional requirements, setbacks and vegetation removal Jessica Damon, Director of the Licensing Division, Bureau of Land Resources, Maine DEP provided an overview of the Natural Resources Protection Act and recent updates to regulations. Sue Baker, Coordinator for the Floodplain Management spoke on what a surveyor needs to know about the National Flood Insurance Program, FEMA elevation certificates, flood hazard mapping, and Letters of Map Change.

Follow the meeting 4 teams playing in our B&B Fundraising Tourney raising an estimated \$660 to add to the fund, We want to especially thank our hole sponsors. We would like to thank our generous hole sponsors:

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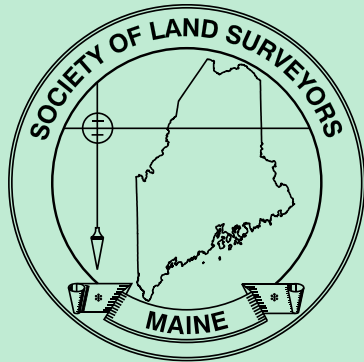


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Legislative Committee
 (Jonathan Stewart - Chair & Daniel Bernier, Esq.)

Nominating & Membership Committee
 (Cassandra Quintal - Chair)

Budget & Finance Committee (Jimmy Courbron)

Board of Licensure (Jonathan Stewart - Liaison)

NSPS (Matt Ek, NSPS Director)

SVT at UM (Stephen Gould - Liaison)

GIS (Greg Copeland - Liaison)

FEMA (Mark Carpenter - Liaison)

DOT (Guy Ladd - Liaison)

Education Committee - (Cassandra Quintal - Chair)

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

Historical Committee - (Levi Ladd - Chair)

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

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

Publications, FieldNotes and Website
 (Bruce Bourgoine)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Fogg Brook Resort – Palmyra, ME
 May 15, 2026

Members Present

Officers -	
President	Levi Ladd
Vice President	Jon Stewart
Treasurer	Jimmy Courbron
Secretary	Kevin Farrar
Directors -	
Androscoggin	Keith Morse
Penobscot-Hancock	Nate Rice
Narragansett	Wayne Wood
Somerset	Steve Gould
At Large	Judd Veer
Past President -	Cassandra Quintal
Executive Director -	Bruce Bourgoine

This is an abbreviated meeting to address items not covered at the general business meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Ladd at 11:48.

Secretary Report (Kevin Farrar) – The minutes from the Executive Committee meeting held via Zoom on April 9th were accepted as printed. Motion to accept the report was made by Wayne Wood, seconded by Keith Morse and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Jimmy Courbron) – The Betterment & Bereavement Fund contains about \$14,000. Jimmy said that the golf event this afternoon will add about \$500 to that. There is currently about \$53,400 in the MSLS checking account. The scholarship fund currently contains \$287,145, a gain of \$18,269 over the amount reported last month. Motion to accept the report was made by Wayne, seconded by Cassandra Quintal, passed unanimously.

Executive Dir. Report (Bruce Bourgoine) – No report. See Bruce's comments during the MSLS Spring business meeting.

Committee Reports – Waived. They were given at yesterday's business meeting.

Consent Agenda - May 15, 2026

<i>From Whom</i>	<i>MSLS Committee</i>	<i>Amount</i>
<i>Fogg Brook Resort</i>	<i>Venue (spring meeting)</i>	<i>\$2,911.95</i>
<i>Bruce Bourgoine</i>	<i>Exec. Director expenses – April</i>	<i>\$297.25</i>
<i>Bruce Bourgoine</i>	<i>Exec Director services - April</i>	<i>\$1,500.00</i>
Total		\$4,709.20
<i>Additions at meeting</i>		
<i>Fogg Brook Resort</i>	<i>MSLS Golf fundraiser</i>	<i>\$800.00</i>
<i>Lincoln Co. Publishing</i>	<i>Meeting book</i>	<i>\$501.60</i>
Grand total		\$6010.80

Motion to approve consent agenda was made by Wayne Wood, seconded by Keith Morse and passed unanimously.

