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President's Corner

What's up 'Round the Square.

Hope each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

It is a great honor to me that you, the membership of the NC Property Mappers Association, elected me to be the leader of this great group. When I first attended Mapping School in Greensboro, back in 1994, I had no idea that one day I would be President. At that time, I did not even know there was a President or an organization behind the Mappers across the state.

The beginning of a New Year always allows us the opportunity to stop and reflect on from where we've come and on where we're going.

This year, 2005 is a mile marker in the history of the North Carolina Property Mappers Association. Our Association is marking its 25th year in existence. There are a few hardy soles still around that were at the beginning of the association.

I marveled when I heard the story of how the Association came to be as a result of a casual conversation beside a swimming pool. To think that such a dynamic organization can result from the casual idea of a handful of dedicated individuals shows what we, today, can accomplish with the will and the ability to work together.

I hope that each of us takes a minute to thank those individuals who a quarter of a century ago set forth the foundation on which we stand today.

This past year has seen the Association continue to grow and develop. We have 93 counties represented in our membership. That is the best we have had in several years but we can do better. We are missing members from seven counties and they are missing us, also.

Our organization needs to be one that responds to the needs of our individual members, our member counties as well as our corporate members.

Just as we each do things differently than we did in 1980, the association is continuing to evolve and develop. In an effort to better serve our members, we are adding an extra day to the Fall Conference for some concurrent workshops. This extra day will provide individual members the opportunity to get their full 24 hours needed for re-certification. And we are doing this at no extra cost other than the extra night at the hotel. (We tried to negotiate three nights lodging for the price of two but the hotel just wouldn't budge on that issue.)

I'm looking forward to serving this special Twenty-Fifth Anniversary year. My phone is always open to ideas or questions. Just be sure to call before 5:00 PM. For some reason the phones seem to go dead at that time of day.

I'm sure everyone's heart goes out to the unfortunate people of South Asia who are suffering from the recent the tsunami. Those of us in eastern North Carolina who lived through Hurricane Floyd and Hurricane Isabelle probably have a special appreciation for the misery they are experiencing over there.

As we begin our new year, let's each stop a moment and say a prayer for those who are suffering not only from the tsunami but also from any trial or tribulation.

John

John Bridgers
President NCPMA
Yadkin County



2005 NCPMA Membership Application

Make checks payable to "North Carolina Property Mappers Association" and mail with this form to:

Tammy Southern, NCPMA Secretary
Forsyth County GIS/Mapping
PO Box 757
Winston-Salem, NC 27102

Deadline: March 31, 2005

Name: _____
Last First MI Designation (CMS, GISP, etc.)

County/Organization: _____

Work Address: _____

Email: _____

Position/Title: _____ **Dept.** _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____
Area Code Number Ext. Area Code Number

Please indicate which of the following certifications/professional designations you have.

- Regular Mapper Senior Mapper State Certified Mapper CMS GISP

We would like to give our members a choice as to how they receive *The North Arrow*.

Please select your preference below:

- I would prefer to receive a **printed** copy of the *North Arrow* **by mail**.
 I would prefer to view the *North Arrow* **online** when announced on the listserv.

- To insure proper placement in the 2005 *Legend* please fill in all information and indicate correct membership applicable to your profession. Please review names in the 2004 *Legend* and advise us of employee changes.
- Deadline for applications to guarantee listing in the *Legend* is **March 31, 2005**.

REGULAR MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 1

Mappers, mapping supervisors, GIS personnel and department heads in charge of mapping, employed by County and City Government units shall be entitled to regular membership.

(According to G.S. 147-54-4, a person employed by a local government who is responsible for creating and maintaining large scale cadastral maps is a mapper.)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 2

Persons not eligible for regular membership but whom are actively involved in Land Records Management. (Other interested government workers, i.e. E-911, Appraisers, Planning & Zoning, and Registers of Deeds.)

SUBSCRIBING MEMBERS: NCPMA Bylaws Article II Section 3

Manager Level individuals and marketing Representatives of non-governmental firms committed to the Advancement and Modernization of Land Records.

Please check the type of membership below, noting the fee which applies:

- Regular Membership (\$25.00) Subscribing Membership (\$50.00)
 Associate Membership (\$25.00) Lifetime Member – Information update only
 New Member / **Membership Renewal** **Return Receipt Requested**

Membership Renewals

This year when filling out your membership application please be sure to check the boxes we have added to enhance our membership database and serve you better.

Be sure to check Mapping certification status and any other designation(s) you have earned.

Please indicate which way you would prefer to receive the *North Arrow* in the future. (By mail or listserv announcement) Every current issue of the *North Arrow* is available on the NCPMA's website. By choosing to view the *North Arrow* electronically, you can help us keep down the cost of postage that is spent on every issue. If you still want to receive every issue by mail, no problem, just let us know by checking that box. If you should change your mind in the future, the switch can easily be made.

