

March 2008 ACSM Government Affairs Update

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National Geospatial Advisory Committee –UPDATE. Last month, I reported that ACSM was shut out of the selection for the National Geospatial Advisory Committee. I was informed at the recent Joint Government Affairs Committee meeting in Spokane that Allen Carroll, who was selected to the NGAC is a member of ACSM. However, it was confirmed at the JGAC meeting that no member of NSPS was selected to the NGAC. The Joint Government Affairs Committee asked NSPS to write a letter to the Department of Interior voicing our disappointment that nobody from NSPS was selected to the committee.

State of Delaware Issues Proclamation for National Surveyor's Week. I recently received a notice from Margaret A. Foreit, Administrative Specialist III, Delaware Department of State Division of Professional Regulation that the Governor of Delaware, Ruth Ann Minner issued a proclamation recognizing March 16 through March 22, 2008 as National Surveyor's Week. We are in the process of posting the proclamation on the ACSM website.

Railroad Monumentation Language Approved by ACSM Congress. After much discussion and deliberation, the NSPS Board of Governors, Board of Directors and ACSM Congress approved language that we will work to insert into federal legislation relating to abandoned railroad monumentation. As you know, this has been a long lasting issue among surveyors; now, with the clear and concise language drafted by the committee tasked with bringing it together, we will finally make some headway toward fixing the problem. Congratulations to Debi Anderson and the rest of her committee on a job well done.

New ACSM COFPAES Delegate named. As mentioned in the last Government Affairs Update, ACSM COFPAES Delegate Rick Allen was elected to the position of COFPAES Chairman for 2008. His election brought the need for a new Delegate to COFPAES. During the Joint Government Affairs Committee meeting in Spokane, Joe Dolan was nominated and named to be the new ACSM COFPAES Delegate. Congratulations, Joe!