

**“WHEN I’M 64”**  
**64<sup>th</sup> VAS ANNUAL CONVENTION AND MEETING**  
**JANUARY 26, 27 AND 28, 2012, WILLIAMSBURG, VA**

On behalf of the Convention Committee, I would like to cordially extend an invitation to all VAS members to attend the upcoming annual meeting January 26 through 28, 2012 at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg, VA. With respect to the fact that this year has been an especially difficult one for our profession and industry, the Committee has shortened the annual meeting program in an effort to keep the event representative of these current and difficult economic times; and, towards this end, the Committee has worked especially hard this year to develop a program that we hope all VAS members will find informative and interesting.

**Hotel reservations must be made by December 9, 2011. The rate is \$139.00 for single or double room.**

**Reservations must be made directly with the Williamsburg Lodge and please use Group Code 6662**

Online: <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/6662>  
Toll Free at 800-261-9530, using Group Code 6662

The **Exhibit Hall** will open at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, with the President’s Reception and open again on Friday, January 28, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be no exhibits on Saturday morning.

The **Annual Banquet & Casino Night** will be held on Friday evening with the social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. ending at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Casino Night will be 9:00 pm to 12 Midnight. There will be a cash bar available.

The **general membership meeting will be held on Saturday morning** beginning at 9:00 a.m. and ending at 12 noon.

### **Silent Auction**

The silent auction will be held again this year. As always we are looking for items to be donated by the chapters or individuals. These items do not have to be survey related. Donations can be brought to the Auxiliary booth starting on Thursday at Noon or sent to the Central Office by January 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to seeing everyone in Williamsburg. The silent auction will be open at the President’s Reception and all day Friday in the Exhibit Hall. All proceeds go to the Education Trust for scholarships. The auction will close at the last seminar break on Friday.

### **Annual Plat Contest**

The Annual Plat Contest will be held during the 64th Annual Convention and Meeting, January 26-28, 2012. The categories are the same as the 2011 ACSM/NSPS Plat Competition.

Entries may be machine or hand-drafted and have a maximum plat size of 34”x 44”. While each submission must be a single sheet drawing, the drawing may be part of a set. Entries must have been prepared within 30 months prior to the mailing deadline. All entries will be judged on adherence to the minimum standards as set forth by NSPS and VAS. The judges will consider interpretability, content and layout of data shown, presentation, innovation, applicability to typical client or persons using this type of plat, and correctness. Neatness and accuracy of scale will also be considered. All plats must be signed and sealed with a label stating

'FOR PLAT CONTEST USE ONLY'. Each plat must also be labeled with the name of the category in which it is being submitted. Contest winners will be announced at the Awards Banquet on January 28th.

### ***Plat Categories***

Subdivision Plats	Topographical Maps
ALTA/ACSM Survey Maps	Miscellaneous Maps
Boundary/Cadastral Maps	

The first and second place winners in each category can also be entered in the NSPS Map/Plat Contest. First and Second place plaques will be awarded for each category.

Mail your entries to: Judy Hite, 8752 Landmark Road, Richmond, VA 23228

Your entries for each firm or branch office must be received along with the entry fee of \$35.00 (for one to six plats) by January 6, 2012. Please make checks payable to the Virginia Association of Surveyors, Inc.

### **Spouse Program**

The Spouse Program will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 26 & 27, 2012

Welcome to the 2012 VAS Spouse's Program. For the spouses or significant others that will be in early on Thursday, we will hit the Premium Outlets for some shopping followed by a scrumptious afternoon tea at the Williamsburg Inn. On Friday, we begin the day with a 9:30 am tour of Bassett Hall-the Rockefellers residence while in Williamsburg. We will then tour the Dewitt Wallace and Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Museums followed by a short bus ride to the Williamsburg Winery for a tour, tasting and lunch. I hope to see you all in Williamsburg.

### **Awards Banquet and Casino Night**

We cordially invite you to attend our Annual Banquet and Casino Night. Our banquet will be a little different for 2012 since the Saturday Luncheon has been deleted. We will be installing new state and chapter officers as well as presenting plat contest and other various awards. Immediately following the banquet, we are going to have a Casino Night.

Come join us for three fun filled hours of hanging out with old and new friends, while trying your luck at assorted casino games.

Everyone attending the Awards Banquet will be given \$1000 in chips to start the night and from that generate your fortune. For those who don't bet wisely and run out of chips, there will be a table manned by a VAS helper where you can purchase more chips on a cash basis.

At the end of the night everyone will use their winnings to bid on fabulous door prizes donated by our Vendors and by VAS. Curt and Sandra Sumner will serve as your hosts for the evening and Chip Richardson has volunteered to Emcee the auction at the end of the night.

A cash bar will be available along with an area to rest and socialize with friends.

The most important note to this planned night of fun is to honor the memory of a longtime friend of VAS, its members and vendors across the state. This Fall we lost Rich Williams in a tragic and sudden way. He was a friend to many with the surveying community. His laugh and smile was infectious to all. I am sure

there will be toasts and stories throughout the night honoring Rich's memory. One way we plan to honor Rich is to attend this function "SOCKLESS", guys and gals. As friends of Rich will remember, the man didn't like to wear socks ever!!! I am sure Rich is tooling around God's country without socks on.

Come and join us for a night of games and fun and to honor a close friend who left us way too early!!!!

Please register early as there will be a cutoff in attendance so that we can be sure we have enough gaming tables and dealers on hand.

## **Hospitality Suite**

VAS members, affiliates, and their guests are invited to come and enjoy the Hospitality Suite at the 2010 Annual Meeting and Convention. The suite will be staffed and will be open according to the following schedule:

Wednesday – Open this evening for those arriving early

Thursday – 10:00 p.m. until midnight

Friday – 12:00 midnight until 2:00 a.m.

