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Enhancing the status of the Land Surveying Profession by:

- 1) Maintaining high technical and cultural standards for entrance to the Society.
- 2) Cooperating with educational institutions in the maintenance of high standards of education in Land Surveying.
- 3) Requiring a high standard of ethical practice by members of the Society.
- 4) Aiding in the adoption of high standard of attainment for the granting of the legal right to practice Professional Land Surveying.
- 5) Fostering among students of Land Surveying the study of philosophy and history, tradition and achievement, duties and social functions of the Land Surveying Profession.
- 6) Encouraging the personal and professional development of young Land Surveyors.
- 7) Supporting activities looking to the increased employment of Land Surveyors and seeking new opportunities for service in Land Surveying."

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## ***PRESIDENTIAL PRIVILEGE***



**Brad Holleman**  
*LSPS President*

Dear Membership,

My hope is that these words find you in good health and favor. It has been a challenging two months spent reorganizing our field and office operations, home schooling children, caring for our elderly, and wondering what is going to happen next. I wish I had more inspiring words, but the best I can do is ask everyone to remain optimistic about the coming weeks as our nation opens.

I would like to thank the membership for electing me as the president of this great society. I look forward to working with the board and its members as we strive to advance the land surveying profession. I would also like to thank Stan Ard for his service to LSPS and our profession over the last year.

Plans for the 2020 convention are being closely monitored and currently, the dates are set for August 5-7, 2020 at the Paragon Casino in Marksville. Any updates or changes will be posted on the LSPS website at LSPS.net. We are in the process of working out the details for providing the content and documentation needed to fulfill the PDHs requirements with an online platform. Planning is also in full swing for the 2021 convention. Please contact me, or your district chairman, if you have any suggestions or recommendations for speakers/topics for the 2021 convention. I would like to give a special thanks to Patrick Staiano for leading the effort in planning the 2020 convention and to Ryan Estess for planning the 2021 convention. Our goal is to continue to provide the LSPS membership with a quality outlet for continuing education.

Our board is continuing to monitor legislative activity through our consultant, Harper Duncan & Associates, LLC. We have been closely monitoring the recently recommended changes to the law in regards to the land surveying exams. LSPS board members and LAPELS Survey Committee members have met on multiple occasions and stay in contact to protect the wishes of our society given to us by the recent poll.

I am very honored to serve as LSPS president and if anyone has any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at [bholleman@sjbgroup.com](mailto:bholleman@sjbgroup.com). Thank you and stay safe.

## **WELCOME THESE NEW LSPS MEMBERS!**

**Brett Antill**  
**Jeff Carey**  
**Mark Daniel Carter**  
**Darla Champagne**  
**April Kaley**  
**Gage Spell**



59<sup>th</sup> Annual LSPS Convention

August 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Paragon Casino Resort  
711 Paragon Place  
Marksville, LA 71351

Hosted by the  
Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors and  
LSPS District 6

Registration is continuing online on our website

[www.lsp.net](http://www.lsp.net)

# 2020 LSPS Convention

August 5-7, 2020

Marksville, LA

14 PDHs Total

## Wednesday, August 5th

11:00 am **LSPS ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** (Registration/lunch-11:00am)  
Tomahka Golf Club, 222 Slim Lemoine Road, Marksville, LA 71351

11:30 am **LSPS SPORTING CLAY SHOOT** (Registration/lunch-12:00pm)  
Honey Brake Lodge, 1899 Larto Bridge Rd, Jonesville, LA 71343  
(Money will be refunded in the event of cancellation)

5:00 pm—8:00 pm **Convention Registration – Mari Showroom**

6:00 pm—7:00 pm **Ethics (1 PDH)** - Richard L. Savoie, P.E.

