

ACSM Milestones

1941 - 1948

1941

June 16-18 - ACSM inaugurated; 12 Technical Divisions and 10 regions considered.
November - Detailed "Notes on a Constitution" published in Bulletin No. 2.

1942

January 5 - 1st Congress meeting. Agenda: Corps of Engineers' defense mapping project; reports of the Committee on Education and Training, and the Committee on Constitution.

April 16-17 - 2nd Congress meets at the National Museum, Washington, D.C. ACSM Constitution and Bylaws were adopted. 505 members. Dues were raised by \$4.

1943

March 23 - First showing of the color film "Cartographic Activities in the U.S." sponsored by Region 2

June 4-5 Third ACSM annual meeting, Cosmos Club, Washington, D.C. Adopted 2 goals:

- 1) recruit new members;
- 2) expand and change the content of the Bulletin to a full-fledged surveying and mapping journal.

1944

January - The ACSM Executive Committee notes the "high and growing interest" in the ACSM Property Survey Division and appoints its acting chairman to facilitate the division's full organization. The ExecCom also appoints the Publications Committee. The name of the "Bulletin" was changed to "Surveying and Mapping" starting with the March 1944 issue.

Aug 1 - Sept 2 - Second Pan American Consultation on Cartography held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Women become part of ACSM, replacing men gone to war.

1945

Property Surveys Division and the Veterans Administration confer on establishing a survey requirement for real estate loan grants to veterans. The terms "real survey" and "mortgage loan identification inspection" were clarified. American Society of Photogrammetry approaches ACSM and others for active cooperation. State plane coordinate systems adopted legally by Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Surveying and Mapping (vol. i-v) cumulative index published.

1946

Constitutional Review Committee activated with the view of strengthening the organizational structure of ACSM. ACSM emblem pin design approved and adopted as the central feature on the cover of Surveying and Mapping. The 6th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., brought 475 registrants from all over the country as well as from Canada, Australia, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru. Among the most notable technological advances in the field were determination of distance by electronic methods and the ascendancy of the 7.5 minute quadrangle. ACSM invited by the Air Force to inspect just declassified, "secret" war equipment and materials. Friendly cooperation between ACSM and ASP (American Society of Photogrammetry) begins. ACSM officer nomination broadened to all fields of surveying and mapping, including private practitioners, and commercial and education organizations. Capt. F.S. Borden, ACSM president, ordered to sea duty. Borden commanded the first modern hydrographic ship in the survey of the Bering Straits and offshore Alaska. Publications Committee expanded.

1947

Distribution of the Property Surveys Division's Technical Standards for Property Surveys authorized. First Interim Report of the Joint National Societies Committee for the Co-sponsorship of State Surveying and Mapping Conferences presented. Eleven countries were represented at the 7th annual meeting of ACSM: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Sweden, and Switzerland. Army Corps of Engineers demonstrates the first American-made 10-second optical-reading theodolite. The Georgia Association of Registered Land Surveyors (GARLS) becomes the first ACSM Affiliate in December 1947!

1948

Broadening recognition of ACSM through the sponsored state surveying and mapping conferences, the well distributed Technical Standards and the journals, which were requested on an exchange basis by the Finnish Surveying Society in Helsinki, the Royal Geographical Society in London, and the French Hydrographic Service in Paris. Vigorous protest was mounted to the U.S. Civil Service Commission against the Series SP-820-0, which proposed to classify cartography, surveying, and photogrammetric positions under one umbrella set of standards.