



The 1<sup>st</sup> FIG Young Surveyors North American Meeting was held in sunny San Diego, California on April 14 – 15 2014. The 25 enthusiastic surveyors from 15 states had a lively discussion on how to establish a Young Surveyors presence and program within North America. The first day started with an introduction to NSPS, FIG, FIG Foundation and the FIG Young Surveyors Network to get inspired and by staking out the pathway for the 2 days meeting. Curt Sumner, executive director of NSPS, lead a round table discussion on the current needs and views of NSPS towards the Young Surveyors and Young Professionals. The discussion pointed out that there is the need for interaction, collaboration and communication between the young and the more seasoned professionals. Mr. Bryn Fosburgh followed Mr. Sumner presenting his view on the current and future trends of surveying. He encouraged Young Surveyors and Professionals to embrace new technology and new applications. Mr. Shannon Hixon continued the dialogue regarding the changing role of the surveyors. Mr. William Stone got everyone excited about the new horizontal and vertical datum planned to be introduced in 2022. Mr. Don Buhler updated our group on the current status of BLM and the future developments. Also important and inspiring was that the leadership within BLM was handed over to 35 year old Mr Neil Kornze. We rounded up the day with an interactive feedback session.

Day 2 launched with participants recapping the outcome from day 1 and started to collect ideas on how to establish and form the Network. These ideas included Mission and Vision statements, how to organize, how to communicate and identification of future events. The discussion focused on mutual benefits for NSPS, State societies and Young Surveyors and Young Professionals. In preparation of the presentation to the NSPS Governors, responsibilities were assigned to participants of the meeting to build relationships with various states. Capitalizing on the opportunity to present to the NSPS Board of Governors, the representatives of FIG Young Surveyors Network and North American Network presented their goals, mission and vision and how to collaborate with NSPS and the State societies. At the presentation to the Governors it was seen that there is an enthusiastic response to establish such a Network. Based on this response, we saw the need to develop and define our role more clearly. We will communicate the development of the Network and future activities to NSPS and the State societies. The meeting followed by a presentation given by Mr. Joe Paiva on UAVs for surveying application by showing opportunities for surveyors. The second part of his presentation was introducing us to Geolearn, which is an online education program that could benefit surveyors of all ages. The group walked away extremely educated, enthusiastic, motivated and determined to work on establishing the Young Surveyors and Young Professionals Network within NSPS Associations.

We appreciate the support that we have received from NSPS and look forward to work with all of you and your State societies... we definitely see a bright future... and look forward to growing the Network and establishing new friendships.

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We truly appreciate all the support and look forward to meeting all of you in the near future!!!

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