



**RHODE ISLAND SOCIETY
OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS**

Presents

54th Annual Meeting & Conference

Friday - November 22, 2024

At



801 Greenwich Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886

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CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

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Schedule of Events

7:30 AM	Registration Opens with Continental Breakfast	
8:00 - 4:45	Exhibits Open	
8:00 - 11:30	<u>Seminar I</u>	Gary R. Kent, PS Meridian land Consulting, LLC <i>Presentation:</i> The Art of Retracement
9:45 - 10:00	Break	
11:30 - 12:00	Exhibits / Free Time / Plan Contest Voting	
12:00 - 2:00	Lunch Buffet- 50/50 Raffle-Membership Meeting-Induction of Officers-Awards	
2:00 - 4:45	<u>Seminar I</u>	Gary R. Kent, PS Meridian Land Consulting, LLC <i>Presentation:</i> The Art of Retracement
3:00 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 - 4:45	NESS Meeting	<i>Anyone is welcome to attend the NESS Meeting</i>
4:45 - 5:15	Door Prizes / Certificates	Will be located in the Alfred's Lounge
5:00 - 7:00	Cocktail Reception w/Hors d'oeuvres & Scholarship SILENT Auction	

Event Schedule subject to change. Final Schedule will be posted in Event Program on 11/22/24

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Gary R. Kent, PS

Meridian Land Consulting, LLC

Biography:

Gary Kent is a Professional Surveyor with Schneider Geomatics in Indianapolis where, after 37 years, he transitioned in 2020 to part-time status and formed Meridian Land Consulting to provide training, consulting and expert witness services. Gary was Chair of the ALTA/NSPS Workgroup responsible for the ALTA/NSPS Standards from 1995 to 2021. He has presented programs on boundaries, survey standards, easements and rights of way, legal descriptions, title, risk management, safety, leadership, and other topics multiple times in each of the 50 states. Gary has served on the Indiana Board of Registration for Professional Surveyors since 2004 and is a past-president of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.

Seminar Session Details:

Morning 8:00am—11:30 am

Afternoon 2:00pm – 4:45 pm

• The Art of Retracement

Every professional surveyor across the United States knows the phrase “Follow in the Footsteps” as it relates to conducting a boundary retracement survey. But what does that really mean and what is the basis for following the footsteps? Exactly whose footsteps are we talking about? The effect of the statute of frauds is that what is written in the conveyancing document is considered by the courts to be the highest and best expression of the parties’ intentions. But what happens when the evidence of the footsteps on the ground conflicts with the written title? Or what if there are seemingly no footsteps to follow? In this program we will explore the concept of retracement, how it relates to and is dependent on the document of conveyance, and what controls when conflicts are inevitably encountered. When armed with a full understanding of the concept of retracement, surveyors will be much better equipped to help steer their clients (and their affected neighbors) away from the pain and cost of litigation, and towards an amicable solution based on well-placed confidence and understanding of their respective roles and responsibilities.



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Registration Information:

- Please Note the for this years convention IN PERSON at the CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
- A luncheon buffet will be served w/ awards, 50/50 raffle etc. and there will be no evening banquet.
- A Continental Breakfast, Lunch, am & pm snack breaks are included in your Full Day Registration
- Limited seating for Seminar. You must register to attend, no walk ins.
- Registration **Deadline is November 14, 2024** **Late Fee of \$10** will be added if received after 11/14/24
- Active Members of CALS, MALSCE, MSLS, NHLA, NYSAPLS, and VSLS can attend for the RISPLS Member rate—Check appropriate box on next page registration.
- Make reservations early to eliminate late fee, reserve seating and to be able to pick up your attendance certificate at the end of the meeting.
- Be sure to stay after picking up your certificates as we will be holding the annual Scholarship Auction w/ cocktails & hor d'oeuvres immediately following Certificate Pickup. ****Our Auction will be a SILENT AUCTION this year.. We will have a sheet at each item for bids to be written throughout the day.**
- All Reservations are non-refundable and non-transferable.
- CHECK OR CREDIT CARD NOW ACCEPTED (CC payments a 3.5% transaction fee will be added to your total)
- Please make checks payable to **RISPLS** and mail with completed Registration Form to:

RI Society of Professional Land Surveyors (RISPLS)

410 Tiogue Avenue, Coventry, RI 02816

Email any questions contact Sherri at the RISPLS office 401-294-1262 or rispls@hotmail.com

- **All Donations are welcome for our Annual Scholarship Auction** that will be held during the Cocktail Hour immediately after the end of day certificate pickup.