6:30 pm—9:30 pm **EXHIBITOR RECEPTION - Mari Showroom**

## Thursday, August 6th

7:00 am—4:00 pm **Convention Registration/Check-In – Mari Showroom**

7:00 am—7:50 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors! - Mari Showroom**

7:50 am—8:00 am **Opening Ceremonies**

8:00 am—10:50 am **Successful Business Strategies (3 PDH)**  
- John Matonich, PS

11:00 am—11:50am **Railroads (1 PDH)** - Mark W. Nolte— Manager, Real Estate Field Services, The Kansas City Southern Railway Company

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm **LUNCHEON—Society Updates**

12:30 pm—1:00 pm **Exhibitor Demonstration/Presentation**

1:00 pm—2:50 pm **Marketing and Client Maintenance (2 PDH)**  
- John Mantonich, PS

3:00 pm—3:50 pm **Billing and Collection of Fees (1 PDH)**  
- John Matonich, PS

4:00 pm—4:50 pm **Standards of Practice – Mississippi (1 PDH)** - Tim Brewer, RF PS

5:00 pm—6:00 pm **DINNER**

6:00 pm—10:00 pm **SURVEYORS PARTY—SOCIAL EVENT**  
**@ Club Mezazz featuring “Clay Cormier and The Highway Boys” (Band Goes on at 7 PM)**



## Friday, August 7th

7:00 am—1:45 pm **Convention Registration/Check-In – Mari Showroom**

7:00 am—8:00 am **Breakfast with Exhibitors! — Mari Showroom**

8:10 am—10:10am **UAS (2 PDH)** - Ross Kenney

10:20 am—11:10 am **Louisiana Datum Update (1 PDH)** - J. Anthony Cavell, PLS, CFedS

11:20 am - 12:40 pm **LSPS ANNUAL AWARDS AND Business Meeting Luncheon (1 pdh)**

12:10 pm—12:40 pm **Exhibitor Demonstration/Presentation**



# 2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5, 2020**

**Tomahka Golf Club**  
**222 Slim Lemoine Road**  
**Marksville, LA 71351**

(On the grounds of Paragon Casino & Resort)

[www.tomahkatrails.com](http://www.tomahkatrails.com)

**REGISTRATION & LUNCH – 11:00 A.M.**



**SHOTGUN START – 11:30 A.M.**

**Cost: \$75.00 per person (includes lunch & golf cart)**

**Awards will be given for:**

Longest Drive

Closest to the Pin

&

Lowest Scoring Team (4-man Scramble)



# 2020 SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2020**

**HONEY BRAKE LODGE**  
**1899 LARTO BRIDGE RD**  
**IONESVILLE, LA 71343**  
**PH: 318-775-1007**

<https://www.honeybrake.com/hunt/gun-club-shooting/>

Registration & Lunch at 12:00 P.M.



Shooting Commences at 1:00 P.M.

Cost: \$60 (includes 100 Sporting Clays & lunch)  
*(Shotgun Shells not included)*

*Shotgun shells, earplugs, shooting glasses & vests can be purchased from the Pro Shop*

Awards will be provided for the Top Team & Top Individual Shooter

*Welcome to the  
LSPS Convention 2020 – Marksville, LA  
August 5-7, 2020  
Spouse Events*

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5:**

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm                      Exhibitors Reception  
Mari Center – Paragon Casino and Resort

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 6:**

8:30am	Depart	Paragon Hotel	
8:45am		Panaroma Foods	Meet the “Man with the Pan” <i>Learn how to make NOLA Crawfish Bread</i>
10:00am		La Maison Verdue	Shopping at a local nursery <i>Native Plants and Unique Gift Shop</i>
11:30am	Lunch	Camp Dupuy	Panaroma Foods, Caterer
1:00pm		Spring Bayou	Party Barge Tour <i>SB State Wildlife Management Area</i>
		Harry’s	Snack
6:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Surveyor Party at Club Mezazz with “Clay Cormier & The Highway Boys”		

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 7:**

8:30am	Depart	Paragon Hotel	
9:00am		Sycamore Acres	Certified Farm to Table <i>Local vegetable producer</i>
10:30am		2 Sisters Salsa	Let’s do Salsa in Plaquemine! <i>See where 2 Sister’s Salsa is made</i>
Noon	Lunch	LA 4H Museum	Brown Bag Gourmet

Transportation will be provided.  
\*Itinerary subject to change in case of emergency.  
Different activities may be substituted if necessary.

