

ENYSLS HISTORY

More than thirty interested people gathered at the Tom Sawyer Motel for dinner on May 9, 1962 to consider the advisability of creating a Society of Land Surveyors to serve the area contiguous to the Capital District. It was agreed to form an organization to provide a means for the friendly exchange of ideas among the Surveying Profession, to foster a spirit of cooperation and understanding, to promote a betterment of standards, ethics and professionalism, and to improve public relations.

In July, 1962 a meeting was held at the office of C.T. Male Associates where lots were drawn to determine the term of office of each (initial) Board Member; the results were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Armstrong	1963
Coulter	1965
Venter	1964
Harrington	1963
Vogel	1965
Schraa	1964
Selee	1964
Gilbert	1965
Champagne	1963

Results of the election of officers were as follows:

President	- Ralph G. Champagne
Vice President	- Rhein Vogel, Jr.
Secretary/Treasurer	- Donald W. Selee

By the following year (September 9, 1964 annual meeting) under the leadership R. Vogel President, the following was accomplished:

- 1 - Incorporation of this organization was achieved-- thereby protecting not only the officers but all members thereof.
- 2 - Co-sponsorship along with Nassau-Suffolk Civil Engineers, Inc. of the Fifth Annual Statewide Conference of Land Surveyors held in Albany. This event was an enormous success as a conference under the very capable Co-Chairmanship of Vice President Boutelle and Mr. Donald H. Belford, Jr.
- 3 - Out of this conference was formed the New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors, Inc. having at least ten local associations affiliated.
- 4 - Participation in the promotion of various legislation affecting our profession.
- 5 - Information and education program relating to the activities of organized labor in the field of surveying locally.

Through the years the Society has grown in size and depth from 44 members (35 regular, 7 junior, 1 honorary and 1 associate) in 1966 to 119 members (63 senior, 3 life, 6 intern, 31 associate, 5 affiliate, 8 sustaining, 3 honorary) in 1984.

The following is a comparison of the 1962 dues structure compared to our current 1984 rates.

	<u>1962</u>		<u>1984</u>
Member	- \$10.00	Senior	- \$105.00
Junior	- \$ 2.00	Intern	- \$ 35.00
Sustaining		Associate	- \$ 30.00
a) Corporation	- \$100.00	Affiliate	- \$ 60.00
b) Individual	- \$ 25.00	Sustaining	- \$ 75.00

The Society now supports a Scholarship for academic excellence in the Field of Land Surveying at Paul Smith's College. The Society periodically sponsors educational seminars, refresher courses, and state conferences. Socially the Society has initiated ladies nights, golf tournaments, boat cruises, race track outings, clam bakes, bus trips, etc.

The Society actively participates in Engineer's Week and supports various career day oriented programs throughout the Capital District.

The following are randomly selected trivia (reports or charts) from our Society's inception to date.

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