Next ExCom meeting will be held at the Cabana on June 18th. After that, the annual ExCom meeting BBQ will be held on Thursday, August 6th at Wayne Wood's house in Gray.

Moved to adjourn at 11:53 by Wayne, seconded by Cass and passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted – *DRAFT*
 Kevin Farrar – MSLS Secretary



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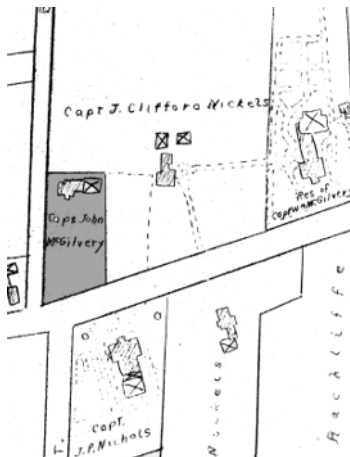
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Mid Maine People and Places Collection added to Museum Archives

By Cipperly Good, the Richard Saltonstall Jr. Curator of Maritime History

Recently deceased longtime PMM volunteer and MSLS member Don Garrold left a lasting mark through a recent donation of his research into the people and places of Searsport. Don made his career as a land surveyor, helping clients with deed work and surveying their property boundaries. In his retirement years, he brought that expertise to his work on Searsport's town tax assessment maps and historic maps found on the Town of Searsport's website.

At the same time, he was a reliable weekly presence in the Museum's Library and Archives, helping researchers track down the age of their houses and mining the depths of our holdings. He was a man who understood the need for organization, he created standard operating procedures for tasks to be completed, developed inventories and finding aids of our library and archives stacks, and kept us on the ball. Don undertook the big project to create a geographic information system (GIS) for all the historic maps of Searsport and modern-day town tax assessment maps. He housed the mapping system on the Museum's servers and donated photocopies of the historic maps he posted on the Town of Searsport's website in our Research Collection.



SEARSPORT MAP NAMES 1875 BATTICK

MAP NAME	ROAD NAME	MAP	LOT	ROLL	SFR B	FMR G	SBR R	CFN Y
NICKELS, CAPT J. CLIFFORD	BLACK ROAD	11	53, 55		1			
McGILVERY, CAPT JOHN	BLACK RD & E MAIN ST	11	54		1			
NICKELS, CAPT DAVID	BLACK ROAD	11	55A, 55B					
CARVER	EAST MAIN STREET	12	01, 02					
McGILVERY & LANE	EAST MAIN STREET	12	03					
LANE & CARVER SHIP YARD	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
CROSBY, O.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
MERITHEW BROS. SHIP YARD	EAST MAIN STREET	12	04					
WENTWORTH, MRS. E.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	05					
DUTCH, A.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	06					
HAVENER, I. W.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	07					
SHUTE, CAPT WM	EAST MAIN STREET	12	08	014/25				
NOYES, CAPT A.	EAST MAIN STREET	12	09					

Thursday, September 11, 2003

Page 5 of 14

Don and Faith Garrold traced the historic 1875 Leggett map of Searsport and cross-referenced the houses and properties listed on it with current-day tax assessment map and lot information and photographs of the houses.

Don as part of his legacy donated the research collection of Searsport's people and places to the Museum. "The Mid Maine People and Places Collection" contains the work that Don Garrold and Wayne Hamilton began in 2001. They initially set out to collect anecdotal data about Searsport historic and present-day wharves and shipyards. Their interviews covered a broader range of topics.

"The Spoken Word" portion of the collection includes interviews conducted in the first decade of the 21st century by Valerie Murphy and Colleen York. The interview process also unearthed data from closets and attics, and those became "The Written Story" portion of the collection. "The Mapped Location" portion of the collection compiles historic maps of Searsport. It also includes the research requests Don fielded as a PMM volunteer, which became "The Garrold Collection" portion. The collection includes 15 binders and a box of 44 cassette tapes.

