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“Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.”  
-Robert Frost

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Welcome to the first monthly edition of **Newsletter**. The *Newsletter* will not replace the *Foresight* magazine - rather it will augment *Foresight* by providing the membership of the Utah Council of Land Surveyors with current information and a calendar of planned activities.

UCLS has contracted with a publisher to produce and mail the hard-copy *Foresight* magazine which will contain articles, advertisements, and editorials that may not be time-sensitive. Members should receive their *Foresight* publication before our annual conference in February.

In addition to current news, the *Newsletter* will provide a venue for members to express themselves, advertise their business, and inform their constituents. A “who is it”, “what is it”, and “where is it” category is anticipated. However, your involvement and contribution will determine the success or failure of the *Newsletter*.

In recognition of the first *Newsletter*, the above “who is it” photo is of my granddaughter Lucy who recently celebrated her first birthday.

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# January 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Golden Spike Chap. 12:00 Surveying in Davis County/ County Surveyor Max Elliot & Staff 12:00 Bountiful Chuck-a-Rama 12:00 UCLS Legislative Committee Meeting	13	14 UCLS Executive Board Diner Meeting Time and place to be determined
15	16	17	18	19 Salt Lake Chapt. Meeting 12:00 Surveying in Salt Lake County/County Surveyor Reid Demman & Staff Taylorsville Spaghetti Factory UCLS Standards & Ethics Committee Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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## NSPS / ACSM Merger

Good Morning All,

Since the meeting in Gaithersburg there have been some issues brought forth by the legal firm that is working on the merger between ACSM and NSPS that may push the merger past the desired date of December 31, 2011 and I wanted to keep everyone informed as to what is happening.

There are some issues that require action by the ACSM Congress before the merger process can be completed: (1) There are some differences between the ACSM Articles of Incorporation and the ACSM Bylaws that must be addressed, (2) ACSM needs to accept the 1962 DC Nonprofit Corporations Act that was never adopted by previous ACSM Boards, and (3) have the Congress vote on a merger resolution and approve a Plan of Merger.

After the ACSM Congress completes its work the Plan of Merger will be submitted for NSPS approval. Their issues can most likely be completed through a telephone conference meeting but it is unlikely that they will meet before the desired date of December 31, 2011.

As the proposed merger of ACSM and NSPS has had the desired date of December 31, 2011 for completion, NSPS has already filed some of the documents required to move staff from the ACSM corporation to the NSPS corporation. Since it appears that the merger will not be completed as expected, NSPS has agreed to become the employer of the current staff on January 1, 2012.

Also, NSPS has agreed to "pay the normal monthly operating costs of ACSM and bill AAGS and GLIS for their respective portions of the costs, and will pay such normal operating costs until such time as we reach the April 2012 withdrawal deadline, or until the merger/dissolution of ACSM is achieved, and such monies paid would be considered an advance on monies owed by NSPS to ACSM for any services provided."

NSPS hopes that the merger process with ACSM will be completed quickly. NSPS has also offered affiliation agreements to AAGS and GLIS, and has offered to continue to provide services to those organizations as ACSM has done in the past.

This is where we are with the process to create our unified geospatial organization. Sometimes we have to slow down to get to our goal but the final result will be worth our efforts.

I wish everyone "Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays".  
Bill Coleman, PLS GISP  
NSPS President

## Holiday Greetings

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally conscious, socially responsible, low stress, non-addictive, gender neutral celebration of the winter solstice holiday, practiced within the most enjoyable tradition of the religious persuasion of your choice, or secular practices of your choice, with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular tradition at all.

May you have a fiscally successful, personally fulfilling, and medically uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2012, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make America great, without prejudicing any other country, nor inferring or implying that this is the only 'America' in the western hemisphere, and without regard to the race, creed, color, age, physical ability, religious faith, choice of computer platform, or sexual orientation of the wishee.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms. This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable with no alteration to the original greeting. It implies no promise of the wishers to actually implement the wishes for themselves or others, is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wishers.

This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tiding for a period of one year, or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and said warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wishers.

p.s. No trees were harmed in the transmission of this message; however, millions of electrons were greatly inconvenienced.

In other words-Merry Christmas!!!!



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## 2011 December ACSM Government Affairs Update

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**LightSquared Breaking News---** Things are moving fast with our LightSquared GPS interference issue. As you may have heard by now, recent test results show that LightSquared's separate analysis by the FAA found that LightSquared's signals will interfere with a flight safety system designed to warn pilots of approaching terrain. The findings were presented to the technical steering group which represents nine federal agencies that make up the National Executive Committee for Space-Based Positioning, Navigation and Timing. The recent report is still being analyzed and more information should be made available soon.

