

ASPS Notice of Nominations for 2018 Election

ASPS President, Jay Young, has appointed a Nomination Committee chaired by ASPS member, James Montgomery. Other committee members were Terry Cleaver, Jeff Jones, and Roger Gilley. The committee has submitted the following candidates for ASPS Officers and Directors for the 2018 election. Pursuant to the ASPS Bylaws, any ten voting members of ASPS may submit in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer additional nominees for the positions listed below. If they are eligible and their nominations are accompanied by a statement from them that they are willing to be a candidate, their name shall be placed on the ballot. Any additional nominees must be submitted before March 1, 2018. An email with a link to vote will be sent to our voting members by March 19, 2018. If you prefer to receive a ballot by snail mail please inform the ASPS office by March 1, 2018.

For President...



Mike Wright, PS Mr. Wright earned his Professional Surveyors license in 2011. He has been certified by the AHTD in areas of Control Surveys, Design Surveys, Boundary Surveys & Digital Leveling. Working with the AHTD has allowed him to survey in multiple areas of the State of Arkansas, meet and network with many other Professional Surveyors, and experience how surveying is practiced in these areas. He has been involved in setting up GPS control networks for local municipalities. He has attended several training seminars sponsored by AHTD, a Surveying program at Northwest Technical Institute and GPS training courses. He enjoys being a part of a historic profession and working with the ASPS Board of Directors.

For President Elect...



Danny Boyett, PS Danny lives in Friendship, Arkansas and is married with five children. He received his BS in Biology from Henderson State University in 1999 and a MS in Geospatial Surveying Engineering from Texas A&M Corpus Christi in 2010. Danny began surveying in 2001 and became a registered surveyor in 2012. He joined B&F Engineering, Inc. in Hot Springs, AR in 2010. He is a member of the Arkansas Society of Professional Surveyors and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Danny enjoys the history and analytical aspects of surveying. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time with family and friends and spending time outdoors.

For Immediate Past President...



Jay Young, PS I began my surveying career in 1994 in the Wyoming Army National Guard. In 1999 I moved to Arkansas where I worked as a Party Chief for the Larkin Group in Russellville and for Hight Surveying in Bigelow. I received my LSIT in 2000 and my Arkansas PLS in 2001. I was hired to run the surveying department of Development Consultants, Inc in January 2002. While working there, I took classes and earned both a Land Survey Certificate and my Associates Degree. I've expanded my reach as a professional surveyor by getting licensed in Mississippi, Tennessee, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. I have successfully completed the Certified Federal Surveyor training from the BLM and obtained my CFedS certification. I took a military leave of absence from December 2003 thru March 2005 to serve in Operation Iraqi Freedom as a Platoon Sergeant of a Combat Engineer Company. Upon my return from Iraq, I was offered the opportunity to open a new office for Development Consultants, Inc in Fayetteville. I have managed our firm's Fayetteville office since moving here in 2005 and have been made a Partner of the firm. I served as ASPS District 1 Director from 2008-2011 and have served as President since Spring of 2017.

For Secretary/Treasurer...



Charlie Storey, PLS Charlie is a 1977 Graduate of Purdue University. He has a Bachelor of Science in Land Surveying. He is a 1985 Graduate of BLM/Forest Service Advanced Cadastral Surveying. Since 1985 he has been a Forest Land Surveyor for the Ouachita National Forest. Charlie lives in Hot Springs, Arkansas. He is a Past President of ASPS.

For NSPS Governor...



Lanny Beavers, PS Lanny is the Director of Surveys for Garver LLC in Little Rock, Arkansas. His diverse work includes being the Director of Surveys for all the survey departments with Garver LLC offices located in Texas, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, and Florida. Lanny is licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor in Arkansas and Mississippi. He was ASPS President in 2009. Mr. Beavers and his wife Sherry have been married for 32 years and reside in Hot Springs Village. His major hobbies include radio broadcasting and website design. He owns two of the largest sports websites in Arkansas.

For Vice President...



Terry Cleaver, PS After graduating from the surveying and drafting program at Petit Jean Vocational and Technical School in Morrilton (now UACCM) in 1984 I worked on field crews and eventually in the office for three different companies before becoming a partner in Lachowsky-Cleaver Surveying Inc. in Conway County, AR. I eventually became the principal owner of that company and changed the name to Landmark Surveying Inc. and continued to operate until 2003. At that time I made a career change and became a surveying instructor at UACCM where I will complete my 15th year in that same position at the end of this semester. I have been a member of ASPS for many years and have served on different committees through that time as well as write an article in the Point of Intersection under Campus Corner informing members of the happenings concerning UACCM's surveying program. I certainly believe ASPS is a worthy organization that truly represents the best interests of surveyors in Arkansas and I look forward to serving in the capacity of Vice-President if elected.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

Since I have been a member of ASPS I have often wondered why all surveyors (PS's, SI's potential licensees, survey techs, etc.) are not members of the only professional organization in Arkansas representing their interests in an array of matters pertinent to our profession. From the very beginning I instill the importance of that to my students and continue to do that while they are finishing their surveying education. I am very proud of former students who are members and take leadership roles in the society. I would like to see ASPS take a more active role in recruiting those individuals mentioned above into our membership. The more people we have within the ranks makes us stronger as one voice.

