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MARCH 18-21, 2026
THE HORSESHOE, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA



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FEATURED SPEAKERS:

Michael Dennis, Ph.D., PLS, PE
Gary Kent, PLS
Kris Kline, PLS

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GENERAL INFORMATION



Welcome to the Western Regional Survey Conference

The Western Regional Survey Conference is upon us. This year the Conference will be held March 18-21, 2026 at the Horseshoe Las Vegas (formerly Bally's) in Las Vegas, NV. We hope we have included all necessary information regarding the Conference, however, please feel free to contact the Conference Office at (888) 994-3510 or email conference@plseducation.org, if you have additional questions. For updated Conference information, please visit the conference website PLSeducation.org.

The Horseshoe Las Vegas

Stay right in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip at Horseshoe Las Vegas. Formerly "Bally's," the property was rebranded in late 2022 and, after a major renovation, complete with a refreshed exterior, reimagined casino floor, updated rooms, new restaurants, and enhanced entertainment spaces. After a day at the conference, you'll find everything you need on-site: a seasonal outdoor pool, a fitness center and spa, a full casino, and several dining venues. For entertainment beyond the casino, Horseshoe delivers regular shows such as comedy, magic, and tribute performances at its in-house venues. If you want fun for the whole family (or a break from the Strip), you can enjoy the immersive black-light glow-in-the-dark fun at Twilight Zone by Monster Mini Golf, located right inside the resort complete with 18-hole mini golf, arcade games, mini-bowling, and even a themed gift shop.

Hotel Reservations

The Horseshoe Las Vegas is located at 3645 Las Vegas Blvd. South, Las Vegas, NV. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel. The cut-off date for hotel reservations is February 24, 2026.

Reservations: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SBWRS6>

Cut-off Date: February 24th - **Reserve early for guaranteed pricing.**

Group Rates (Mon. - Wed.): \$50/\$78.35 with fees

Group Rates (Thurs. - Sun.): \$149/\$177.35 with fees

Complimentary Parking Available for attendees that book through this link.

Limited parking passes available. Contact Conference Office for more Info.

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SCHOLARSHIP AUCTION

SILENT AUCTION (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) LIVE AUCTION (THURSDAY NIGHT)

The Scholarship Auction continues to be a highlight of the Conference. There's something for everyone at the auction and best of all, all proceeds support surveying education. Proceeds will benefit the participating association's Education Foundations. Vendors, Chapters, and individual members donate items ranging from older (we prefer the term "historic") survey equipment to gift baskets. To donate an item to the Scholarship Auction, please visit the conference website PLSeducation.org and click on Auction.



DONATIONS NEEDED!

If you have an item you would like to donate to the Scholarship Auction, please contact (888) 994-3510 or visit PLSeducation.org and click on Auction.



BOWLING TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY NIGHT

Join us for an evening of bowling and FUNdraising for the scholarship fund. Be sure to buy extra gutterball tickets so that you can roll a gutterball for rival teams!

For more info and to register, visit: PLSeducation.org

MAP & NORTH ARROW CONTESTS

Show off your best work at the Western Regional Survey Conference! Enter our Map Contest and North Arrow Design Contest to highlight the projects, creativity, and cartographic skill that make our profession stand out. Categories will include topographic maps, ALTA/NSPS surveys, and north arrow design. All entries will be displayed in the exhibit hall. Prizes will be awarded for each category and winning entries will be featured in association magazines.

For more info and to enter, visit: PLSeducation.org

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Over 22 hours of continuing education available. Attendees will use the Conference app to track their attendance at classes. At the end of the Conference, attendees will download a certificate which will include session titles, speaker names, date, and hours.

CST EXAM PROCTOR SITE

We have allocated time during the Conference to proctor the CST exam. If you would like to take a CST Exam, please contact the Conference Office by February 1st.

GRAND PRIZE

The Grand Prize Drawing will be held at the Closing Ceremonies on Saturday, March 21st. Tickets for the Grand Prize Drawing are limited to Conference full-paid registrants. Winner must be present at the Closing Ceremony.

EXHIBIT HALL RAFFLE

Visit each of our exhibitors to have your passport stamped. Once your passport is complete, enter in the drawing for a chance to win! Winner will be announced during the last break in the Exhibit Hall on Friday at 3:30 PM. Winner must be present.