**New Federal Prison Industries Legislation Introduced---** Legislation was recently introduced in the House which would keep Federal Prison Industries out of the mapping and geospatial data business. H.R. 3634 has bi-partisan support. The bill prohibits FPI and its inmate workers from having access to a variety of geospatial information, about individual citizens' property of critical infrastructure location.

**3% Withholding Legislation VICTORY---** Congress passed H.R. 674, legislation that repeals the requirement that, starting in 2013, Federal, state and some local governments withhold 3% of payments to contractors.

**LightSquared/GPS---** Congress recently held a number of hearings on the LightSquared/GPS issue, and we expect several more hearings will be held. ACSM asked members to contact Chairman Ralph Hall's office with calls around the country responded to our call and flooded Chairman Hall's staff and e-mails. It was such a huge outpour of responses, that Chairman Hall got the message. But ultimately, the LightSquared issue will not be solved in Congress, but rather at the FCC.

The House Small Business Committee held a hearing on the LightSquared issue a couple of weeks after our meeting with Chairman Graves' staff. Although ACSM was not called as a witness at this hearing, language that we wrote was part of Chairman Graves' opening statement and we submitted question for the witnesses that were geared toward the effect LightSquared's plan would have on high-precision GPS and the people who use that data.

During the hearing, witnesses were clear that LightSquared's proposed plan---and proposed solutions --- would disable high-precision GPS devices. LightSquared's Jeff Carlisle testified for LightSquared and stated that there would "only be about 100,000 devices affected"; but that figure fluctuated at various stages of the hearing. Mr. Carlisle also claimed that

"99.75% of users won't be affected." Previously, that figure was 99.5%. And in any case, those affected remain to be the high-precision GPS users, including surveying professionals.

After the Congressional hearings, in which many Federal officials testified that LightSquared's plans would hurt Federal agencies' use of GPS; LightSquared announced that it has partnered with Javad GNSS, a GPS manufacturer, to develop a system that, it claims, will eliminate related interference issues for high precision GPS devices. We have not heard the details of this partnership, or how the proposed Javad GNSS system will affect the current problems; but we know that the proposed fix remains cost prohibitive for most surveying and mapping firms.

On September 13, 2011, the FCC issued a Public Notice that states, in part, that the FCC, in consultation with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), has determined that additional targeted testing is needed to ensure that any potential commercial terrestrial services offered by LightSquared will not cause harmful interference to GPA operations.

**At this point, the best place to voice your concern about the LightSquared issue is directly with the FCC. The FCC has an easy-to-use portal on its website to submit feedback on the testing results and other comments and concerns you may have:**

**In order to submit a letter regarding the LightSquared modification request being processed by the International Bureau, follow these steps:**

1. Go to the FCC International Bureau Electronic Filing system (IBFS): <http://licensing.fcc.gov/myibfs/pleading.do> and fill in the requested information. The type of pleading can be selected using a drop down menu. The selection of "letter" is most likely the correct one; "ex parte presentation notification letter" is used to report a prior oral ex parte meeting, and would not be correct here. Keep "no" checked on the "confidential information" line. Please note that there is no need to have or use an FCC Registration Number (FRN). The sender should fill out the information fields; there is no need to fill out the "Contact Information" field if the sender is posting directly.

2. When this form is complete, select "Next Step" and you will be directed to a page requesting the FCC file number for the LightSquared modification (SAT-MOD-20101118-00239). Enter, or copy and paste the complete file

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number in the box. Click “Add File Numbers to Pleading List” and then check the box in the row that appears with the file number. Click “Next Step”.

3. The next step is to upload your letter. Click the icon under “Replace/Attach” and proceed to fill out the description of the letter and follow the upload instruction. The letter should be in pdf format.

4. Click “Submit” after the letter is uploaded. You will receive an electronic confirmation that you can print and retain for your files.

All of the reports, comments and related FCC documents regarding the LightSquared issue can be found here: <http://fjallfoss.fcc.gov/ecfs/comment/view?id=6016826095>. And more information can be found here: [www.saveourgps.org](http://www.saveourgps.org)

**Preservation of Railroad Monumentation**--The preservation of railroad monumentation issue has been a big issue for us this year. We spent much of the year educating new Members of Congress about the issue; and we have found quite a bit support. We also found a lot of staff who don't understand the issue, and several Members of Congress and Staff who never heard of it, but are glad we brought it to their attention.