Being in education and the fact that as of January 2017 the Board requires at least an associate degree with a minimum of 30 college credit hours of surveying specific classes for licensure, we as an association of surveyors must be proactive in our support of surveying education in Arkansas. That starts with continuing to award the John Shield's Scholarship to deserving surveying students each year. We also need to look at other ways to introduce students and potential students into our profession such as paid internships while a student and incentives to pass the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam for licensure as Surveying Intern (SI) just as a couple of examples. Our median age for Professional Surveyors in Arkansas continues to rise each year and it is up to us to reverse that trend.

One last goal I would like to mention would be ASPS support for the office of County Surveyor. There are many counties where that office goes unclaimed and the counties that do elect a County Surveyor often under-utilize the talent and knowledge they have at their disposal. ASPS has had meetings at our conferences on this matter and I hope we can move forward in helping to restore responsibility and purpose to an elected county office that at one time was a prestigious honor to hold. My fear is if we don't move forward with our support in showing a need for the office, it may be dissolved.

For Vice President continued...



Doug Shambarger, PS Licensed since 2000, Doug has spent most of his career working with civil engineering companies concentrating on street and utility improvements, and has gotten to do several projects with the Arkansas Highway Department. He lives in Springdale with his wife Pam, works with McClelland Engineers in Fayetteville, and has a college-aged daughter.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

1. We have been expanding our topics as surveying technology has progressed, I'd like to see us move into areas not directly related to surveying but benefitting from it. I'd like to hear our end users describe what they do so we can see better what will help them. For example I'd like to hear a speaker from the title industry talk about how their field is changing, or someone who has developed a city GIS to talk about how it evolved to be useful.
2. I'd like to see us have more regional meetings. I think it would increase interest to be able to meet more surveyors, and a wider variety of speakers might be interested by a larger audience.

For District 1 Director...



Grant Nevill, PS Grant has lived in Arkansas for 30 years growing up in Bentonville. He began surveying in 1995 for Engineering Design Associates in Springdale. After 14 years with EDA and several years at Sand Creek Engineering, Grant started Nevill Surveying six years ago. Grant is licensed in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Bentonville is where he calls home with his wife and two sons.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

One of the main goals I have is to represent the ideas and best interests of the District 1 members. While it is often difficult to enact on each new idea, it is important to convey them as applicable to other board members when we are making decisions that will have an impact on the organization as a whole.

Another goal that is directly associated with presenting members thoughts is always improving the channels of communication within the society. With the mass of information we find ourselves surrounded by today, we need to always work at simplifying the process required to exchange data to and from our members.

Expanding the programs within our society to help promote and better the profession is a goal that I think is important as well. By working on including new types of open forum discussions at our conferences and continued support of existing education / awareness programs, we as individuals and a society can contribute to the future success of Professional Surveying in Arkansas.



Robert Johnston, PS Age: 54, Years Surveying: 33, Years in Arkansas: 12, Licensed in: 2001, Licensed in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Florida. Have worked for Garver for 12 years as a project surveyor with projects in transportation and civil projects in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Kansas.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

- 1: To get better communication between the local surveyors ,putting a face with a name.
- 2: To share ideas on how to make our profession better and get more interest in it.
- 3: To share ideas on how to share data more efficiently for the better of the profession.

For District 2 Director...



Michael Daniels, PS Michael Daniels is the owner of Daniels Land Surveying, PLLC in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Michael is licensed land surveyor in Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, & Tennessee. He is also currently serving his third term as the Craighead County Surveyor and first term on the ASPS Board of Directors.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

1. Continue to increase communication between the board of directors and the ASPS membership.
2. Establish a County Surveyor association within ASPS to help promote the profession within the county government structure.



