



2026 NCSS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES



DAVID S. TURNER, PLS

PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

David Turner is a US Army veteran who also has a 27-year career in land surveying. He began his surveying career at an early age under the guidance of his father, a land surveyor. After studying chemistry and biology at the University of Kentucky, he started working part-time as a surveyor in Asheville, NC. This led to his licensure in NC (2005) and KY (2010). David co-founded Turner Land Surveying with his wife Lissa in 2009 and they later relocated to Western NC. David has been active in the North Carolina Society of Surveyors for many years, attending meetings before becoming licensed. He served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Triangle Chapter from 2015-2016 and was elected President of the Western Chapter in 2022. Currently, David serves as Vice President of NCSS and chairs the Workforce Development Committee. He is also an active member of the Executive Committee, Legislative Committee, Golf Committee, and NCBEES Recommendation Committee.



MIKE ADAMS, PLS

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

Mike has been licensed since 2003 but has been immersed in surveying his entire life, growing up in his father's surveying and engineering business. In 2004, he and his wife, Beth, founded MAPS Surveying in Fayetteville. He has served as President of the NCSS Cape Fear Chapter since 2015 and was honored as NCSS Surveyor of the Year in 2022. Passionate about mentoring future surveyors, Mike actively supports the Fayetteville Technical Community College geomatics program through chapter involvement. Within NCSS, he serves on the Education Foundation and the Finance and Budget Committee, and beyond the organization, he contributes to the Fayetteville Tech Advisory Committee and the Land Records Advisory Committee. He is also a member of the Friends of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail and the Fayetteville Downtown Alliance. Mike enjoys yard work, video games, and mountain getaways with Beth, his wife, business partner, and best friend. Together, they share two stepdaughters, two grandsons, and their loyal English Bulldog, Rusty, and are proud members of Epicenter Church in Fayetteville.



DAVID HAYWOOD, PLS

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

David began his land surveying career in 1997 when he was hired by CESI under the leadership of Al Frieze, a former President of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors. David further developed his skills and professional insight under the guidance of respected surveyors including Alex Rankin and Jim Craddock, who have been mentors for over 25 years. David earned his Associate in Applied Science in Surveying Technology from Central Piedmont Community College and became licensed in 2009. In 2010, David joined NCSS and has remained an active member ever since. He is currently a member of the Yadkin Valley Chapter of Surveyors, where he has served as Secretary, President, and is currently serving as Vice President. Beyond his professional work, David is deeply committed to community service. He currently serves as the Board Secretary for Habitat for Humanity for Cabarrus County and is an active member of the Southwest Cabarrus Rotary, where he previously served as President. Outside of work, he enjoys boating, hiking, spending time at the beach, and cherishing moments with his two grandchildren.



RICHIE TARBY, PLS

SECRETARY/TREASURER CANDIDATE

Richie Tarby began his surveying career in North Carolina in 1993 after earning a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry. He became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in 2005 and now has nearly 30 years of experience in both project work and management, providing surveying services for a wide range of municipal, commercial, and residential projects across the state. An active member of the NCSS Triangle Chapter, Richie has served as an officer for several years and currently serves on the NCSS Finance and Budget Committee. He lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with his wife, Tracy, and their two mischievous hounds, Jake and Kaja. Outside of work, he enjoys traveling with Tracy, motorcycle riding and instructing, and spending time with his family.



TIMOTHY S. GUISEWHITE, PLS

SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

Timothy Guisewhite is the owner of Guisewhite Professional Land Surveying in Lincoln County, North Carolina. Previously, he was part-owner of Henson Foley in Huntersville, NC, and served as a Project Manager for Taylor Wiseman at their Charlotte office from 2004 to 2014. He is licensed in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Tim has a deep passion for colonial boundary retracement and historical surveying methods and equipment from the 18th and 19th centuries, performing surveys in nine of the original thirteen colonial states. Dedicated to preserving surveying history and mentoring the next generation of surveyors, he works alongside his son, who is completing a Geomatics degree at NC A&T and preparing for the licensing exams. Tim also fabricates surveyors' link chains as a hobby. An active member of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors, he served as President in 2024 and currently serves as Past President, regularly teaching and writing articles to support education within the profession. He is also a member of the Surveyors Historical Society, the National Society of Professional Surveyors, and the Sons of the American Revolution.