"The Spoken Word" features 31 interviews covering Searsport-built, -captained, and -crewed vessels; the Port of Searsport, Mack Point WWII Ammunitions Depot, and piloting; as well as local residents, schools, government, landmarks, organizations, businesses, and memories of daily life and special events.

"The Written Story" collection contains 16 essays about the Searsport Post Office, wharves and shipyards, buildings, businesses, cargo shipping and piloting, disasters at sea, and town history.

"The Mapped Location" collection contains 14 historic maps dating from 1605 to 2006, as well as relevant information about those maps.

"The Garrold Collection" includes 11 projects completed at the Penobscot Marine Museum. These projects involve setting up the PMM Library GIS Computer drive to support storage and access for "The Written Story" and "The Mapped Location" collections; inventorying museum collections for the Mid Maine People and Places project; and a selection of Don's notes from research requests he completed as a museum volunteer.

This collection enables current and future researchers to tap into the rich resources Don uncovered in our archives and those he captured in his oral and written history reports. The museum sincerely appreciates Don and Faith sharing of this work with us!

*Don Garrold passed away on April 18 and his obituary was in our last issue.
Thank you Karl Olson for bringing this part of his legacy to our attention.*



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MSLS 2025 Fall General Membership Meeting Minutes

Fogg Brook Resort, Palmyra, ME
May 15, 2026



Officers Present:

President	Levi Ladd
Vice President	Jon Stewart
Secretary	Kevin Farrar
Treasurer	Jimmy Courbron

Also in attendance were a majority of chapter directors, some committee chairs and several MSLS members. Total attendance is about 35-40 people.

President Ladd thanked everyone for coming and opened the meeting at 11:20.

Secretary's Report (Kevin Farrar) – The minutes from the 2025 Annual general membership meeting held on January 29th at The Regency in Portland are on pages 4-6 of the meeting book. Motion to accept the minutes as printed by Wayne Wood, seconded by Cassandra Quintal and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report (Jimmy Courbron) – Jimmy asked to delay this. He is looking up the account balances.

Executive Director's Report (Bruce Bourgoine) – Bruce thanked everyone for coming and said his monthly reports are in the Executive Committee meeting minutes and updated information can be found on the website.

Legislative Committee (Jon Stewart) – There is a report on Page 7 of the meeting book. Jon highlights the new ADU laws in his report.

LIASON REPORTS:

NSPS (Matt Ek) – Matt is not in attendance. No report.

CMCC (Cassandra Quintal) – No report. See "Education Committee" report below.

Maine DOT (Guy Ladd) – No report.

FEMA (Marc Carpenter) – Mark's report is on page 7 of the meeting book. He outlines FEMA's new program on "archived flood data".



Registries (Kevin Sargent) – Jon Stewart files a report on page 8 of the meeting book. He met with the states Registrars about being able to use color plans for recordings. He explained that the registrars are currently limited by some technology issues (dpi, black and white) but said that they are warming up to the idea of allowing color on plans. Jon said that being able to submit maps digitally (not on mylar/paper) was brought up by them. Levi suggested we put a small task force together to work with the registrar’s group for some color plotting guidance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership (Cassandra Quintal) – No report.

Education Committee (Cassandra Quintal) – The spring course at CMCC has concluded. Tara Mullen is working to revamp the program with the college admin. Levi talked about the Tri-County Tech facility and his efforts to instruct some survey courses there. He encouraged members to reach out to their local community college

UMaine (Carlton Brown) – Carton gave an update on enrollment (slightly lower).

Scholarship Committee (John Lloyd & Steve Gould) – No report.

Benevolent & Betterment Fund Committee (Matt Ek) – No report.

Historical Committee (Tom Blake) – Levi spoke about his project to add historical references into a spreadsheet so that members will have a way to find historic survey records.