**The take-away from all of those meeting and discussion is this:** If This Issue Is Important to ACSM Members, Then Congress Needs to Hear About It. Just about every Member of Congress and staff person with whom we met said the same thing, ‘How does this issue affect MY District?’ The bottom line is, unless Members of Congress see a direct correlation between the issue and their District, they won't introduce the legislation; they may support it if someone else introduces it, but they won't introduce it.

**FEMA Floodmap Coalition News**-- The FEMA Floodmap Coalition met recently with FEMA officials to get an update on the Floodmap program.

The House version of the legislation included an amendment that “places a moratorium on the issuance of any updated rate maps from the date of enactment until the TMAC submits to the FEMA Administrator and Congress new mapping standards, thus allowing for the revision, update and change of rate maps only pursuant to a letter of map change, which includes a letter of map amendment, letter of map revision, and a letter of map revision based on fill.”

**USGS Coalition**--- We are continuing to work with the USGS Coalition to support the USGS and its programs, particularly those related to surveying, mapping and geospatial issues. We once again are facing a Congress that does not understand the full value of the USGS, and is therefore not inclined to give it the funding necessary to fully carry out its programs and mission. The good news for us is that while most other USGS programs received funding cuts, programs important to the surveying and mapping profession received an increase in funding.

### **COFPAES Delegate Meeting**---

**GSA Schedule- Abuse on A/E service contracts.** COFPAES engaged the law firm, Crowell & Moring to write a brief on the legal conflict between GSA Schedules affecting A/E services and the Brooks Act.

**Design-Build Study**- For several years, COFPAES has discussed problems members experience with design-build implementation. A scope of an independent study was developed by COFPAES on the issue and staff held meetings with several parties, including agencies and Congressional staff to explore a study.

**Policy on Inherently Governmental Function**---The Office of Federal Procurement Policy has issued its long awaited policy on inherently governmental functions. COFPAES commented on the initial draft in 2010, as did ACSM. Few of the concerns expressed or recommendations made by COFPAES and ACSM were included in the final policy.

QBS was still relevant. All organizations stated that their members thought QBS and the Brooks Act were very important to the profession and should continue to be protected. But they did recognize that there is a problem and a threat that needs to be addressed: education, public relations and promotion of the value of QBS; lobby for more bidding bans by state licensing boards; re-write/amend the Brooks Act; create a mini-COFPAES organization in each state; revitalize, strengthen the QBS facilitator program.

**Funding for Trig-Star**---This year, Congress decided to do away with all earmarks in all legislation. So our search for funding for the Tig-Star program got a little more difficult. But we are continuing to work with key Members of Congress to find other avenues of Federal funding for the program including funding from grants through the National Science foundation and the Department of Education.



## 2011 December ACSM Government Affairs Update Continued

**Federal Geographic Data Committee Launches New Geospatial Website**---The Federal government and its geospatial partners recently unveiled a prototype Geospatial Platform website called [www.geoplatform.gov](http://www.geoplatform.gov). The prototype version of the Geospatial Platform combines map based data and tools with latest internet technologies to deliver geospatial information in a simple, understandable package. Users can easily find federally-maintained geospatial data, services and applications, as well as access data from state, tribal and local governments.

**National Geospatial Advisory Committee**---The NGAC met recently and made recommendations on a number of important issues.

### Geospatial Platform

The NGAC strongly recommends that the FGDC Steering Committee immediately take the following actions:

- Finalize the business plan and shared investment strategy for the Geospatial Platform as a part of the FY 2013 budget cycle.
- Designate the managing partner organization with appropriate authorities and responsibilities to implement the Geospatial Platform.

**STEM Coalition**---ACSM is a member of the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Education Coalition, and we signed on to a letter from the Coalition to Senators in support of the America COMPETES Act. The America COMPETES Act, which already passed the House, bolsters America's competitiveness by strengthening the science, technology, engineering and math education fields at all levels. It gives support for basic research and development programs in the STEM fields in elementary and high school.

Also, as part of STEM Education Coalition, we join over 1,000 diverse groups representing all sectors of the technological workforce - from knowledge workers, to educators, to scientists, engineers, and technicians, Through our affiliation with the Coalition, we hope to be able to secure Trig-Star funding by finding broad support for the funding with STEM Coalition members who can, in turn, help us gain support in Congress.

