

WHAT IS THE WISCONSIN SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS?



HISTORY OF LAND SURVEYING

Land Surveying is the measuring of distances and angles on the Earth's surface for use in locating property boundaries, construction layout and map making. It is, in fact, one of the oldest professions in the world!

This process dates back thousands of years and is still a very significant part of our lives.

The Ancient Egyptians used land surveying to help them redraw the banks of the Nile when it overflowed.

The Romans were the first to employ an official Land Surveyor within their Empire. They developed one of the first tools used in surveying.

George Washington, Thomas Jefferson and Abraham Lincoln were all Land Surveyors.

Throughout the years, the value of land and the demand for public improvements has made land surveying the important practice it is today.

The Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) is a statewide organization representing the majority of Professional Land Surveyors licensed to practice in Wisconsin. The Society was created in 1952 and consists of a diverse group of professionals. The WSLS was founded as an organization dedicated to:

- Promote the common good and welfare of its members
- Advance the profession of land surveying and promote high standards of practice and ethical conduct
- Encourage and support educational programs for its members
- Promote a better understanding and appreciation of how surveyors serve the public's interest.

The Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors is a volunteer organization that relies on members to be actively involved in the various initiatives it supports. Education, Legislative, Ethics and Standards of Practice, and Outreach are just some of the committees that are an integral part of the day to day operations of the Society.

The WSLS consists of 9 Chapters throughout Wisconsin. Each Chapter works diligently within its region, organizing and participating in community and educational events. The Chapters also focus on regional issues that affect the surveying profession.

The Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors Foundation was founded in 1993 to support the advancement of land surveying education with scholarships, fellowships, internships, publications, research and the preservation of historical surveying and mapping equipment.