***We hope you enjoy your time experiencing Avoyelles Parish!***



# NICHOLLS GEOMATICS PROGRAM UPDATE

By: Dr. Brigett Scott

The Geomatics Program at Nicholls State University has transitioned all of its courses to online for the Spring semester to be able to continue the students' education during this time of shelter in place due to COVID-19. The faculty worked diligently to secure software and even some hardware for all the students to be able to continue their classes from their homes. Most of the software was donated from the vendors to the program due to the crisis. We are so thankful that so many of the producers of educational and professional software have been willing to make their products free or discounted during this time. Dr. Esra Tekdal-Yilmaz really went above and beyond in this process to ensure continued learning.

The Geomatics Student Association recently participated in Nicholls Give-N-Day and was able to raise \$2,670. The students will be able to utilize this money for student travel to events, conferences, and competitions in the upcoming academic year. The Geomatics faculty have been working on creating new recruitment materials and a recruitment video for dissemination across the state. These new materials were made possible by a generous donation of LSPS. We had hoped to have the video done by the end of the spring semester but due to the current circumstances, the video company will not be able to start capturing footage until we are all allowed back on campus under our normal routines. We will make sure to



*Nicholls State University Geomatics Advisory Board meeting, held on Thursday, February 13, 2020.*

Included in the picture are:

**Industry Professionals:** Jimmy Chustz, Kappy Cullum, Morris Hebert, Ricardo Johnson, Stanley Ard, Timothy Allen, and Will Fontenot

**Nicholls Faculty:** Dr. Esra Tekdal-Yilmaz, Dr. Terry Dantin, Dr. Balaji Ramachandran, and Dr. Brigett Scott

share the materials and video with LSPS as soon as they are complete.

Dr. Balaji Ramachandran is still conducting research, even under these difficult conditions... he was also recently awarded a grant from the American Sugar Cane League. He and Dr. LaFleur (Biology) are also in the top four finalists for the Shell Game Changer grant competition. He continues to impress me with his grant writing and research abilities.

Dr. John Dennis has been hired to join the Geomatics faculty. He will begin in the Fall 2020 semester and we are excited to welcome him back to Thibodaux and to Nicholls.

I would also like to take this time to thank Dr. Terry Dantin. Dr. Dantin is an amazing asset to our program.

He is one of the most dedicated faculty members that I have ever met. We would not be where we are without him. I have really felt blessed and honored to have worked with such hardworking faculty and students during my time as Interim Department Head of Applied Sciences. Thank you all for your support of Nicholls Geomatics. We are lucky to have the support of such a loyal and passionate group of professionals. This year has reminded me of the old adage..."It takes a village to raise a child," only in our case "it takes a village to provide an outstanding education." Thank you for being an integral part of the Nicholls Geomatics village.



*Geomatics Students Competition Presentation that was given Tuesday, March 3, 2020, to the LSPS District 2 members in preparation for the competition at the NSPS Conference in Washington D.C. The team consisted of Team Captain:*

Colby Landry (Graduating Senior), Chelsey Dufrene (Graduating Senior), Wyatt Aucoin (Graduating Senior), Mason Dupre (Junior), and Ian Duplantis (Sophomore).



## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By: Harper Duncan & Associates, LLC

The 2020 Legislative Session began March 9th but was suspended a few days later due to COVID-19. After nearly two months off, the session resumed on May 4th with many new safety protocols. Normally the halls and committee rooms are filled with people. Not this year. The Senate is scheduling committees so only one is going on at a time and limiting them to two hours. The House of Representatives is scheduling no more than 3 committees at a time.

Due to the new scheduling, Legislators are expected to only get through a third of the 1300+ bills. They are also focusing their efforts on the budget, capital outlay, and COVID-19 related bills. That does not mean other bills won't make it through the process. There has been talk about possible Special Sessions. One immediately after the regular session to finish what does not get done in the regular session and another in the fall to fix the budget.