Each year a benefit auction is held to raise funds for scholarships to students enrolled in approved surveying and engineering programs. Items are donated by members, friends, exhibitors, suppliers and others in the surveying community. We welcome all items, both new and used. Past items have included surveying software, books, maps instruments, gift baskets, boat trips, gift cards, wine, handmade items and more. If you or your company would like to donate, please bring the item(s) the day of the convention. A table will be set up.



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Registration Information:

Name:		
Name on your identification badge to appear as:		
Company (will appear on Badge)		
Street Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Phone Number		
Email Address		

Full Day Registration Seminar (Access to ALL & includes lunch & breaks)

Members: \$285.00 _____ Non-Members: \$300.00 _____

Luncheon & Award Ceremony Only \$ 160.00 _____ Non-Members: \$175.00 _____ (11:30-2pm)

Exhibit Hall Only (no lunch): Members:\$75.00 _____ Non-Members:\$100.00 _____

Students FREE _____ Students with an ID can attend Seminar & Exhibits FREE! **(Must RSVP Below)**

- Active Members of CALS, MALSCE, MSLS, NHLSA, NYSAPLS, and VSLS can attend for the RISPLS Member rate

Attending / Sponsorships / Payment

Seminar I AM & PM Gary R. Kent, PS (all day) **(7 PDH)**
Meridian Land Consulting, LLC

SPONSORSHIPS

SPONSOR A STUDENT : STUDENT LUNCH \$100.00 \$ _____

SPONSORSHIP FOR CONFERENCE BREAKOUTS: _____ Amount \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed \$ _____ *Late Fee of \$10, if received after November 14, 2024

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OR pay with (check one) VISA MASTER CARD (\$3.5% transaction fee will be added)

NAME ON CARD: _____ (3 digit on back of card)

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP DATE: _____ CODE: _____

BILLING ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

SIGNATURE: _____



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SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE:

RISPLS has sponsorships available for the conference
Breakfast, Lunch, Breakouts, Gifts and Student Lunch.

Please reserve your Personal or Company Sponsorship today!!

Friday Continental Breakfast	\$100.00
Friday Morning Break	\$100.00
Friday Luncheon	\$200.00
Friday Afternoon Break	\$100.00
Give Away Gifts to all Attendees	\$150.00
Friday Evening Hors d'oeuvres	\$225.00
SPONSOR A STUDENT LUNCH	\$100.00

If you or your company are interested in a sponsorship, please indicate on the Registration page and include with your payment.

Sponsorships will be recognized in the Convention Program and on display during the day.

RISPLS appreciates your sponsorship contributions to help make our Convention a success!!

Thank you !

***Donations any size are always accepted for our Annual Scholarship Auction**

Please know that all proceeds from our Scholarship Auction go towards the Award given each year at our Annual Convention. We gladly accept gift baskets, Gift Certificates, Homemade Items, Equipment new or used, your favorite beverage, etc. Please Bring with you and drop off at the Registration Table. We will be holding our Silent Auction immediately after the Certificate Pickup at the end of the Day.



2024 RISPLS PLAN CONTEST

CONTEST RULES

1. Must be a plan of RI, dated between November 2023 and November 2024.
2. Entries must be un-mounted blue or black line prints.
3. Plans must be 1 sheet (no multiple sheets or sets)
4. Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form.
5. No plans will be accepted after the submission deadline (10:00 am November 22, 2024)
6. Check Awards will be mailed.
7. All decisions are final. Award-winning entries and the results will be displayed at the Convention.
8. All entries will become the property of RISPLS, Inc., and will be disposed of after award presentation.

Awards

Awards will be presented to the first place winners and announced for the second and third place winners in each category.

First Place-----\$100.

