



RI SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & SEMINAR

Thursday, September 17, 2026

All Day Meeting 7:30am - 5:00pm
GMM and Presentation

The Double Tree by Hilton Hotel

(formerly the Radisson Hotel)

2081 Post Road, Warwick Rhode Island 02886, USA

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 11:45 am	Practical Geodesy for Practical Surveying <i>Guest Speaker: David Doyle</i>
9:45 am - 10:00 am	Morning Coffee Break
11:45 am - 1:30 pm	Luncheon / General Membership Meeting
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm	New Datums, new Coordinates, New Heights <i>Guest Speaker: David Doyle</i>
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Afternoon Break
5:00 pm	Certificate Pickup — End of Day

Please **RSVP** today for our Full Day Seminar **by 9/7/26!** **(8.5 PDH) CERTIFICATE**

*** RISPLS Members: \$225.00 ___ All Non-Members: \$250.00 ___ Students: \$65 ___**

****Late Fee of \$10 if received after Sept 7, 2026 / if you'd like to SPONSOR A STUDENT: \$65 ___**

REGISTRATION REQUIRED BY 9/7/26 —NO WALK IN SIGN UPS—

* Active Members of CALS, MALSCE, MSLS, NHLA, NYSAPLS, VSLS, RIFMA, RIGIS and ASFPM can attend for the RISPLS Member rate—Circle

* Attendance and PDH certificates will be available for pickup at the end of the day.

* All Reservations are non refundable and non-transferable

Please make checks payable to **RISPLS** and mail with reservation form to: **RISPLS, 410 Tiogue Ave, Coventry, RI 02816** or Email/Call Sherri at: rispls@hotmail.com 401-294-1262 or pay with credit card payment below

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Dave Doyle joined the National Geodetic Survey in 1972, and held the position of chief geodetic surveyor at his retirement in January, 2013. He was responsible for the development, technical design and management of plans and programs that enhance the United States National Spatial Reference System. Mr. Doyle began his career as a geodetic surveyor in the U.S. Army in 1967, and served on numerous survey campaigns until completion of his military service in 1970. From 1970 until 1972, he worked for a private surveying company near Washington D.C. where he was responsible for completing boundary, topographic and engineering surveys while pursuing undergraduate studies in geodesy, cartography and mathematics at the George Washington University. During his time at NGS his experiences included all phases of geodetic triangulation, astronomic positioning, leveling, GPS data collection, data analysis, datum transformations, network adjustments, and data publication. Mr. Doyle's activities have included extensive efforts on the development and implementation of the North American Datum of 1983, the North American Vertical Datum of 1988, the Puerto Rico Vertical Datum of 2002 and the Virgin Islands Vertical Datum of 2009. Mr. Doyle's activities include 35 articles on geodesy and geodetic surveying in national and local surveying publications and he has conducted more than 500 workshops and seminars detailing the various aspects of geodesy and the National Spatial Reference System. He is currently the owner of Base 9 Geodetic Consulting Services.

Mr. Doyle is a past president of the American Association for Geodetic Surveying, a Fellow member of the American Congress on Surveying and is an active member of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia professional surveyors' associations

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Practical Geodesy for Practical Surveyors *(morning seminar)*

These presentations detail the historical and contemporary developments of the horizontal and vertical geodetic datums of the United States including: the North American Datum, North American Datum of 1927 (NAD 27), North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD29) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88) as well as the accepted global system the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF). The sessions will highlight significant changes in measurement and positioning technologies and their impact on the development of reference ellipsoids, geoid models and contemporary high accuracy reference frame enhancements. These presentations are designed to provide a foundation for further discussions that will focus on the rational for national reference system changes by the National Geodetic Survey now scheduled for 202

New Datums – New Coordinates – New Heights *(afternoon seminar)*

In 2026 & 2027, two federal agencies, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and the Center for Operational oceanographic Products and Services (COOPS) will deliver new and improved horizontal and vertical geodetic and tidal datums for the country. These enhancements will embrace significant advancements in earth orientation measurement systems and reflect high levels of interagency collaboration to provide more accurate and contemporary positional and height information detailing the foundation of the National Spatial Infrastructure. The community of professional surveyors will be relied upon to provide a significant leadership role in the adoption of these new systems to a vast array of other disciplines in the private and public sectors at the local, state, and national levels. It will be important for these professionals to understand the rationality for these efforts and the magnitude of changes expected in geodetic and tidal heights together with the introduction of significant changes in the State Plane Coordinate System. This presentation will discuss the foundations for these changes and demonstrate datum transformation and coordinate conversion tools to estimate the magnitude of these changes across the country.

SAVE THE DATES.....

2026 General Membership Dates

Thursday, September 17, 2026 at DoubleTree Hotel, Warwick RI

Friday, November 20, 2026

Annual Convention is scheduled for all day event at The Crowne Plaza, Warwick RI

* The Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors is still accepting **2026 Membership Renewals**.

Reminder:

PDH & Attendance Certificates:

For Webinars: Certificates are emailed to all registrants that attended after the webinar ended. Be sure you printed a copy for your records.

In Person: Certificates are always available to be picked up at registration table before leaving at the end of the event.

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All Construction at the RADISSON HOTEL is completed!

As of 5/20/25 it is now the **Double Tree by Hilton**, so please note the new signs.