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### **MAPPS Elects New Officers, Directors**

August 3, 2017 (Reston, VA) - MAPPS, the national association of private sector geospatial firms, announced today the slate of new officers and directors elected for 2017-2018.

Brian Raber, Merrick & Company (Greenwood Village, CO), assumed the office of President of MAPPS for a 2-year term. Raber succeeds Susan Marlow, Stantec (Nashville, TN). For the past year he served as President-Elect.



President, Brian Raber, Merrick & Co.



President - Elect, Mark Brooks, Optimal Geo, Inc.

Mark Brooks, Optimal Geo, Inc. (Decatur, AL), was elected to the position of President-Elect and will succeed to the office of President in 2019.

Pam Nobles, 3DS (Tallahassee, FL), was elected to the position of Secretary; Tom Newman, TerraSond (Palmer, AK) was elected to the position of Treasurer.

Chris Ogier, Michael Baker International (Norcross, GA) won re-election as a Director on the MAPPS Board. John Copple, The Sanborn Map Company, Inc. (Colorado Springs, CO), Mark Schubert, Aerial Surveys International, LLC (Watkins, CO), and Doug Ward, Aerial Data Services, Inc. (Tulsa, OK) joined as Directors on the MAPPS Board. Jim Van Rens, Riegl USA (Orlando, FL) joins the Board as a Director representing MAPPS Associate Members. Incumbent Director Bob Hanson, Michael Baker International (Harrisburg, PA) rounds out the 10-person Board.

The vote of new Directors by the MAPPS membership was held during the association's annual business meeting on July 25, at the MAPPS Summer Conference at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

### *About MAPPS*

Formed in 1982, MAPPS is the only national association exclusively comprised of private firms in the remote sensing, spatial data and geographic information systems field in the United States. The MAPPS membership spans the entire spectrum of the geospatial community, including Member Firms engaged in satellite and airborne remote sensing, surveying, photogrammetry, aerial photography, LIDAR, hydrography, bathymetry, charting, aerial and satellite image processing, GPS, and GIS data collection and conversion services. MAPPS also includes Associate Member Firms, which are companies that provide hardware, software, products and services to the geospatial profession in the United States and other firms from around the world. Independent Consultant Members are sole proprietors engaged in consulting in or to the geospatial profession, or provides a consulting service of interest to the geospatial profession.

MAPPS provides its member firms opportunities for networking and developing business-to-business relationships, information sharing, education, public policy advocacy, market growth, and professional development and image enhancement. For more information on MAPPS, please visit [www.MAPPS.org](http://www.MAPPS.org).

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