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Agenda:

Purpose of and Standards for ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys

Purpose and development of ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey

- Elements of ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey

Ordering the Survey

Surveying standards and standards of care

- Effective date - Other requirements and standards of practice

- Normal standard of care - Boundary establishment

- Measurement standards

Fieldwork

- Monuments

Records research

- Rights of way and access - Lines of possession and improvements along boundaries

- Buildings - Easements and servitudes

- Water features - Cemeteries

Preparation of the plat/map of ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey

- Fieldwork - Boundary, description, dimensions, closures

- Easements, servitudes, rights-of-way, access, documents

- Presentation

Certification

Deliverables

- Preface - Items 1-19

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Presented by

Gary Kent is a professional surveyor with Schneider Geomatics in Indianapolis where, after 37 years, he transitioned in 2020 to part-time status and formed Meridian Land Consulting to provide training, consulting and expert witness services. Mr. Kent was chair of the ALTA/ NSPS Workgroup responsible for the ALTA/NSPS Standards from 1995 to 2021 and has been conferred a lifetime honorary membership in ALTA. He has presented programs on boundaries, survey standards, easements and rights of way, legal descriptions, title, risk management, safety, leadership, and other topics multiple times in each of the 50 states. Mr. Kent has served on the Indiana Board of Registration for Professional Surveyors since 2004.

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Agenda:

Metes and Bounds and What Came Before the US Public Land Survey System (PLSS)

Basic land description concepts: distances, directions,

circular curves, mathematical closure, state plane coordinates

Reading a metes and bounds description

Drawbacks of metes and bounds system

Basics of the U.S. Public Land Survey System (PLSS)

Development of PLSS, advantages and disadvantages

Principal meridians and baselines

The township: the basic building block of the PLSS

Ranges and sections

Numbering sections

Irregular sections and aliquot parts

Describing and Locating Lands in the PLSS

Conventional parcels

"Part of" descriptions

Reading a PLSS description

Writing a description

Drawing a description

Software/websites for mapping, drawing and locating described lands

Presented by Anthony "Tony" M. Gregory, PS Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology and former Department Head at Purdue University Northwest

Mr. Gregory is a professor emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology and former department head at Purdue University Northwest in Hammond, Indiana. He is registered as a professional surveyor in Indiana and Illinois and consults as a project surveyor at Abonmarche through their Hobart, Indiana, office. Mr. Gregory has presented numerous seminars on various land surveying topics to professional land surveyors, surveying technicians, attorneys, title company officials, and real estate professionals through various settings. He is a member of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS), the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association (IPLSA), and the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS). Mr. Gregory previously served on the ISPLS Board of Directors and is a past society president. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of NSPS and chairs the NSPS Education Committee. Mr. Gregory and his wife, Jen, previously co-pastored a church congregation in Grove City, Ohio, for two and a half years.

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What is a "Railroad" by Law? (And Why Does It Matter?)

Highway or utility – public rights and railroad responsibilities

The effects of railroads on development of the US

The evolution of the regulatory framework affecting railroads in the US

Railroad Records and Regulation

Finding information about physical, legal, and historical railroad aspects

The birth of Rails to Trails

Railroad abandonment

What "abandonment" means, physically and legally

The process for abandonment

Examining the Extent, Type, Location and Time/Duration of Railroad Rights

Deciphering if railroads acquired ownership or easement or other rights

The extent of railroad rights, and significance to landowners and railroads

Shared uses of the railroad corridor

Decisions relating to Rails to Trails conversions

Presented by

Wendy Lathrop, PLS, CFM, CFS President and Owner of Cadastral Consulting, LLC

Ms. Lathrop is licensed as a professional land surveyor in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Maryland, and as a professional planner in New Jersey. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Policy and has been involved in surveying since 1974 in projects ranging from construction to boundary to environmental land use disputes. Ms. Lathrop is also a certified floodplain manager through the Association of State Flood Plain Managers (ASFPM) and a Certified Floodplain Surveyor through the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors. A former adjunct instructor at Mercer County College in New Jersey, she has also taught as part of the team for the licensing exam review course at Drexel University in Pennsylvania. Ms. Lathrop has been teaching seminars for surveyors since 1986 and has been writing articles for surveyors since 1983. She is a contributing editor for *The American Surveyor* magazine, and she has four articles included in the American Bar Association's text. Land Surveys: A Guide for Lawyers and Other Professionals. She and Stephen V. Estopinal, PLS, PE co-authored a book titled Professional Surveyors and Real Property Descriptions: Composition, Construction, and Comprehension, published by John Wiley & Sons. Inc. in 2011. She is also on the faculty of GeoLearn, a web-based educational provider. Ms. Lathrop is a past president of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors and of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, and she has served on the Board of Directors for the American Association for Geodetic Surveying.

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