

# WESTERN REGIONAL SURVEY CONFERENCE 2026

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

- 7:30 AM – 8:00 AM Refreshment Break in Foyer
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Opening Ceremonies/Color Guard/National Anthem
- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall / Exhibit Hall Opening
- 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM CFedS Workshop (Silver)  
Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS
- National Geodetic Survey; Spatial Reference System Update (Gold)  
Dr. Dana Caccamise, Dr. Dan Gillins, Dr. Jacob Heck
- Board of Registration Update (Bronze 1/2)  
Kurt Winter, AZ; Dallas Sweeney, CA; Perry Valdez, NM;  
Mark Fakler, NV; Chris Donahue, UT; Shannon Stanfill, WY
- GIS in Civil 3D (Palace 1/2)  
Rick Ellis
- Survey Tech: Legal Descriptions (Bronze 3/4)  
Armand Marois, PLS
- 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM Luncheon
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM CFedS Workshop (Cont.) (Silver)  
Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS
- NGS; Spatial Reference System Update (Cont.) (Gold)  
Dr. Michael Dennis, Keith Kohl
- County Surveyor Panel & NACS Annual Meeting (Bronze 1/2)  
Moderator: Ray Mathe, PLS & Pat Verguth, PLS
- Field to Finish in Civil 3D (Palace 1/2)  
Rick Ellis
- Survey Tech: Lost Corner Methods Other Than SPM & DPM (Bronze 3/4)  
Jerry Mahun, PLS
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM CFedS Workshop (Cont.) (Silver)  
Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS
- NGS; Spatial Reference System Update (Cont.) (Gold)  
Dr. Dana Caccamise, Dr. Dan Gillins, Dr. Jacob Heck,  
Dr. Michael Dennis, Linda Foster, Chase Simpson
- Navigating U.S. Mineral Surveys & Mining Claims:  
A Surveyor's Perspective (Bronze 1/2)  
Amanda Allred-Manos, PLS
- Working with Point Clouds & Large Datasets to Create  
CAD Deliverables (Palace 1/2)  
Rick Ellis
- Survey Tech: Intro Boundary Law (Bronze 3/4)  
Jerry Mahun, PLS
- 5:00 PM Icebreaker Reception in Exhibit Hall

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Know When to Hold'Em & Other Procedural Pitfalls (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- The 2026 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- AI & Aerial Surveying (Bronze 1/2)  
Logan Campbell
- California Spatial Reference Center (CSRC) Update (Palace 1/2)  
Greg Helmer, PLS
- Survey Tech: Basic Errors & Propagation (Bronze 3/4)  
Jerry Mahun, PLS
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Know When to Hold'Em & Other Procedural Pitfalls (Cont.) (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- The 2026 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards (Cont.) (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- The Great LiDAR Wave (Bronze 1/2)  
Logan Campbell
- Carlson Software Field to Finish and Photo Capture (Palace 1/2)  
Jim Reinbold
- Survey Tech: Ground and Grid (Bronze 3/4)  
Jerry Mahun, PLS
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Awards Luncheon
- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Know When to Hold'Em & Other Procedural Pitfalls (Cont.) (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Surveyor Jeopardy (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Scanning Smarter, Surveying Better: The 3D Advantage (Bronze 1/2)  
Garrett Smelker, PLS
- Subsurface Utility Investigations (Palace 1/2)  
Tom Pilarski, PLS
- Survey Tech: Importance of Networking (Bronze 3/4)  
Trent Keenan, PLS
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall

## THURSDAY, MARCH 19 (CONT.)

- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Know When to Hold'Em & Other Procedural Pitfalls (Cont.) (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Surveyor Jeopardy (Cont.) (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Scanning Smarter, Surveying Better (Cont.) (Bronze 1/2)  
Garrett Smelker, PLS
- Key Performance Indicators for Professional Services (Palace 1/2)  
Dan Perry, PLS
- Survey Tech: Aerial Photography History, Lessons in  
Photogrammetry and LiDAR and UAS Best Practices (Bronze 3/4)  
Zachary Radel
- 6:00 PM **Scholarship Live Auction & Dinner (TICKET REQUIRED)**

## FRIDAY, MARCH 20

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Out on a Limb: Trees & the Surveyor (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Risk Management (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Basic Easements: RoW, RoW, RoW your Plat! (Bronze 1/2)  
Jerry Mahun, PLS
- Safety Considerations for UAV Pilots (Palace 1/2)  
Douglas Spotted Eagle
- Survey Tech: GNSS and Geodesy Basics (Bronze 3/4)  
Steve Martin, PLS
- Roundtable: Young Surveyors Network (Palace 3/4/5)  
Moderated by: YSN State Coordinators
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Out on a Limb: Trees & the Surveyor (Cont.) (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Risk Management (Cont.) (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- The TikTok Test: A Modern Look at Professional Ethics (Bronze 1/2)  
Tony Chenier, PLS
- Risk Mitigation for UAV (Palace 1/2)  
Douglas Spotted Eagle
- Survey Tech: Construction Surveys (Bronze 3/4)  
Rob McMillan, PLS
- Roundtable: Outreach & Workforce Development (Palace 3/4/5)  
Moderators: Trent Keenan, PLS & Sean Ireland, PLS
- 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM Luncheon

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## FRIDAY, MARCH 20 (CONT.)