Board of Licensure (Jon Stewart) – Jon’s report is on Page 8 of the meeting book. The last meeting was held on April 28th. There were 4 complaints heard. The first was tabled with a request for more information from the licensee and the complainant. The second was dismissed for lack of sufficient evidence of a violation. The third was dismissed with a letter of guidance to be placed in the surveyors file for 2 years. The fourth was referred to the Attorney General’s office regarding unlicensed practice. Jon said that the new rules for LSIT’s allow for the work experience of working under a licensed surveyor to be at any time, not just after passing the LSIT exam.

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Androscoggin (Keith Morse) – Keith’s report is page 8 of the meeting book. The chapter met on April 14th to generate some historic survey records information for Levi Ladd’s project of creating an index.

Crown of Maine (Spencer Caron) – The Chapter is working to compile historic survey record data.

Hancock/Penobscot – The Chapter met at UMaine on May 13th with two vendors who demonstrated drones and other new technology.

MidCoast Chapter (Karl Olson) – No report.

Narragansett Chapter (Wayne Wood) – The report is on Page 9. The last meeting was held on April 23rd at the City of Portland “survey vault” at the Public Works Department on Canco Road.

Somerset Chapter (Steve Gould) – No report.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – In the meeting book starting on Page 28, there are proposed changes to MSLS bylaws. Levi went over some of the proposed changes, including the creation of a “Vanguard Committee” for newer and younger surveyors, which would also be a new voting member of ExCom. Another change is formalizing a 2 year term for officers. Cassandra asked about election sequencing. Elections would be coordinated to be every other year. The plan for these changes is to introduce this here, let members have time to review them and then vote on adopting the changes at the MSLS fall meeting.

Moved to adjourn at 11:47am by Wayne Wood, seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted - Kevin Farrar, MSLS Secretary





YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK

2026 NATIONAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

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NSPS Young Surveyors Network (YSN) is excited to announce that applications are opening **May 1st** for our 2026 National Mentorship Program — and we're asking for your help to share this opportunity across your state and professional networks.



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PROGRAM DETAILS

- Mentorship occurs in 1:1 pairings
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 - State
 - Timezone
 - Topics of interest
- Nationwide reach
- Diverse fields of practice
- Tailored Guidance
- Flexible Engagement
- Professional & Personal Growth



MENTORSHIP TOPICS

- Conflict Resolution & Problem Solving
- Ethics & Professionalism
- Importance of Licensure and Certification
- Networking with Peers & Clients
- Teamwork & Communication
- Industry & Emerging Technology
- Understanding the Surveyor's Role in a Multidisciplinary Industry
- Work-Life Balance & Time Management
- Leadership: Project & People Management
- Business Ownership: The Entrepreneurial Path



TIMELINE

- **MAY**
Applications open
- **JUNE**
Program participants finalized
- **JULY**
Program onboarding and pairings
- **AUGUST - OCTOBER**
Mentorship sessions
- **NOVEMBER**
Program data processing

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Calendar Notes...



Summer FieldNotes

There will be two Summer issues of *FieldNotes*, One in the first half of July and one in the latter half of August. **Submissions welcome!**

Narragansett Chapter Meeting

June 4 at 5:30 PM

At the office of R.W. Eaton Associates, 58 Pleasant St., Westbrook
Topic: MSLS Fall Meeting preparations

June ExCom

June 18 at 6:00 PM

At the “Cabana” in Wales
Zoom access will also be available.

NHLSA 2026 Summer Quarterly Seminar & Meeting

June 25 from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Baldwin Center at the Fox State Forest in Hillsborough, NH
Woodland education, food, and surveying adventures
More information can be [found here](#)

Summer ExCom Cookout & Meeting

August 6 at 5:30 PM

At Wayne Wood's residence in Gray, Maine.
Zoom access will be available at 6:30 PM.

