

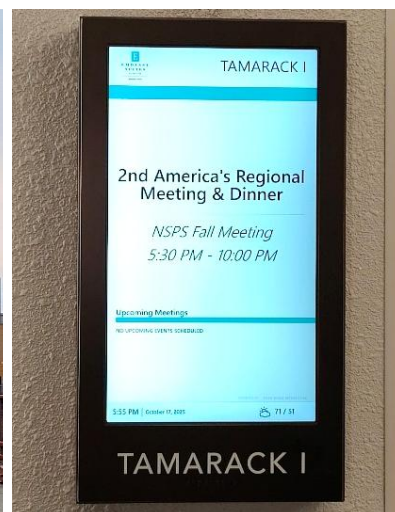
Reflections on the FIG YSN & NSPS YSN 2nd Americas Regional Meeting Minneapolis, October 2025.

In October of 2025, I had the incredible opportunity to attend the joint FIG Young Surveyors Network and NSPS Young Surveyors Network (YSN) 2nd Americas Regional Meeting in Minneapolis, an experience that went far beyond anything I expected.

First of all, I would like to express my deep gratitude to the FIG Foundation for giving me the chance to participate in this meeting and for selecting me as one of the FIG Foundation Grant recipients. It is truly an honour. One moment I know I will always remember is opening the email and seeing the capital letters: *"CONGRATULATIONS!"*

For someone who has been working in a small town for the past years and often wondering whether I was in the right place, receiving this grant meant much more than the opportunity to meet and connect with brilliant young surveyors. It was a powerful reminder that no matter where you are in the world, if you work with commitment, honesty, and stay true to who you are, you will somehow be seen and recognized. For that, I am endlessly thankful.

I would also like to sincerely thank Bryn Fosburgh, John Hohol and Joe Paiva for their kindness, support, and warm hospitality. Additionally, I want to thank the young surveyors who made those of us who travelled from abroad feel so welcome, as if we had known each other for years and were already part of the group. This was truly special.



The Meeting

The meeting's theme: *"Empowering Tomorrow's Surveyors: Skills for a Dynamic Profession"* was extremely relevant, with sessions that addressed timely and necessary topics.



The event could not have had a better start than with Bryn Fosburgh's keynote session. It was motivational and gave us the renewed energy we needed for an inspiring weekend. It also encouraged us to reflect on our path and realize that there is still so much ahead of us in our careers, and that the people we meet along the way and the connections we make are such important pillars that guide our journey in ways that truly matter.

The following day, all the sessions were fantastic, but two of them stood out to me. The session on "*Conflict Resolution*" by Elizabeth Beguerie allowed us to reflect on the fact that some challenges in our profession are shared across countries. The chance to discuss real-life scenarios together was truly valuable.



The session "*Career Paths for Young Surveyors*" with Tim Burch was also a highlight. He led an open and honest conversation with the young surveyors on the panel about our daily experiences as professionals. It was refreshing to see such sincerity about the job, the profession, and the feelings that come with it. We felt represented by the panel and connected through shared experiences. Meetings like this are rare opportunities where we can openly discuss our profession and learn so much from each other.

The networking opportunities were exceptional. It was energizing to connect with surveyors from across the Americas, exchange ideas, and explore new perspectives on how we can strengthen and transform our profession. Every conversation and shared experience added something valuable to my journey. I can say without hesitation that attending this meeting was a turning point for me both professionally and personally.





I returned to Brazil inspired by the remarkable people I connected with and confident that our profession has a bright future ahead. Most importantly, I feel hopeful that we can make a meaningful difference in South America and especially in Brazil.

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