- 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Trace Evidence & Land Titles (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Mock Trial, Part 1 (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Tombstone: A Modern LiDAR Survey of Historic Mine (Bronze 1/2)  
Will Wing, PLS & Nathan Robinson
- Modernizing Asset Inspections: UAS Workflows (Palace 1/2)  
Chris Jackson & Mel Philbrook
- Survey Tech: Bridging the Field and Office Gap (Bronze 3/4)  
Garrett Smelker, PLS
- 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
- 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM Trace Evidence & Land Titles (Cont.) (Silver)  
Kris Kline, PLS
- Mock Trial, Part 1 (Cont.) (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Tips & Tricks for Registering & Cleaning Point Cloud Data (Bronze 1/2)  
Mack Kowalski
- Using Technology in Your Survey Business (Palace 1/2)  
Michael Detwiler, PLS
- Survey Tech: Surveyor Safety (Bronze 3/4)  
Rob McMillan, PLS
- 6:00 PM **Scholarship Bowling Tournament / CLSA Anniversary Dinner**

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

- 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM Refreshment Break
- 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM Monument Destruction and Other Tragedy (Silver)  
Ron Nelms, PLS
- Mock Trial, Part 2 (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- Pix4D for AECS Training (Bronze 1/2)  
Douglas Spotted Eagle
- Surveying Meets GIS: Practical Tools for a Spatial World (Palace 1/2)  
Jami Dennis
- Survey Tech: Improving Accuracy of Field Procedures (Bronze 3/4)  
Wrangler Grohs, PLS
- 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM Refreshment Break
- 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM Placing Your Footsteps - Legal Descriptions (Silver)  
Ron Nelms, PLS
- Mock Trial, Part 2 (Cont.) (Gold)  
Gary Kent, PLS
- LiDAR vs Photogrammetry (Bronze 1/2)  
Douglas Spotted Eagle
- Survey Tech: Best Practices for Field Work (Bronze 3/4)  
Wrangler Grohs, PLS
- 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM Closing Ceremonies

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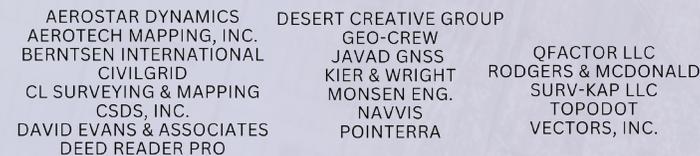
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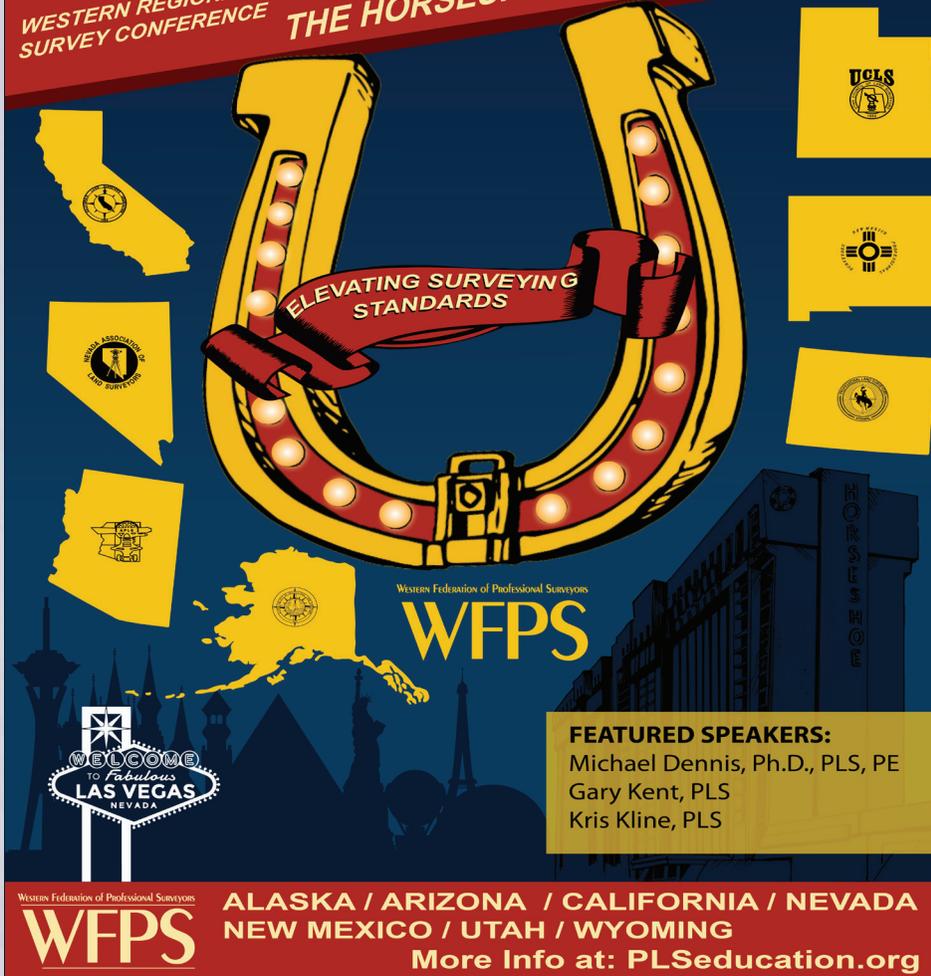
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**FEATURED SPEAKERS:**  
Michael Dennis, Ph.D., PLS, PE  
Gary Kent, PLS  
Kris Kline, PLS

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