



ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey corner *by Gary Kent*

Q. I have heard rumors of a new version of the *Standards for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys*. Is there a new version and when will the new standards be effective?

A. The NSPS Committee on ALTA/ACSM Standards, with input from attorneys on the American Land Title Association's committee and about 100 interested surveyors, has been working on a new version of the standards for the last year and a half. The document, titled the *2011 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys*, is nearing a final draft. Later this summer there will be a joint meeting of members of the NSPS and ALTA committees to review the entire draft and finalize any outstanding issues. The consensus version will then be voted upon by the entire membership of the American Land Title Association at its annual meeting in San Diego in October, and by the NSPS Board of Governors and Board of Directors at its fall meetings in Orlando in November. It is anticipated that the new standards will go into effect on February 1, 2011. The document will be available on-line and in various publications prior to its effective date. A future column will provide more details on the new version, but in addition to a number of changes and revisions, the 2011 ALTA standards will represent a major rewrite of the current standards, with various parts completely reorganized. ■