**Conclusion**---As you can see, we've been quite busy this year. As we move forward, we need the support of ACSM/ NSPS members and surveyors across the country to help us reach our goals. I welcome all questions, suggestions and comments on this report.

Sincerely,

Laurence Socci

The C. L. A. Group---Government Affairs Consultant

## UCLS Membership Grows

In 2011, the Utah Council of Land surveyors welcomed the following new members:

### **Book Cliffs**

Donnell Allred, Student  
Brandon Bowthorpe, PS  
Matt Bryant, Student  
Aaron Fedin, Student  
Todd Ostler, Student

### **Color Country**

Bartlett Dalton, PS

### **Golden Spike**

Devron Anderson, Associate  
Matthew King, Student  
Tyler Knight, Student  
Cynthia Segriff, PS  
Brayn Yates

### **Salt Lake**

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Travis Martin, Student  
Ted Mason, PS  
Martina Nelson, Student  
Eric Robins, PS  
Randy Sorenson, PS  
Matthew Stones, Associate  
Tyler Trujillo, PS  
John Vukonich, PS

### **Timpanogos**

Chad Hill, PS  
Bryan Worthen, Student

Unfortunately, in 2011, nine professional surveyors, one student, one associate, and one affiliate declined our invitation to renew their membership.

UCLS currently have 440 members, segregated into the following categories:

Affiliate	12
Associate	23
Licensed	354
Out of State	27
Student	14
Sustaining	1
Retired	9

## Martina Nelson

### 2010/2011 UCLS Scholarship Recipient



Current position: Geomatics technician (field and office) for Park City Surveying, Park City, Utah. She currently resides in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Martina was raised in a tiny farm town in Western Ohio, Arcanum. Her family then moved to Piqua, Ohio, the home of the original Union Suit long underwear. Yes, the red kind with the little 'flap' in the back! Later, in the 1980's she attended Ohio State University, studying Wildlife Management. When it became apparent that without at least a Master's degree, she would be mostly a campground cop, she re-evaluated her career choice. Wanting to stay in the environmental field at that time, she worked for non-profit environmental organizations: National Wildlife Federation, Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) and groundwater contamination organizations in Florida and Long Island New York.

In 1998, she made her way back to her Ohio roots, got a job as a used book buyer and looked to change to a more financially stable career choice. She loved her non-profit work, but the income just wasn't what she wanted. Career testing showed that land surveying would be a good choice. She sent out resumes and made cold calls to owners of local surveying firms. She got a job as a rodman, moved up to instrument man 6 months later, then eventually crew chief. In 2001, she passed NSPS-ACSM's Certified Survey Technician for instrument operator, Level II.

She got increasingly better job offers from the firms in the Columbus, Ohio area. She took a few CADD classes at the local college and got an office position with a large civil engineering firm (Floyd Browne Associates) in Delaware, Ohio. At first, the old school surveyor were skeptical that a woman could do the job. But once they saw her one-handed overhand swing of a 10-pound sledgehammer on the constructions sites, they warmed up to her considerably!

In 2007, she moved to Utah and got her current position with Park City Surveying. Currently studying Geomatics at

SLCC, she'll finish her degree then sit for her Utah PLS licensing exams. She loves the field of surveying for two reasons. First, nothing can happen on the ground without the surveyor, whether it's land development, a boundary survey for a property sale, or surveying a boundary for a conservation easement. Second, retracing previous surveyors' work is like working a puzzle and really fun.

Balancing school, work and life has been the biggest challenge. Her strength has been scheduling her days to the hour. The necessity of studies has meant turning down most social activities, except for her volunteer work. There will be a bigger payoff at the end, when she has her degree in hand and her State of Utah surveying license.

She sees the future of surveying technology increasing almost on a logarithmic curve. The technology is changing so quickly, and other fields like GIS are realizing how interconnected land surveying is to everything else tied to the land. Much discussion (often heated) occurs when discussing surveying and GIS. She feels they work closely together. Who better to run a GIS data collection project than surveyors? They've been locating items on the ground for a millennia! And they know respective demands for matching accuracy to the project at hand.

In her free time, she enjoys hiking, camping, motorcycling, skiing, helping out at dog obedience trials, volunteering with her dog as a pet therapy team at local homes, and spending time with her family.





### Publication Committee Report

by: Steven Keisel

The publication committee is in the process of soliciting articles, reports, and contribution from chapters, committees, and associates. Additionally we are exploring the cost effectiveness of a hard copy edition.

