

## WestFed Report to NMPS Board of Directors

### August 3, 2012 – Ruidoso, NM

The Western Federation of Professional Surveyors, WFPS, (also known as WestFed) is a federation composed of two delegates each from the state surveyor association in each of the 13 western states in the United States. Formed in 1979, WFPS is dedicated to education, fostering common goals within the western states, and providing a regional voice at the national level. See [www.wfps.org](http://www.wfps.org). NMPS 2012 delegates to the WestFed are:

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Washington State WestFed delegate, Mike Mickiewicz, died unexpectedly in February, 2012, so the WestFed Board meeting, originally scheduled for Las Vegas in May, 2012, was held June 2, 2012, in Seattle, Washington, in Mike's honor. Earl F. Burkholder and Larry Medrano (alternate for Gary Eidson) attended the WestFed Board meeting. In addition to the actual WestFed Board meeting, there was a "private" memorial gathering on June 3, 2012 organized by WestFed on nearby Whidbey Island at the Mickiewicz home place followed by a "public" memorial gathering in the afternoon at the Lynnwood Convention Center (near Seattle). Most of the WestFed delegates attended the morning memorial and many of Mike's personal and professional friends attended the afternoon event. It was a fitting tribute to the life and work of a friend and colleague who will be missed by many.

It is the policy of WestFed not to post minutes of the actual meeting on the web. However, minutes of the WestFed Board meetings are available upon request from the WestFed delegates. In addition to state society and committee reports, the following issues were discussed at the WFPS Board meeting:

1. Curt Sumner from NSPS attended the meeting and described the progress of the ACSM/NSPS merger. Some of the formal "incorporation" details have yet to be finalized but the merger is essentially complete with NSPS being the surviving name. One challenge of the new national organization is to achieve 100% membership of all state surveyor associations. In an effort to control expenses, the NSPS offices moved to Fredericksburg, MD on July 13, 2012.
2. Budgets are tight. WestFed remains in good shape due to following budget cuts approved at previous meeting. However, a motion to provide a modest increase to the Chairman's budget was approved. Additional budget discussions included the question of voting rights for two state delegates given a state society decides to send only one delegate. Issue is being researched.
3. The TwiST program was supported by both NCEES and WestFed but not enough signed up and the event for June 2012 was canceled. A greater/better effort will be made next year.
4. WestFed Chair, Harold Baldwin, reported on discussions with CFedS about the possibility of WestFed collaborating with CFedS on continuing education and CFedS re-certification.
5. The next WestFed Conference will be held in 2013 in conjunction with the Utah Council of Land Surveyors (UCLS). Selection of venue was still pending in June.
6. The next WestFed Board meeting has been re-scheduled for September 29, 2012, in Boise, Idaho. Δ