Even though the legislature is limited on time we will be closing monitoring bills and committee schedules. Below is a summary of the bills we are monitoring.

HB 614 by Representative Owens regulates the process by which members of the military and their spouses may seek occupational licenses, certifications, or registrations to enable them to work in their field. The

applicant could obtain licensure in Louisiana by being licensed in another state for at least one year.

HB 622 by Representative Emerson creates the "Universal License Reciprocity and Recognition Act". This bill would require licensing boards to grant licensure to applicants if they were licensed in another state for at least one year, as long as the other state had "minimum education requirements, work experience, apprenticeship requirements, or clinical supervision requirements" and the applicant passed an examination required for licensure if the exam was required by that state.

HB 627 by Representative Amedee provides for an affirmative defense to the crime of trespass when marshland or waters that are navigable but the beds and bottoms are privately owned are not properly posted.

SB 125 by Senator Hewitt creates a dual licensee and defines it to mean any person practicing or seeking to practice both engineering and land surveying who has received both licenses from the board and is otherwise in good standing with the board.

SB 320 by Senator Allain allows the occupant of a watercraft traveling on state waters and engaged in lawful activity to remain on those waters unless forbidden to do so by the owner.



## SLCC UPDATE

By: Michael O'Pry

SLCC as a college was the most prepared school for transitioning to remote learning in all of the Louisiana community and technical college system (LCTCS) with the most courses already prepared to transition to remote learning.

One week before Gov Edwards issued the closing of k-12 schools, SLCC transitioned to remote learning due to Covid-19. The Civil Surveying and Mapping program was ahead of the transition as the majority of lectures for the program were already using a hybrid/online format for delivery through the Learning Management System. The program transitioned smoothly to remote learning only, and we are using this time as a great opportunity to review how we can move to complete

online delivery in addition to the in-person because I miss seeing my students' faces!

As for Civil Surveying labs, we were in a unique position as we had moved quickly in labs and were about three labs ahead of where we should have been according to the schedule of the semester, the learning outcomes of those courses were met. That is the benefit of smaller classes!

All students were able to continue working remotely from home, final exams take place on May 4-9. I am happy to report that we should have 7 students graduating in spring, and we will be even better prepared in the Fall for anything that may disrupt schools.



# LSPS DISTRICT INFORMATION

DISTRICT	CONTACT INFO
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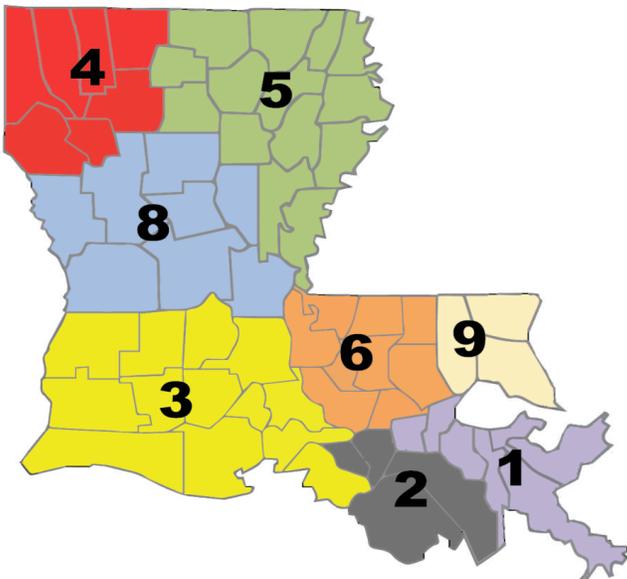
## WHY ATTEND A DISTRICT MEETING?

**Networking** – Who knows more about opportunities in surveying, than those active in it?

**Educational Benefits** - Want to stay of top of our profession? Most meetings offer opportunity for upgrading your experience through top speakers in our field.