Kevin Gregory, PS - I was born and raised in West Plains, Missouri. After high school, I moved to Phoenix, Arizona to attend a small technical school to study Architectural Drafting. While in Phoenix, I quickly realized that summer time with highs in the mid-120's and lows around 115 was not for me. I left the desert, returned home and attended Missouri State University while working the graveyard shift rebuilding automobile engines. The next year, after completing most of my core classes, I transferred to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville to pursue a major in Architecture. The following year, being dissatisfied with the Architecture program, I slipped over into the College of Engineering. While a Civil Engineering major, I took Dr. Knowles' Surveying Systems class, which may have actually changed my life. A few years later, with a wife and two kids, and my lumber yard salary barely paying for a limited college schedule, I remembered how much fun that surveying class was and thought that surveying may be a good fit for me. I had heard of an opening at Consolidated Land Services in Mountain Home and decided to apply. Two weeks later, I was loading the U-Haul and heading to Yellville. I started work as a rodman for Consolidated Land Services on August 04, 1997.

While working at Consolidated Land Services, I was loaned out a couple of times during the slow periods. I worked the better part of a summer with Jim Scott and most of a year with B&F Engineering. I steadily moved up the ranks at Consolidated from rodman to instrument man to party chief. With all of my previous experience and a couple of summers with ArDOT as a Civil Engineer Intern, during my college days, the State Board allowed me to sit for my LSIT (SI) Exam in the fall of 2003. After passing the SI Exam, I moved on to sit for the PS Exam in the fall of 2006 and received my surveying license in December of that year. In September of 2007, I became a partner at Consolidated Land Services. I received my CFedS Certification in June of 2012.

I have been both an ASPS Privileged Member and NSPS member since 2007 and the current Secretary of the Northcentral Chapter of ASPS. I have been active in ASPS in the past, attending board meetings, setting up CST testing as the Arkansas CST Coordinator, the Chairman of the Nomination Committee in 2009 and I was a member of the Education Committee in 2008 and 2009. With my kids growing up, I passed on the CST torch and focused more on my private life. As the kids were interested in 4-H, I received certifications as a 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor in the areas of archery, muzzleloader and rifle. While in 4-H, I led a BB gun team to the national competition, served as the lead archery instructor for the Marion County 4-H Shooting Sports Club and I also served as the main leader for the club for the last 3 years. After a total of 7 years in 4-H, I recently retired my 4-H leadership position.

I currently live in Yellville, Arkansas with my wife of 23 years, our daughter, nearing graduation at Arkansas Tech, and our son. When not actively engaged in surveying and solving problems, I spend most of my free time either hunting or on the golf course.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

I would like to see ASPS, as well as surveyors in general, be more proactive in educating the public as to who we are and what we do. I believe working closely with realtors, lenders and the local Chambers of Commerce is a must in order that the general public can understand the value that we add to any land transaction and not just being that necessary evil that the buyer or the bank requires.

I would also work to continue the support of the surveying students and help to find ways to increase their number in the surveying programs of the state. High school job fairs and the EAST Program are excellent examples of reaching out to prospective students. Support of our institutes of higher learning is paramount to the survival of the profession.

My most important goal is to represent District 2 in all matters with honor and integrity. I will keep in touch with the members of District 2 and bring forth items to the Board of Directors that the members believe are important to them.

For District 5 Director...



Jeremy Lawson, PS, CFedS Jeremy lives in Dardanelle with his wife Mindi and son Tucker. He is a survey coordinator for Crafton Tull and is responsible for their Energy Division's surveys in Oklahoma and Kansas where he also holds licenses. In addition to his duties with the Energy Division, he also manages survey projects in Arkansas for Crafton Tull's Russellville office. In 2013, Jeremy completed the Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS) program that is co-administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. Jeremy earned his Associate of Applied Science Degree in Surveying in May of 2016.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

I would like to work with our Executive Director and the other board members to increase our membership and to increase the value of ASPS to its members. In a world where continuing education credits can be obtained on-line, some surveyors do not see a value in putting profitable projects aside to attend our conferences and maintain membership in our organization. As an organization we need to constantly look for new avenues to provide value to our membership.



David Garza, PS - David is married to his college sweetheart, Sheryl, and they have 3 grown children and 4 grandchildren. They have lived in the River Valley for more than 30 years and love the area. A native of Austin, Texas, the area rivers and mountainous terrain is a stark reminder of where he grew up. David has been the Pope County Surveyor since 2008 and enjoys getting involved with the local politics. David has experience in Texas, Nevada, Kansas, and Arkansas totaling 39 years. David was a former ASPS District Director and President.

More about the candidate...

What are your goals as a board member of ASPS?

1. Work with the board to develop packets and kits to be able to address high school students during "Career Days" at their local schools. Hearing stories about survey experiences can be highly motivating for students looking for a career in the outdoors.
2. Continue to act as a sounding board between the board and its membership. Listening, understanding, and being able to present problems and concerns from the membership to board is an important part of being a director. I have presented projects and developments before Planning Boards and City councils for over 30 years. This experience has given me the tools to make presentations, even in hostile situations.