The Hospitality Suite will not be open on Saturday. If anyone needs to use the suite for a meeting, please contact Craig Brown to arrange a time.

## **Seminars for the 64th VAS Annual Convention**

Tech Session I: “**Business Growth for Virginia Surveyor**” – Bill Gilliland, Action Coach, Staunton, Virginia

Course Objectives: Learn how to create a practical 90-day plan. By planning on a day to day basis, it becomes possible to know which direction to orient efforts so the owner and the business arrive at the intended destination. This new sense of focus and clarity makes it easier to make decisions to profitably grow any business.

Topics to be covered include: A review of your specific business; A thorough situational analysis; Redefining your business vision; A detailed gap analysis; Setting SMART goals; and Building your 90 day plan.

Tech Session II: “**Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System**” – David Doyle, NOAA, Maryland.

During the next decade, enhancements and additions to the network of Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) including; the U.S. Global Positioning System, Russian GLONASS, European Union GALILEO and China's COMPASS will significantly improve the use of space-based positioning systems for surveying, mapping, charting, navigation and numerous other applications. In order to meet the anticipated demands for an improved geospatial framework that these developments will require, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is implementing a plan for the modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). One of the significant elements of this plan calls for the adoption of an entirely new reference system with updated geometric (horizontal) and gravimetric (vertical) realizations that will replace the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). This new reference system will be defined to be more closely aligned to the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) with heights based exclusively on gravity observations. This presentation will highlight the rationale for these changes, the various elements that currently define NSRS and describe the activities NGS is making to improve the capacity of and access to NSRS in support of this transition.

Tech Session III: “**Basics of Laser Scanning**” - Josh Rayburn, LSIT, HDS S.E. Regional Manager, Leica, Atlanta, Georgia.

The basics of laser scanning class will enhance your knowledge and understanding of laser scanning. During the entirety of the class one will not only learn the differences in scanning technologies and the technical areas of hardware/software, but also how to market, understand return on investment, field to finish of a scan project, the proposal stage, how to sell the solution to your customers, plus many other added benefits. Throughout the presentation we will jump into live examples to help give added value to what is being discussed. Hope to see you there.

Tech Session IV: “**What did you REALLY MEAN – The Intent of the Parties**” - Kristopher Kline, PLS, 2Point Inc., Alexander N.C.

This general principle brings together Dedication/Acceptance of Easements, Intent regarding the words in a Deed, and Adverse Possession. Then will follow segments on “Color of Title” “Courtroom preparation – Tips and Tricks”.

Thursday seminars separately will have 4 PDH's/4 CE Units for licensed surveyors.

Thursday seminars combined will have 8 PDH's/8 CE Units for licensed surveyors.

Friday seminars will have 8 PDH's/8 CE Units for licensed surveyors.

NOTE: Please be sure to check off which Technical Session(s) you plan to attend as space will be limited. Also, printing of the handouts will be based on preregistration headcount numbers. Therefore, manuals and handouts may not be available to late arrivals or persons not indicating on the registration form the Technical Session(s) they plan to attend.

## **2012 PRELIMINARY CONVENTION PROGRAM** **64th Annual VAS Meeting and Convention**

### **Thursday, January 26, 2012**

- 7:30am to 8:00am – Technical Sessions I & II Sign-in Desk – Tidewater Room
- 8:00am to 12:00noon - Technical Session I – “*Business Growth for Virginia Surveyor*” Tidewater Room
- 10:00am to 4:00pm – Spouse Program – meet in lobby of hotel
- 12:00noon to 1:00pm - Lunch for Tech Sessions I&II Registrants & board members – Lodge Dining Room (must have ticket)
- 1:00pm to 5:00pm – Technical Session II – “*Modernization of the National Spatial Reference System*” - Tidewater Room
- 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Convention Registration – Colony Room
- 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Board of Directors Meeting – Allegheny Room A&B
- 3:00pm to 4:00pm - Affiliates Meeting – Colony Room
- 3:30pm to 4:30pm – ETSU, Northern Virginia Apprenticeship Program, and other Educational Institutions Meeting – Hospitality Suite
- 5:30pm to 7:00pm - Exhibit Hall Opens with President’s Reception – Colony Room
- 7:00pm to 9:00pm - Reception hosted by Leica Geosystems – room TBD

### **Friday, January 27, 2012**

- 7:30am to 4:00pm - Convention Registration – Colony Room
- 7:00am to 4:00pm - Exhibit Hall Open – Colony Room (breaks and lunch in exhibit hall)
- 7:30am to 8:00am – Technical Session III & IV- Sign-in Desk – TBD
- 8:00am to 5:00pm - Tech Session III – “*Basics of Laser Scanning*” - Allegheny Room
- 8:00am to 5:00pm - Tech Session IV- “*What did you REALLY MEAN – The Intent of the Parties*” – Tidewater Room
- 8:00am to 3:00pm - Spouses Program – meet in hotel lobby
- 12:00 noon to 1:30pm - Lunch for Tech Sessions III & IV Registrants and Affiliates – Colony Room
- 12:00 noon to 1:30pm - Foundation Meeting and Lunch – Piedmont Room AB
- 3:30pm to 4:30pm - VAS Auxiliary Meeting –
- 6:00pm to 7:00pm – Social Hour prior to Banquet – Virginia Foyer
- 7:00pm to 12 midnight – Awards Banquet & Casino Night – Virginia Room DEF  
installation of officers and plat contest awards

### **Saturday, January 28, 2012**

- 9:00am to 12:00 noon - Annual General Membership Meeting – Colony Room ABCD