**Leadership Opportunities** – It is not enough to just join a district. Take advantage of opportunities to get involved in committee work, serve some time as an officer, and help coordinate events. The more active you are, the more visible you become to other members. Leadership roles reflect well on you, and on the company that employs you. It proves they hired a winner!

If you are not an LSPS member, we would like to invite you to attend a District meeting in your area. Contact the LSPS office at [lsps@bellsouth.net](mailto:lsps@bellsouth.net) , or the chairman in your area for details about upcoming meetings.



## LSPS Districts

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# BENEFITS OF JOINING LSPS

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## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN OUR SOCIETY INCLUDE:

- **NETWORKING** – Who knows more about opportunities within a field than those actually involved in it? No one. The roster of our society is a gold mine to get your network rolling.
- **EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS** – Want to stay on top of your profession, learn new techniques and strategies? There are endless opportunities for upgrading your experience through seminars, listening to top speakers in your field, workshops, and just plain old-fashioned sharing of information among your peers.
- **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** – It isn't enough to just join a District of the society. Take advantage of the many opportunities to get involved in committee work, serve some time as an officer, or help coordinate events. The more active you are, the more visible you become to the other members. This can only be a plus in your career future.
- **RESUME UPGRADING** – As our profession becomes more complex and difficult to master, the need for continued certification becomes more prevalent.
- **SOCIAL BENEFITS** – Don't overlook the fun factor. Groups of people with common interests are always sources of new friends. You speak the same language, laugh at the same jokes and dream similar dreams. Becoming active opens up many possibilities!

The new age of advanced technology has created the need for land surveyors to guard their profession. Our society works with the Louisiana Professional Engineering & Land Surveying Board (LAPELS) in the process of establishing the current continuing professional development requirements.

### We have been involved with many surveying issues...

- ◆ our society began in 1961 and currently has over **525 members**
- ◆ we are approved by the LAPELS Board as a **seminar sponsor**
- ◆ LSPS is an affiliate of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping, and the **National Society of Professional Surveyors**
- ◆ we have a standing Legislative Committee to **review legislation** that may affect the surveying profession
- ◆ the LSPS Liaison Committee communicates with the **LAPELS Board** on issues that affect land surveyors
- ◆ we host an Annual Convention - with exhibitors displaying the latest in surveying equipment, and LSPS offering Personal Development Hours to meet licensing requirements
- ◆ the LSPS Executive Board continually working to upgrade member benefits.



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PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING SPACES:

Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

P.L.S. P.E. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ UPON MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE, NAME, EMAIL, WORK AND/OR HOME PHONE NUMBER CAN BE ADDED TO THE WEBSITE DISTRICT CONTACT PAGE. \_\_\_\_\_ YES(CIRCLE CHOICE) \_\_\_\_\_ NO

Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL DATE GRADUATED DEGREE

Surveying Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
# YEARS

### LSPS Member SPONSOR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby apply for admission into the Louisiana Society of Professional Surveyors as a \_\_\_\_\_ Member, and agree to comply with the Charter, By-Laws and the Code of Ethics of the Association. Please assign me to the following district:

- |                           |                         |                          |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| District 1 – New Orleans  | District 2 – Houma      | District 3 – Lafayette   |
| District 4 – Shreveport   | District 5 – Monroe     | District 6 – Baton Rouge |
| District 7 – Lake Charles | District 8 – Alexandria | District 9 – Covington   |
|                           |                         | Out of State             |

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

## CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

### RESIDENT REGISTERED MEMBER

Any person whose legal residence is the State of Louisiana and holding a license from the State of Louisiana authorizing such person to engage in the practice of Land Surveying. Resident Registered Members shall be entitled to vote on all matters and hold any Office in the Corporation.

**INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$180.00**  
*INCLUDES NSPS MEMBERSHIP*

### NON-RESIDENT REGISTERED MEMBER

Surveyors registered in the State of Louisiana but not a resident of Louisiana. Non-Resident Members shall be entitled to vote but shall not be eligible to hold any Office in the Corporation.

**INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$140.00**

### STUDENT MEMBER

Any full-time undergraduate student of a college or vocational school recognized by the Board. Student Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation.

**ANNUAL DUES \$20.00**

### ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Any person working toward licensure, land survey intern, or surveyor not registered in Louisiana, recognized and so admitted by the Board of Directors. Associate members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation.

**INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$55.00**

### AFFILIATE MEMBER

Any person not included within the definitions above provided in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 interested in advancing the cause and aims of the Corporation. Affiliate Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation.

**INITIATION FEE \$10.00 ANNUAL DUES \$35.00**

### SUSTAINING MEMBER

Any firm or individual desiring to support the aims and objectives of the Association, who may or may not be entitled to one of the foregoing classes of Membership, may become a Sustaining Member upon application and approval by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. Sustaining Members shall not be eligible to vote or hold any Office in the Corporation, however, if a Sustaining Member also holds another class or other classes of membership that Sustaining Member class shall not infringe upon such rights and privileges.

**ANNUAL DUES \$300.00**

Credit card# \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return completed form with Initiation Fee and Annual Dues to LSPS at the address above.***

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# In Memoriam...



## *William Curtis Feazel* JUNE 12, 1954 – FEBRUARY 24, 2020

William “Bill” Feazel was unexpectedly called to the Lord on Monday, February 24th at the age of 65. He was a native of Alexandria, LA and resided in Prairieville, LA. He retired from Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority where he worked as a civil engineer. Bill,

who had cheated death six years ago after recovering from a terminal cancer diagnosis, understood better than anyone the beauty and grace of a life well-lived. He gifted the world with his zeal and passion and his enviable ability to relish each and every moment, both the exquisite and the mundane. Whether he was playing tennis in leagues and tournaments (which he did for over thirty years) or rooting on his number one love the LSU Tigers, Bill was full-hearted in his enthusiasm and loyalty. Bill was also an avid music

fan and spent many an hour jamming with one of his many guitars. (He loved to turn the volume up when his wife Susan was out of town.) Bill was not one for understatement, but we can’t help but share these anyway: he was loved, and he will be missed. He is survived by his wife Susan (Savoy) Feazel, daughter Leia Feazel Buxbaum, son in law Josh Buxbaum, the newest love of his life grandson James Jarred Buxbaum, and brother John H. Feazel. He is preceded in death by his son Jarred Feazel and parents Herman and Lois Feazel. Visitation was on Saturday February 29, 2020 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Prairieville, LA. at 9:00 AM until a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM celebrated by Rev. Jerry Martin. Burial followed at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in St. Amant, LA. To offer condolences to the family you may visit our website at [www.oursofh.com](http://www.oursofh.com). Ourso Funeral Home of Gonzales, LA was in charge of arrangements.



## *Paul Nathan Fontenot* DECEMBER 5, 1939 – APRIL 28, 2020 (AGE 80)

A private Graveside Service was held for Paul Nathan Fontenot, 80, who passed away on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 virus. The Reverend Tom Voorhies, Pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Ville Platte, conducted the service. Interment was held in

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Fontenot is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jerrylene T. Fontenot of Ville Platte; two daughters, Maria Irene Fontenot Kirkland and her husband William of Knoxville, TN, and Greta Fontenot Richard and her husband Joey of Rayne; one son, Dr. Eric Paul Fontenot and his wife Michelle Didier Fontenot of Lafayette; one sister, Winnetta Fontenot Powell and her husband Duey of Mamou; four grandchildren, Alex Michael Richard, Nicholas Craig Kirkland, Ella Elizabeth Kirkland, and Aubrey Ann Fontenot; and three Godchildren, Steve Fontenot, Capri Young, and Ashley Killgore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Douglas and Irene Fontenot; one son, Craig Michael Fontenot; his Godmother, Cavlyn Tate; and his Godfather, Bruce Fontenot.

A native of Mamou, Louisiana, Paul has been a resident of Ville Platte for 50 years. He is a Veteran of the United States Army National Guard and the United States Air National Guard.

