

James Combs

I am originally from Murray, Kentucky. I studied Civil Engineering at Murray State University and focused on surveying. I started my surveying career in 2007 at a local firm. While at Murray State I raced road and mountain bikes, I was the president of the Murray State cycling team; I hosted regionals and took my team to mountain bike nationals three times. After graduating I got married and moved to Cheyenne, Wyoming where I started as a survey tech and after three years I moved up to assistant survey manager. In 2015 my wife and I moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico and I joined the Souder Miller and Associates team. I started as assistant survey manager and as of 2016 became the survey manager of our Albuquerque office. I currently manage 10 employees (4 employees are current students or recent graduates in local survey programs) and we do a wide range of surveying focusing mainly on larger clients and projects. I got my initial surveying license in 2015 in Wyoming, and since have got my license in both Kentucky and New Mexico. I am currently the Vice President of the local New Mexico Professional Surveyors Chapter.

I am thirty years old, and although I enjoy the lack of competition of upcoming surveyors I am very worried about our future and would like to help the profession grow.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Denver Winchester

This is something I've always wanted to be able to do. I'd like to make a difference and hopefully I can with the Young Surveyors Network.

I am 28 years old; I have been in or around surveying my entire life. My mom is a survey drafter; I spent many of my formative years in a survey office after school. I went to the University of Oklahoma for Civil Engineering only to discover it was not for me. After noticing a job posting for a rodman in 2009, I decided to give it a shot. It was a match made in heaven. I work for a large regional firm and I get to experience a wide breadth of this business. I received my Associates in Survey Technology in May of 2016. I am currently licensed in Arkansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma and hope to add other states to list. I am very passionate about surveying, I can't imagine doing anything else with my life. My goal is to become someone who positively shapes the future of this profession I have come to love.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Eric Graves

(nomination from Nic Kinsman, NOAA)

Eric began his full-time surveying and mapping career in 2005 as a field technician in his native home of Houston, Texas. Over the next eight years, he advanced through field and office positions while acquiring a wide range of traditional surveying experience. His first hands-on experience with GIS came while working on the City of Houston's MetroRail corridors, and he later made extensive use of applied GIS solutions while working with oil & gas clients in the south Texas shale plays.

In 2013, Eric moved to Alaska to expand his skill set and acquire a bachelor's degree in geomatics from the University of Alaska Anchorage. He balanced his studies with continued employment in the private sector that allowed him to work all around Alaska, often in remote and difficult conditions. After graduation last spring, he moved from a more traditional surveying role to a position where he is able to stay engaged with the broader geospatial community.

Eric has taken a proactive role in our state's surveying community as a student volunteer at the Alaska Surveying & Mapping Conference, and he served as the Vice President of the UAA Geomatics Student Association where he helped to develop a mentorship program that connects students with geospatial professionals. In many ways, Alaska is a microcosm of the nationwide surveying community and our unique environment heightens both the challenges and opportunities for change, Eric would be able to bring experiences from this frontier to the discussions at the national level.

Aside from being a natural leader with excellent organizational and teamwork skills, Eric's exposure to so many facets of the profession make him an ideal candidate to fill this position. In particular, returning to school having already begun the licensure process has given him a unique perspective on the state of land surveying, and most importantly the challenges and opportunities faced by the young members of this professional community. I am confident that he could help YSN define a vision for the future..

VICE-PRESIDENT

David L. Anderson

David is a Senior Project Surveyor with Atwell's field services department and oversees all aspects of the firm's Buford, Georgia office. He has 12 years of professional surveying experience inclusive of 4 years as an intern while pursuing his Bachelor of Science in Geomatics and Land Surveying Sciences with a minor in Business Administration from Troy University. In addition to his BS, David has a Masters of Divinity in Biblical Studies and is currently working on a Master of Business Administration in Project Management through Mississippi State University. David is a licensed surveyor in 15 states spanning the southeastern US. By providing services across multiple states, David makes certain that clients receive the same standard of work in each state they work in rather than having the complexity of multiple surveyors.

David has experience in all phases of municipal and private land development projects including major roadway and utility improvement districts. He enjoys the diversity of clients who seek his professional expertise on specialized high precision projects including: monitoring projects, high precision layout work, and commercial projects, as well as the variety of tasks associated with land surveying services. One such recent notable project was the new Mercedes Benz Dome in Atlanta. David performed the layout for the playing field, providing an extremely high precision layout within .01 across the entire field in accordance with the construction specifications.

David excels at managing projects and client expectations. He goes above and beyond to make sure that he understands the clients project goals and needs. He takes the time to educate the client on what the final deliverable is and how to understand it. Client satisfaction is important to David, and he routinely follows up with clients after project completion to answer any final questions. His commitment to quality is demonstrated in his ability to retain land developer and contractor clients who regularly utilize his services and industry insight to enhance and expand their diverse portfolios.

David excels at complex problem-solving. His knowledge and understanding of the field services industry is key to his ability to devise creative ways to meet stringent project demands and develop procedures that provide the highest quality of work within specified time frames.

David and his wife Elizabeth Anderson reside in Buford, Georgia with their two children.

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