We anticipate a January 1, 2012 date and request all submittals be delivered by December 20.

### Legislative Committee

by: Dale Robinson

The legislative committee continues to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting is January 12th. We will be working on 3 directive this year.

First, our recommended changes to 17-23 were reviewed by the County Surveyors and the Executive Board and it was decided to support only one change in current statute being one line to the 17-25-17 that states "as defined by rule". This is a good change and will allow the UCLS to adjust and update the rules governing the contents and instructions for boundary surveys without legislative action. Our plan is to prepare the bill for the 2013 legislative session and work in committee in the coming months to assemble the rules for boundary survey.

Second, we will pursue legislation for the decriminalization of trespass by surveyors while accessing section corners required for surveys. 76-6-206.3 enacted in 2009 states that "*a person is guilty of a class B misdemeanor criminal offense of criminal trespass, if without authorization or right under state law, the person enters or remains on land which notice prohibiting entry is given by personal communication, fencing, or posted signs or markers.*" Our goal is a right-of-entry exception.

Third, we will outline the creation and operating policies for a Political Action Committee to advance the interests of the UCLS.

Our lobbyist, Ryan Peterson, attends each month and is keeping us apprised of any other issues or bills that may affect us. His understanding of the legislative process is a real value to the committee as we consider the issues and complete tasks as assigned.

### Testing Committee Report

by: Steven Keisel

The testing committee has not met this year but anticipate a request from DOPL in the spring of 2012 to review the state specific portion of the licensing exam.

The committee has exchanged phone calls, emails, and visited on several topics.

### Surveying- the second oldest profession?

**Deuteronomy 27:17** Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen

**Zechariah 4:10** For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the land of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.

**Joshua 18:4** Give out from among you three men from each tribe and I will send them, and they shall go through the land and describe it according to their inheritance.

**Revelations 21:16** And the city lieth foursquare and he measured the city with a reed.

**Zechariah 2:1** I lifted up mine eyes and looked and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand

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## Convention Committee

by: Scott Bishop

This year's conference:

February 9-10, 2012

Dixie Center, St. George

In the last Convention meeting, the committee finalized the schedule, looked over the menu, determined what we would hand out as give-a-ways, prizes, and general 'swag.' We also determined that we would like to present the handouts digitally. Those who wish to have a hard copy material can print them off the website at their own convenience. We also reviewed the last several conferences to see where we can improve.

**Please remember that we are still collecting items for the scholarship auction, don't throw any survey related items out, please donate them to the UCLS to raise money for scholarships.** Be sure and save the date and make arrangements to attend the conference early. If you have any ideas or comments please let us know.

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## Membership Committee

by: James Coutts

The membership committee has been in communication with a website designer. Jeff Searle has been assigned and is coordinating the website re-design with the designer. We are shooting for a completion date of January so that we can market the new website at the 2012 convention.

The membership committee has proposed a "participation drive" that will incorporate a raffle based on participation in UCLS activities from February 2011-January 2012. We are hoping the convention committee will "budgetary" join with the membership committee in supporting this raffle for the 2012 convention. Board members, at he the PR/Membership Committee Chair would be ineligible to win prizes. The Drive/raffle points would breakdown as follows:

1 pts for a Chapter Meeting up to a total of 4 pts

2 pts for a committee meeting up to a total of 12 pts

5 pts for sponsoring a H.S. to have a Trig-Star program

2 pts for a Foresight Article up to 4 pts

2 pts for representing the UCLS at a promotional event up to 4 pts

If the Convention Committee and the Membership committee pool their resources, we are hoping to get the following prizes:

1 Flat Screen TV, 1 Shotgun, 1 iPad (or similar tablet), and 2 iPod touches

We are hoping to join with the Convention committee in sponsoring the convention handouts. We have heard a lot of feedback from the UCLS members geared at 2 different items:

1) is the desire to have a collection of all laws, statutes, codes, and court cases affecting the survey profession, and 2) is that most people don't use the paper handouts from the convention. We are hoping to solve this two fold by handing out flash drives that contain all the applicable information described above, as well as the presentation paperwork that would normally be handed out at the convention. If over 500 are ordered, pre-loaded flash drives with the UCLS logo on them can be as low as \$7 each, but we may want to get larger ones.

If the convention committee is willing to join with us on these two ventures, we feel our members would greatly benefit and feel like there is more to the UCLS than just CEU's.