Professionally, Paul was self-employed for over 50 years as a professional land surveyor and professional civil engineer. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from USL (currently University of Louisiana at Lafayette). He was a member of several professional organizations and a past president of the Ville Platte Chamber of Commerce.

During time away from work, he loved spending time with his children and four grandchildren. He particularly enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and playing baseball and football with them. He was also an avid baseball and football fan who always liked visiting and entertaining family and friends.

Pallbearers were Dr. Eric Fontenot, Al Hebert, Alex Hebert, Joey Richard, and Johnnie Young. Honorary pallbearers were Brent Cenac, Gordon Fontenot, Steve Fontenot, John Fusilier, Harold Ledoux, and Duey Powell.

The family would like to extend special thanks to the staff at Lafayette General Medical Center Intensive Care Unit.

Walters Funeral Home, (337) 706-8941, 2424 North University Avenue in Lafayette, oversaw funeral arrangements.



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# NSRS Modernization News

For all issues of **NSRS Modernization News**, visit:  
[geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml](http://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/TrackOurProgress.shtml)

## Current Situational Difficulties

In the vein of good news / bad news, the current situational difficulties affecting the nation and the world have upended a number of NGS operations. This has allowed NGS to refocus and re-prioritize, but it also has meant grounding GRAV-D flights. See other content later in this newsletter.

## Progress in Ongoing Projects

There are currently **24 ongoing NGS projects** directly related to NSRS modernization. Here are highlights from a select few:

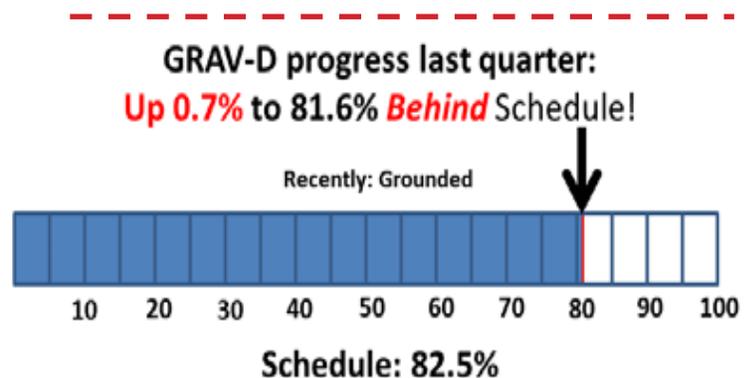
### State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 (Project Manager: Dr. Michael Dennis)

March 31, 2020, was the deadline for state stakeholders to submit requests and proposal forms for SPCS2022 zone layers. NGS received 67 forms from 41 states. Requests are for NGS to design zones for a state (36 received from 28 states). Proposals are for states to design their own zones (31 received from 29 states). The deadline for states to submit their proposed designs is March 31, 2021. For states and territories that did not submit forms, NGS will design SPCS2022 zones similar to existing SPCS 83 zones. Maps and data for [preliminary NGS designs](#) are available online.

### GRAV-D (Project Manager: Jeffery Johnson)

The following is an official statement from NOAA:

*“In support of Federal guidance to slow the spread of COVID-19, NOAA has implemented a risk-based approach to aircraft and vessel deployment to keep our teams and those they work with as healthy and safe as we can. . . . all NOAA research surveys planned for ships and aircraft scheduled for April 2020 are now postponed or cancelled. NOAA ships and aircraft will remain ready to respond to national emergencies as appropriate and critical tasking as needed, including hurricane reconnaissance and surveillance and flooding and hurricane response. We will continue to evaluate our ability to conduct surveys while respecting the health and safety guidance from Federal, State, and local authorities, including prioritizing our planned surveys as needed through September 30, 2020.”*



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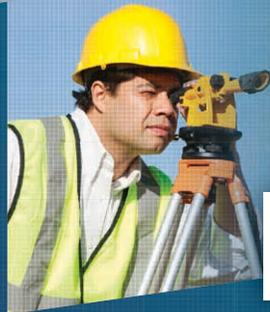
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