Women Surveyors Summit

September 17 - 19

The Westgate Hotel, San Diego, California
More information can be [found here](#)

The Parting Shot....



This Summer's reminder to always Dig Safe!

*Email your interesting surveying or Maine
“Parting Shot” to editor@msls.org!*

University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology Spring 2026 Newsletter

<https://mcec.umaine.edu/svt/>

<https://online.umaine.edu/online-surveying-engineering-technology-programs/>

The SVT faculty is pleased to share with you this information. We try to get the newsletter to more people/email addresses including more emails of surveying degrees prior to SVT and friends of SVT. If you know of someone who is not getting this (and should) please tell Ray. Any work or family related information you want in the next newsletter please email Ray ray.hintz@maine.edu.

If you are an alumni, please review <https://mcec.umaine.edu/svt/alumni/>. If you are not on the list tell Ray. If you are missing a license designation (FS, PS, PE, etc.) tell Ray. We want this list to be "correct".

New Industrial Advisory Committee (IAC) Members

Since Claire Kiedrowski is now SVT faculty so she could no longer serve on IAC and Claire suggested Tara Mullen, PLS ME as her replacement. David Humphrey retired from IAC duties and suggested John Lloyd, PLS MA as his replacement. SVT welcomes Tara and John to IAC.

Graduates / Fundamental of Survey exam results

If I missed someone tell me. This is not easy due to our numbers! Congratulations!

Note in next sections "LSIT" is used to indicate passed FS exam and has nothing to do with individual state definitions of the term. In addition all graduation lists imply May 2026 except we missed Michael Fletcher of the Ireland on an earlier list so added here. Some are waiting for FS exam results.

Bachelor of Science in Surveying Engineering Technology

Thomas Berry, LSIT ME	Devin McMonagle, LSIT NJ
Joseph Byam ME	David Meacher, LSIT MI
Vincent Campanella, LSIT NJ	Patrick Parsatoon, LSIT NY
Kevin Devito FL	Dean Perez-Simons, PLS NC
Brooks Elder, LSIT OH	Bill Ponzio, LSIT NJ
Michael Fletcher, Ireland	Jesse Stice, LSIT DC
Ethan Frazee, LSIT NJ	Greg Struble, LSIT NJ
Sean Fred, LSIT CO	Dylan Tolbert, LSIT NJ
Javier Gonzalez NJ	Owen Tull ME
Nicholas Hallahan, LSIT CA	Dan Watson, LSIT PA
Liam Hanahan, LSIT NY	Greg Weller, LSIT OH
Peter Kelton, LSIT NJ	David Yeaples PA
Allyson Kitchens, LSIT NH	Alex Zasso, LSIT CA

Undergraduate Certificate in Surveying Engineering Technology

Killian Coleman MA	Joel Prado IN
Paul DiLandro NY	Chelsea Roberge NH
Ryan Donahue ME	Jason Schoonover SC
Craig Ferrari MA	Anna Schulz WI
Alex Foster RI	James Talbott KY
Alexander Frank ME	
Roman Hancel RI	Victor Vuong MA
Christopher Jamieson ME	Bennett Whatcott SC
Adam McNevin MA	Brett White TX
Carl Piacenza NH	Brian Willig NJ

Master of Science in Engineering Technology, Surveying Engineering Concentration

Christopher Blaze, PLS PA
Schuyler Van Pelt, LSIT MA
David Jumaa, LSIT UT
Jonathan Murphy, PLS, NC

Doctorate of Engineering in Engineering Technology Surveying Engineering Technology concentration

Joseph Fenicle, PLS, OH *Samuel Stinson Gannett the State Line Boundary Retracement Specialist and The 1915 Survey of the Ohio – Michigan State Line*
Matthew Mokanyk, PLS, MI *Manual of Instructions for the Survey of Wireless Sites in the United States*
Jacob Petry, PLS, WV *A Surveyor's Guide to Acquiescence and Related Equitable Doctrines: Practical Interpretations from West Virginia Court Decisions*

Thesis will be downloadable soon from <https://digitalcommons.library.umaine.edu> . Carlton's PhD thesis has been downloaded 669 times and Rich's MS thesis has been downloaded 2499 times!
Congratulations to our first doctorates!