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## Salt Lake Chapter Report

by: Mike Withers

2011 has been another exciting year. It seems they go faster and faster. In the last quarter the Salt Lake Chapter has been as busy as ever. We have had some great lunches this year. In October Mr. Troy Langston with Monsen Engineering spoke to us about "TGO Post Processing Issues" and a "Manufacturer's Point of View" on the Light Squared Problem at The Old Spaghetti Factory. We had a great turn out (40-50 people).

Our November luncheon was also a great success. We were lucky enough to have Mr. Ross Hansen P.L.S., P.E. speak to us about "Utah Water Rights". He works for the Utah Division of Water Rights. It was a great presentation held at Joe Morley's BBQ. We had another great turn out (45-50 people). I would like to thank out presenters again for their help.

I have high hopes for our upcoming year. You should have received your ballot for next year's officers. I am so pleased to have it full of great candidates; it's a win-win ballot. Don't forget to vote.

UCLS committee meetings seem to happen in abundance in our valley. We could always use more help. The Membership and Public Relations committee chaired by Mr. James Coutts has devised a point system to sweeten the deal. This is an incentive to our members to show up to committees meetings and participate in, luncheons, trig-star, and Foresight articles. The details will be unveiled at the UCLS convention. Prizes may include a shotgun, big screen TVs and iPods. I hope to see you there. This committee usually meet for lunches in the third week of each month. If you would like to help with this committee please contact Mr. Coutts at Jcounts.pe.pls@gmail.com

The Standards and Ethics committee, chaired by Mr. Matt Clark, is working on templates for maps, plats and corner recordation sheets. It's always nice to have a diverse opinion and your input is always welcome. This committee try's to meet every third Thursday of each month. The venue is often in flux but if you would like to help with this committee please contact Mr. Clark at MClark@co.tooele.ut.us.

The Legislative committee chaired by Mr. Dale Robinson is as busy as ever working on issues like our trespass situation and clarifying 17-23-statues. They are working closely with our municipal counterparts, the County Surveyors. This committee meets every second Thursday at the office of Dominion Engineering or the office of Sunrise Engineering. If you would like to help with this committee please contact Mr. Robinson at drobinson@sunrise-eng.com.

Our organization is continuing to grow and there is a place for anyone willing to help. So please, if you have time, come on out and lend a hand. You can show up once, twice or become a regular. Our community is so full of gifted individuals. The UCLS is only going to get better with all our support.

Just a reminder, the end of the year ia great time to manage our professional development credit hours.

Also, we need some donations for our scholarship auction. If you have an item please let me know. It's in our best interest to help our next generation of surveyors. We look forward to your continued support.

Thanks.



## Book Cliffs Chapter Report

by: David Bronson

The Book Cliffs Chapter has not had a meeting since the last publication, so there really is nothing to report. Just say that all is well with the surveyors in the chapter. Everyone has been busy and looking forward to the holidays. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## Color Country Chapter Report

by: Scott Bishop

In October, we had a luncheon with Russell Shirts, Washington County Recorder. He presented on some of the changes in the Recorders office as well as some of the software and tools that are available for use. We also gathered nominations for Chapter Officers.

Since we met last, St. George City has replaced their base station. Some of the local surveyors who rely on the base have helped pay for a new radio frequency, and it appears that surveyors who rely on the base have helped pay for a new radio frequency, and it appears that it is up and running again. The AGRC has incorporated the new base into the VRS network, and the City is currently working with the NGS to have the base station become a CORS site.

We have scheduled our Winter Social for early January, and are looking forward to getting together and plan out a great year.

## Golden Spike Chapter Report

by: David Balling

The Golden Spike Chapter held a Chapter Meeting October 19th at 12:00 at the Golden Corral in Logan. The County Surveyors from Box Elder County and Cache Counties gave short presentation of the progress they are making to modernize their offices. The directed us in the manner of finding and filing survey information. We thank them for their help and I'm sure we will use the information they shared. Of the 66 members, about 30 attended which is a good attendance for a noon time meeting in Logan.

We held another meeting on December 15th at 12:00 at the Golden Corral in Ogden. The county surveyor, Ernest Rowley and his staff informed us on the updates to surveying in Weber County.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 12th at 12:00 at the Chuck-O-Rama in Bountiful and flyers will be sent out. We intend to hear from the Davis County Surveyors Max Elliott.

The Golden Spike Chapter intends to hold monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month with the location moving around the chapter.