Second Place-----\$ 50.

Third Place -----\$ 25.

Judging

All entries will be checked for compliance with the Procedural and Technical Standards for the Practice of Land Surveying in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations as adopted by the Board of Registration. No plan will be judged if it does not comply with said Standards.

The plan shall be judged and voted on the following:

- Overall appearance, neatness, balance and consistency.
- Lettering - clear and unmistakable.
- Completeness (deed reference, plan references, areas, old property lines, monuments, etc)
- Qualifying notes or statements (clearly and unmistakably stated)
Signatures and seals.

Plan Categories

Plan Categories (Property Line, Subdivision, Site Plan) will be judged using either mechanical or freehand methods.

Entry Form (please print)

Title of Plan:	Category:
Name of Preparer:	Company Name:
Company Address	Company Phone#

Please submit plan to:

Bring with you to the Convention 11/22/24 and hand in at Registration Table.

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801 Greenwich Ave, Warwick RI 02886

Telephone: 401-732-6000

Check out their website at CROWNEPLAZA.COM

If you plan on staying overnight, please make your reservations early (now) and mention that you are attending the RI Society of Professional Land Surveyors Event on 11/22/24 to be put on the proper group block of rooms. Rooms are filling up fast this time of year.

Please email Ashley.mizer@crownehotelwarwick.com and mention RISPLS Event 11/22/24 and she will assist on booking your overnight room. Overnight stay is NOT included in your registration fee to attend the all day seminar.

All guests will receive complimentary Wireless Internet access in their guestroom as well as in the Main Lobby and Alfred's Lounge.

The CROWNE PLAZA has free on-site parking for conference attendees.

Check In 3PM Check Out 11AM

The Crowne Plaza holds several events, if overnight rooms are no longer available at the Crowne Plaza, they may be able to make accommodations at their sister property Holiday Inn Express .

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THE PIERRE H GUILLEMETTE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The RISPLS is pleased to offer a scholarship for the 2024-2025 academic year to a deserving student of Land Surveying.

The Pierre H. Guillemette Scholarship is an annual award which is available to any Rhode Island resident who is enrolled in a course of study leading to a certificate program or degree in land surveying offered by a qualified institution of higher learning.

Applicants must submit a statement outlining their qualifications and future career goals, together with their educational transcripts, a resume and any other pertinent information that may assist the review committee in the recognition of their achievements. Depending on the merits of the various applicants, the Scholarship Committee may recommend award of either all or a portion of the scholarship to one or more qualified individuals.

Payment of your award will be made directly to you in one installment after we receive documentation that you have attended a post secondary school or technical program.

To receive your awarded funds, please send a copy of your grades for the prior semester to the RISPLS office address above. The applicant must submit a new application for each new academic year to be considered for the award of the scholarship. The scholarship award marks a continuing commitment by RISPLS toward the advancement of surveying education.

**THE PIERRE H GUILLEMETTE SCHOLARSHIP
AWARD APPLICATION**

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE:		EMAIL:	
EMPLOYER:			
ADDRESS:			
TELEPHONE:		EMAIL:	
EDUCATION			
HIGH SCHOOL:			
COLLEGE:		OTHER:	
SURVEYING BACKGROUND:			

ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER, PLEASE EXPLAIN WHAT HAS PROMPTED YOU TO PURSUE A LAND SURVEYING CAREER AND PROVIDE SUCH INFORMATION AS YOU FEEL SUPPORTS YOUR APPLICATION.

PLEASE MAIL TO RISPLS, 410 TIOGUE AVENUE, COVENTRY, RI 02816

**** DEADLINE: October 29, 2024 ****

Decision will be made at the November BOD Meeting

NEW ENGLAND SURVEYING SOCIETIES
Hosting Schedule



2023 RISPLS

rispls.com



2025 NHLSA

nhlsa.org



2027 NYSAPLS

nysapls.org



2029 VSLs

vsls.org



2031 CALs

ctsurveyors.org



2033 MALSCE

malsce.org



2035 MSLS

msls.org



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Please be reminded, when you are considering the purchase of services and equipment, these companies are RISPLS Members and support the aims and objectives of the society.

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