NCPMA SPRING WORKSHOPS

We are in the planning stages of our annual spring workshops. As soon as the places, dates and instructors are determined we will make the announcement on the listserv. We will try to have the workshops in April or May, and in each region (same as last year) if possible.

Website Info

Check out our website. Rich Elkins does a tremendous job with it. It's full of useful information and information is constantly being updated. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have any please contact Rich,
webmaster@ncpropertymappers.org

Website Address:
<http://ncpropertymappers.org>

CMS Requirement Change

The following announcement is provided for your information. If you have questions concerning this article, please contact IAAO via their website <http://www.iaao.org> or by calling 800/616-IAAO.

New Reporting Implemented For Continuing Education

The IAAO has implemented a new method for professional designees to report their continuing education hours. Effective immediately, hours will be reported cumulatively at the end of the recertification cycle, on a new Continuing Education Log.

The recertification cycle starts on January 1 following the initial professional designation and runs for a five-year period. During that cycle, the professional designee is expected to complete 50 credit hours of continuing education.

Within each certification period, it is mandatory for each designee (with the exception of the CMS designation) to successfully complete at least 14 hours of education courses or seminars on the Standards of Practice and Professional Ethics approved by the Professional Development Committee.

Approved courses or seminars include IAAO 171, the two-day Appraisal Foundation approved USPAP Course and the one-day Foundation approved USPAP update course. CMS designees must complete either the four-hour IAAO online Standards of Professional Practice and Ethics, IAAO 171 or the IAAO one-day forum on Standard 6.

The new Continuing Education Log will simplify reporting and recording of education credit, according to Jim Todora, CAE, chair of the IAAO Professional Development Committee. He said the reporting will continue to ensure the integrity of the designation program.

Log on to IAAO website at <http://www.iaao.org> and click on Education Tab / Professional Development Forms / Professional Designations.

!!!! Fall Conference Logo Contest !!!!

Hello everyone,

Looking back, I hope everyone really enjoyed last year's conference. I know I did and would like to thank Suzie Nicholson (the Chair) and everyone else who contributed to making the 2004 conference a success.

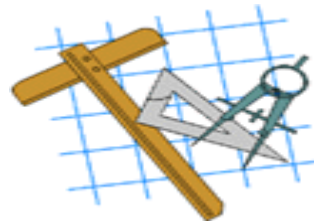
The Conference Committee for 2005 has already been busy making plans for the **NCPMA 25th Anniversary Conference**. Yes, I did print that correctly! It is the 25th Anniversary Conference and hopefully with your help, we can make it a memorable one.

I said with your help because we need just that! The NCPMA is having a logo contest for the conference. This year's theme for the conference is

“2005’ NCPMA 25th Anniversary...Plotting a Course into the Future”

Entries must utilize the theme within the submitted logo. The entries must be received by March 31st, 2005. Please submit your entries to me at srandone@brunscosco.net (jpeg or bit map) or hard copy (8.5" x 11") to

Steve Randone, Brunswick County MIS Director, PO Box 249, Bolivia, N.C. 28422.



If your entry is selected by the Conference Committee, it will not only be utilized and displayed at this year's conference and the NCPMA website, but you will also receive your choice of \$100 or free registration for the conference. So get out your pencil and paper or graphic program, whichever works for you, and put your creative minds to use. I'm looking forward to seeing the entries and seeing you all at this year's conference.

Good Luck!

Steve

Steve Randone
2005 Conference Chairman



OPEN MESSAGE TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Members of the NCPMA,

I will be retiring December 31, 2004 with 30 years of work in local government. From the time that I graduated from college, my work has been with maps/mapping. Shy of several years of being part of the initial group that created the NCPMA. I am fortunate to have been able to be an active participant. I recognized and have supported the high standard that the NCPMA established for its membership. The "Legend" personifies and bears witness of the history of this standard. It's not often that North Carolina is envied about something. Yet the NCPMA has established a land records program that other states want to copy or to imitate. If there is a "clique" of any kind, it's because the "volunteers" are motivated. They want to be involved, to participate, and to be part of a process that challenges us.

I appreciate the opportunity to have been a part of the NCPMA. It is a work in progress that continues to set high standards. That is what keeps us in our jobs and keeps us reaching for the knowledge and technology of the future. It is also why we call ourselves "professionals". It is what makes the NCPMA a "professional organization".

Thanks again,
Albert Taylor Jr.
Carteret County

Albert will be greatly missed as will Gil Robbins who has also left county government to pursue other avenues.

NCPMA Board of Officers

Upcoming Events

March 2005

3-4 NC GIS Conference **Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC**

August 2005

1-5 NCPMA Mapping School **Sheraton Grand Hotel, New Bern NC**

September 2005

18-21 IAAO Conference **Anchorage, AK**

October 2005

5-7 NCPMA Fall Conference **Sheraton Imperial, RTP NC**

8-12 Annual URISA (National) Conference **Kansas City, MO**

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