

## **Vision Statement** **County Surveyor**

The County Surveyor shall always remember that their principal responsibility to the public has changed little since 1848, that is to monument and maintain the public land survey system of section and quarter corners. The law requires this of the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor should constantly envision the day when this system is again intact as it was over 150 years ago. Once intact, the County Surveyor should guard this system like a “loyal watchdog” so to speak, for the section and quarter section corners are the basis of all land ownership as we know it. The County Surveyor must always protect this network of public corners.

The County Surveyor must always envision the day when the records again are complete. When complete, the records should be constantly maintained and inspected. The County Surveyor should never again allow these records to be lost or destroyed as they were in the past. The law also requires this. The County Surveyor must never forget how many citizens are dependant on these records for research.

The County Surveyor must always strive to be a leader by constantly studying, reading and updating their education. The County Surveyor should always be available to give advice, is do asked, to the land surveyors who practice in their county. If the answer to a question is not known, the County Surveyor should know where to find the answer. By doing so, they can command the respect that this office was shown generations ago.

The County Surveyor should be available to the public at all times, not only in the field, but also in the classroom. When the public asks, the County Surveyor should respond. The County Surveyor should be willing to go to any school or appear before any public or civic group. By making public education another goal, the County Surveyor furthers the goal of maintaining the public land survey system. It also helps to prevent the public from making costly mistakes. The County Surveyor must always serve the public.

Our forefathers came to America for many reasons, one of which was the right, as free people, to own land. The County Surveyor must always remember that as they execute their job, they help maintain this right of ownership. This right is a sacred dream to all Americans. The County Surveyor should always put this right and the laws that allow them to protect it, above all else. “The law is the law.” The County Surveyor remains solid in their office only if they never veer from this latter point. By remembering this, the public is always put first.