J. DOUGLAS SUTTLES, PLS

SURVEYOR OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE

Doug Suttles began his surveying career in 1983, following in his father's footsteps as a second-generation surveyor, and became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in 1994. He co-owns and operates Suttles Surveying, PA, with offices in Marion and Morganton, NC, overseeing operations, client relations, personnel, and fieldwork. Licensed in North Carolina and South Carolina, Doug has nearly four decades of experience managing a wide range of projects, from construction staking and boundary surveys to historically significant work such as surveying Grandfather Mountain. A pioneer in GPS technology adoption locally, he actively mentors the next generation of surveyors, teaches seminars, supports community college programs, and guides electronic plat recording across multiple counties. Doug serves as President of the Foothills Chapter of NCSS, director of its educational non-profit, and liaison to the Secretary of State Electronic Recording Council. He is married to his wife, Carmen, of 30 years, and their son, Landon, works in the family firm.



JIM CRADDOCK, PLS

NSPS DELEGATE CANDIDATE

Jim Craddock began surveying in 1974 with Westmoreland Coal Co. in the southern West Virginia coalfields. He is licensed as a Professional Land Surveyor in West Virginia, North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. In January 1986, he moved to North Carolina and began working as a Survey Project Manager for Concord Engineering and Surveying, Inc.. He moved to the position of Vice President in 2006 and President in 2018. Mr. Craddock is a member of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors, National Society of Professional Surveyors, Virginia Association of Surveyors, West Virginia Association of Land Surveyors, Tennessee Association of Professional Surveyors, and Kentucky Association of Professional Surveyors. As the current NSPS Director for North

Carolina, Jim serves on the WorkForce Development Committee, ALTA Committee, and Certified Floodplain Surveyor Committee.



JEFFREY C. ALLEN, PLS

EDUCATION FOUNDATION CANDIDATE

Jeff Allen is the President of Allen Geomatics, P.C., which he founded in 2008. He is a devoted husband to Tara (married in 1996) and proud father of Dean (born in 1999). Jeff earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Civil Engineering Technology and Surveying Technology from GTCC in 1992. He became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in North Carolina in 1996 and in South Carolina in 2000. His continued education includes graduation from the Otis A. Jones Educational Institute in 2007, Certified Floodplain Surveyor (CFS) designation in 2016, and completion of the Basic Photogrammetry Competency Course in 2019. Since 2022, Jeff has served as President of the Piedmont Chapter of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors. He is also Chairman of the NCSS CFS Review Committee and a member of the Finance and Budget Committee as well as the NCSS Education Foundation. Beyond surveying, Jeff actively serves his Davie County community through leadership roles with the Chamber of Commerce, Planning Board, Rotary Club, Civic Club, BSA Troop 732, Advance United Methodist Church, and the Advance Masonic Lodge. Jeff has a passion for learning, teaching, and helping others. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and loves outdoor activities of all kinds.



ROBIN L. LEE, PLS

EDUCATION FOUNDATION CANDIDATE

Robin grew up on a farm in Four Oaks, North Carolina, and still resides there. He graduated from Wayne Community College with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Forestry in 1984 and earned his Surveying Certificate from Wake Technical Community College in 1987. Robin has been working for McKim & Creed for over 30 years, starting as a surveyor and advancing to Geomatics Office Manager and Senior Project Manager. He became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in 1995. Robin currently serves on the Legislative Committee, the Finance and Budget Committee, and the Golf Committee. Additionally, he serves as the Chairman of the NCSS Political Action Committee (PAC). In his community, Robin is an active member of Bethel OFWB Church, where he has served as Deacon and Sunday School Superintendent for 20 years. He also coaches local youth baseball and has been involved with the Four Oaks Civitan Club. Robin married his high school sweetheart, BJ, in 1989, and they have one son, Payton. In his free time, Robin enjoys golfing, surf fishing, and traveling.



JOHN A. ODOM, PLS

EDUCATION FOUNDATION CANDIDATE

John earned his Associate of Applied Science degree in Surveying Technology from Coastal Carolina Community College in 1982 and became a licensed Professional Land Surveyor in January 1987. He owns and operates Prestige Land Surveying in Morehead City alongside his brother-in-law. For over 30 years, John has been an active member of the Coastal Chapter of the North Carolina Society of Surveyors, serving in various roles throughout his long tenure. From 1997 to 1999, he served as Chairman of what was then known as the NCSS Scholarship Foundation, Inc. He now serves as President of the NCSS Education Foundation, the successor to that organization. John married his wife, Kelly, in 1983, and together they have two adult children. He remains committed to advancing the surveying profession through leadership, mentorship, and community service.



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