New Surveying Licenses etc. (and ones I never listed before, in order I found out)

Please email Ray when you receive a new license as trying to figure this out online is not easy. I am worried I am missing a lot of your licenses. Congratulations!

Greg Struble NJ national part	Grayson Amacker MS
Dan Watson PA national part	Christopher Blaze ME
Alexander Zasso CA national part	Anthony Kraiger IN
Jared Harbold PA	Joshua Mills MD
Seth Sullivan KY national part	Jason Smith NJ
Elizabeth Mason ID	Wil Robbins MI
Dan Watson PA	Douglas Leslie GA
Mohamed Badr TN	Brandon Key NV, KY
Doug Goldspeil NJ national part	Steve Hyde DC, HI
Johnny Kind WI national part	William Heft ID
Saidou Wane OH	Paul Ruopp WI
Justin Bewley NJ	

Passed the Fundamentals of Surveying exam (in order I found out)

Congratulations!

Kevin Bergman SD (cert)	Peter Kelton NJ
Aaron Gonick MI	Dylan Tolbert NJ
Jayden Taylor ME	Evan Hartig MI
Jack Wolfenden ME	Marcy Noot MI
Dan Watson PA	Thomas Berry ME
Mark Manevich MA	Patrick Parsatoon NY
Brooks Elder OH	Tyler Saia RI (cert)
Greg Weller OH	Allyson Kitchens NH
Jesse Stice DC	Ethan Frazee NJ
Johnny Kind WI	Kirklan Doherty MA
Bill Ponzio NJ	Eric Eaton MA (cert)
Devin McMonagle NJ	Ben Kosalek NH (cert)
Mike Roise CT	

Scholarships

While historically we list all scholarships in the spring newsletter, an amazing donation has resulted in a special caveat that is large enough we cannot list all recipients. See the bottom of <https://ncees.org/foundation/funded-recipients/>. The NCEES Foundation provided \$100,000 for 100 \$1000 scholarships. All have been awarded. SVT thanks the NCEES Foundation for such an amazing donation. Note also our Foundation accounts based on investment income awarded in total \$15160.

Olivia Cranmer NSPS/NJSPLS scholarship
Marcus Allison U Maine transfer scholarship
Luke Patterson MSLS scholarship
Parker Day MSLS scholarship
Jack Morrissey MSLS scholarship
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Marissa Brock Andrew J. Shyka Scholarship
Sean Fred Brian Kelly Surveying Scholarship
Mike Roise Carol & George Gay New England Scholarship
Emily Erickson, Col-East Scholarship, Fritz Petersohn Memorial SVT scholarship
William Arcano Geomatics Soc. Of New Eng. Ellsworth V. Stanley Scholarship
Tim Clark Geomatics Soc. Of New Eng. Ellsworth V. Stanley Scholarship
Vincent DiMeglio Gunther Engineering SVT Scholarship
Jayson Roth Plisga & Day SVT Scholarship
Sean Lanigan Robert P. Titcomb Memorial Scholarship
David Yeaples, Virginia and Roger Ferguson New England Scholarship
Robert Rogers, Maine GIS User Group Scholarship
Conner Kovac, Online Scholarship Commitment
John Rubin, NJSPLS Scholarship

Enrollment

As of January 2026, we have approximately 210 students in BS SVT, 81 students in the SVT undergraduate certificate, 36 surveying graduate students in grad certificate or masters, and 33 in the doctorate. Across all our degrees and certificates we have students from 48 states! We receive great support from Division of Lifelong Learning's (DLL) undergraduate retention and enrollment specialist Tessa Smith.