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PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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Wednesday, March 18, 2026



7:30 AM – 8:00 AM	Refreshment Break in Foyer
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Ceremonies/Color Guard/National Anthem/Keynote
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall / Exhibit Hall Opening
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	CFedS Workshop (Silver) <i>Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS</i>
<i>CFedS credit available Additional fee and exam required.</i>	NGS / NSRS Update (Gold) <i>Michael Dennis, Ph.D., PLS, PE</i>
	Board of Registration Update (Bronze 1/2) <i>Invited: Joseph Bonnell AK; Kurt Winter, AZ; Ric Moore, CA; Perry Valdez, NM; Mark Faker, NV; Chris Donahue, UT; Shannon Stanfill, WY</i>
	Civil 3D Workshop (Palace 1/2) <i>Rick Ellis</i>
	Survey Tech: Legal Descriptions (Bronze 3/4) <i>Armand Marois, PLS</i>
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Luncheon
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	CFedS Workshop (Cont.) (Silver) <i>Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS</i>
<i>CFedS credit available Additional fee and exam required.</i>	NGS / NSRS Update (Cont.) (Gold) <i>Michael Dennis, Ph.D., PLS, PE</i>
	County/Agency Surveyor Panel & NACS Annual Meeting (Bronze 1/2) <i>Panel: Ray Mathe, PLS; Pat Verguth, PLS; Reid Denman, PLS</i>
	Civil 3D Workshop (Cont.) (Palace 1/2) <i>Rick Ellis</i>
	Survey Tech: PLS Lost Corner Methods Other Than SPM & DPM (Bronze 3/4) <i>Jerry Mahun, PLS</i>
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Refreshment Break in Exhibit Hall
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	CFedS Workshop (Cont.) (Silver) <i>Glen Thurow, PLS & Tasha Huhta, PLS</i>
<i>CFedS credit available Additional fee and exam required.</i>	NGS / NSRS Update (Cont.) (Gold) <i>Michael Dennis, Ph.D., PLS, PE</i>
	Navigating U.S. Mineral and Mining Claims: A Surveyor's Perspective (Bronze 1/2) <i>Amanda Allred-Manos, PLS</i>
	Civil 3D Workshop (Cont.) (Palace 1/2) <i>Rick Ellis</i>
	Survey Tech: Intro Boundary Law (Bronze 3/4) <i>Jerry Mahun, PLS</i>
5:00 PM	Icebreaker Reception in Exhibit Hall

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Thursday, March 19, 2026



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

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Thursday, March 19, 2026 (Continued)



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: the 3D Advantage (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

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Friday, March 20, 2026

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

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Out on a Limb: Trees & the Surveyor (Cont.) (Silver)
Kris Kline, PLS

Risk Management (Cont.) (Gold)
Gary Kent, PLS

Ethics: Responsibilities, Risks, and Real-World Scenarios (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)
Moderated by: Trent Keenan, PLS & Sean Ireland, PLS

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Luncheon

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Friday, March 20, 2026 (Continued)

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Trace Evidence & Land Titles (Silver)

Kris Kline, PLS

Mock Trial, Part 1 (Gold)

Gary Kent, PLS

Tombstone Underground: A Modern LiDAR Survey of Historic Mine (Bronze 1/2)

Will Wing, PLS

Trimble Topic TBD (Palace 1/2)

Speaker from Frontier TBD

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

Hydrographic Surveys (Bronze 1/2)

Brian Becker

For the Quest & Creatures of Compass (Palace 1/2)

Dustin Gardner, PLS & Colin Sellers

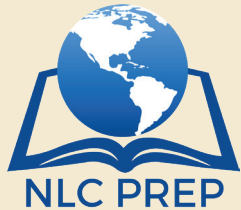
Survey Tech: Surveyor Safety (Bronze 3/4)

Rob McMillan, PLS

6:00 PM

Education Foundation Scholarship Bowling Tournament

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Additional Sponsorships and Exhibit Space Still Available!

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Saturday, March 21, 2026

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

Registration Information, Disclaimers, & Policies

Early bird discount February 24th

Member Price: \$625; Non-Member Price: \$725

Registration Includes: Access to conference sessions, workshops, exhibit hall, refreshment breaks, lunches, and icebreaker reception.

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Conference One Day \$325 \$375 \$ _____

Select Day: ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday (half day, no discount)

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BY MAR 2 AFTER MAR 2 AMOUNT

Conference (Wednesday - Saturday) \$725 \$775 \$ _____

Includes: Wednesday through Saturday workshops and sessions.
Includes Refreshment breaks; Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday luncheons,
IceBreaker Reception. **DOES NOT include Scholarship Auction Dinner.**

Conference One Day \$425 \$475 \$ _____

Select Day: ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday (half day, no discount)

OTHER REGISTRATION

Spouse/Significant Other Registration \$395 \$ _____

Includes entrance to Exhibit Hall, Wednesday, Thursday,
and Friday Luncheons, Icebreaker Reception.
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Student Registration \$395 \$ _____

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OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Extra Icebreaker Reception Ticket @ \$75 \$ _____

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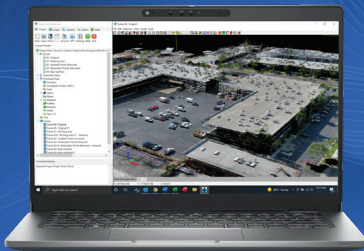
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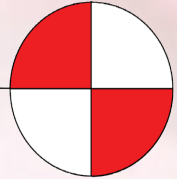
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