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**St. Cloud Technical & Community College instructor Dan Kvaal  
recognized by the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors for outstanding  
service**

*February 15, 2019 (Brooklyn Park, Minn.)* – In recognition of excellent achievements, expertise and volunteerism in the Land Surveying industry, the Minnesota Society of Professional Surveyors (MSPS) honored three members on Feb. 15 during its annual meeting in Brooklyn Park.

Douglas County Surveyor Pat Veraguth was recognized with the Surveyor of the Year Award, which is presented to an active MSPS member for recent and significant contributions of time and talent that benefit the MSPS. In addition to his various volunteer efforts, Veraguth recently took on a challenge spearheading an effort to remonument section corners in the state of Minnesota. Remonumenting means placing a new monument in the same location as where the original government surveyors placed them during Public Land Survey System work from the mid to late 1800s. The Public Land Survey System is the basis for almost every legal description in Minnesota.

St. Cloud Technical & Community College Surveying Instructor Dan Kvaal was recognized with the Wm. Kelley Memorial Award, which is given to an MSPS member who has contributed greatly to the community. Beyond his teaching duties, Kvaal volunteers with the National Society of Professional Surveyors' Young Surveyors Network (YSN). He has served as YSN president and is a driving force behind the growing success of its events and social media campaigns.

Rick Morey was recognized with the EA Rathbun Memorial Award, which is presented to an active member who has served the MSPS over a long period of time. Morey is a 36-year veteran of the MnDOT surveying community, the last 14 years as the Assistant Director for Surveying and Mapping for the Office of Land Management. He has volunteered for the surveying community in various ways including: chair of the Land Surveyor in Training (LSIT) Committee, judge on the Future Cities Competition, proctor for the Certified Survey Technician exam, and a member for the Government Relations Committee for 12 years, 10 of which were as chair.

"Dan, Pat and Rick are three great ambassadors of the 500-plus MSPS members who ensure the accuracy of property boundaries, construction projects, mapmaking and much more around Minnesota," said MSPS President Chris Mavis. "Every Minnesotan comes in contact with the work of professional surveyors dozens of times each day, whether it's in their homes, on the roads they drive, the bridges they cross and so on."

MSPS members combine traditional land surveying methods with new technologies that include GPS, 3D laser scanning, robotic total stations, drones, digital photography and other equipment. Additional information about surveying, including careers, can be found at [www.mnsurveyor.com](http://www.mnsurveyor.com), or by calling the MSPS office toll-free at 800-890-LAND (5263).

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