Professional Science Masters (PSM) in Surveying Engineering, Graduate Certificate in Surveying Engineering, and Master of Science in Engineering Technology Surveying Engineering Concentration news

Our enrollment is 36 students in the completely on-line programs this spring. Kimberly Lai is our amazing online support specialist for the graduate programs.

Doctorate of Engineering in Engineering Technology Surveying Engineering Technology concentration

The first doctorates have graduated effective May 2026. We are very happy with the impact this has on surveying education in the United States. Kimberly again provides amazing support.

NSPS Student Chapter

The student chapter has weekly meetings and had a strong presence at MSLS and NHLSA meetings. They are congratulated for what they contribute to our program. In April 2026 the NSPS student chapter's team earned 3rd place in the NSPS National Student Competition where the number of competitors is approximately 20! The student's fundraising campaign was very successful thanks to their enthusiasm and your contributions.

Foundation

The Foundation accounts (see scholarships) had a great investment year (except for very recent times) and reached total amounts exceeding \$750000. We are very proud of our donors and hope some of you reading this will consider contributing. Karen Kemble at the Foundation has been a great supporter of SVT and managing donations.

Donations

As Oscar Emerson has done, consider donating survey records to the U Maine library under the supervision of library employee and SVT doctorate candidate Paul Smitherman. The information will be publicly available "forever".

Topcon Technology and Education Agreement

Thanks Topcon we are really enjoying teaching with modern equipment provided by you!

Francis Crowe Distinguished Nominee

Congratulations Rick!

Rick Howard BSSVT'89

Rick Howard brings decades of experience to his current self employed title since 2007. Self employed as North by Northeast he specializes in surveying and mapping in the northeast with extensive utility and industrial experience. Rick is an active member of our SVT Industrial Advisory Committee. Along with his great accomplishments he also started a new undergraduate scholarship fund alongside the UMaine Foundation supported by alumni of the program. Rick's photo is on the next page.



SVT graduation graduate degree photos (Ray & Carlton photo-bombed the smart people)



Matthew O'Bryan (OH) MS, Schuyler Van Pelt (MA) MS, Matthew Mokanyk (MI) Doc., Joseph Fenicle (OH) Doc., Jacob Petry (WV) Doc., Ray, Carlton, David Jumaa (UT) MS



David Ogden (OH) MS is on your left.
David O. took 1st photo, David J. took 2nd photo.

Faculty News

Knud Hermansen (retired) has been teaching more than before he retired and without his contributions we would not be what we are today. In addition he has built an incredible “second” home in the wilds of Arcadia, FL.

Ray Hintz spent the previous academic year leading the doctoral candidates towards peer reviewed publication, thesis, and graduation.

Carlton Brown has a very strong dedication to the plane surveying class that large numbers of certificate and BS students in SVT take. He also is a critical component of review of the doctorate journal papers before they are submitted to peer review. He will begin serving as full graduate faculty in fall with graduate teaching and advising.

Rich Vannozi has added the Route Surveying class to his usual Autocad 1 and Surveying for Civil Engineers classes. He also teaches the Team Workflows course which focuses on modern teamwork and leadership approaches in surveying. He continues to steer the live first year students to success and advises the student chapter. He attends the NSPS student competition with the students.

Joseph McNichols has been serving as SVT undergraduate coordinator since October and will continue in that role till May. He taught SVT 352 Practical Field Operations and SVT 437 Practical GNSS this spring.

Claire Kiedrowski joined the faculty in September and taught SVT 341 Advanced Surveying and SVT 331 Photogrammetry this spring. Her professional knowledge in photogrammetry and mapping add an incredible component to our program. She is completing her masters degree in engineering technology SVT concentration while teaching.

Steve Adam continues to teach SVT 475 Small Business Management which has become one of the most successful CED courses at the University of Maine. It has recently been expanded to two sections in the spring and fall semesters. Note a wide variety of students not in SVT also take the course.