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## CANDIDATES FOR 1971

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF C.L.S.A.

#### FOR OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

*Edward A. Boris, Jr.*

*L.S. 3350*

Edward A. Boris, Jr. was elected in 1970 to CLSA Board of Directors, is the Editor of the California Surveyor and has been an active member of the Legislative Committee during 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Edward organized the East Bay Chapter in 1969 and was elected as the Chapter's first President. He is currently employed by Alameda County Surveyors Office and is in charge of the Record of Survey Unit which process Parcel Maps and Records of Surveys.

He has attended two years at the University of Santa Clara and is a graduate of Mike Aggeler course at the City College of San Francisco.

*Robert W. Curtis*

*L.S. 3216*

Robert W. Curtis was elected in 1970 as President of CLSA, served as Vice President in 1969, and elected to CLSA Board of Director in 1966, 1967 and 1968, Chairman of Constitution and By-Laws Committee, 1966 and 1967, Chairman of Membership Committee 1968, and 1969 and a CLSA Charter Member.

Robert was the 1969 Chairman of the Sonoma County Chapter and he is self employed land surveyor in Healdsburg.

He has attended Santa Rosa Jr. College and is active with the Neighborhood Commissioner Boy Scouts of America and a member of the Planning Commissioner of the City of Healdsburg.

#### FOR OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT

*Michael J. Burroughs*

*L.S. 3390*

Michael J. Burroughs is serving as Vice-Chairman of the Interprofessional Relations Committee and Secretary of Southern Counties Chapter.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Robert W. Curtis*

In 1969, the California Land Surveyors Association had AB 2296 introduced to the California Legislature.

Reaction was varied, and was not entirely from the Engineering profession. Some opposition was influenced by the Engineering groups, while some opposition, I believe, was due to misunderstanding of the bill. These problems may have basically been the fault of C.L.S.A. We had not properly studied the problems and had not had sufficient dialogue with others who might be affected by the bill. The bill, if passed, would have removed the C.E. exemption to the Land Surveyors Act. Some said the bill went too far, others said it didn't go far enough. But everybody, well nearly everybody, agrees that to continue to allow unqualified persons to practice Land Surveying under the present education and testing standards is not in the best interests of the public, the Land Surveying or Civil Engineering professions. In this regard, AB 2296 was not a failure because it focused attention on the problem.

We are now at the point in time when it must be decided what is to be done. One suggestion is to put Surveying back into the B.S. in Engineering curriculum. Since it has already been established that a proper course in Surveying covering all areas can easily fill a 4 year course by itself, I see little likelihood of cramming Surveying back into the already overflowing Civil Engineering courses. The California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors has proposed their "Plan A," which simply would make all present Land Surveyors Civil Engineers and thenceforth require each Land Surveyor to qualify first as a Civil Engineer and then to branch into Land Surveying. "Plan A" is one of several approaches now being studied by a joint committee of C.C.C.E.&L.S. and C.L.S.A.

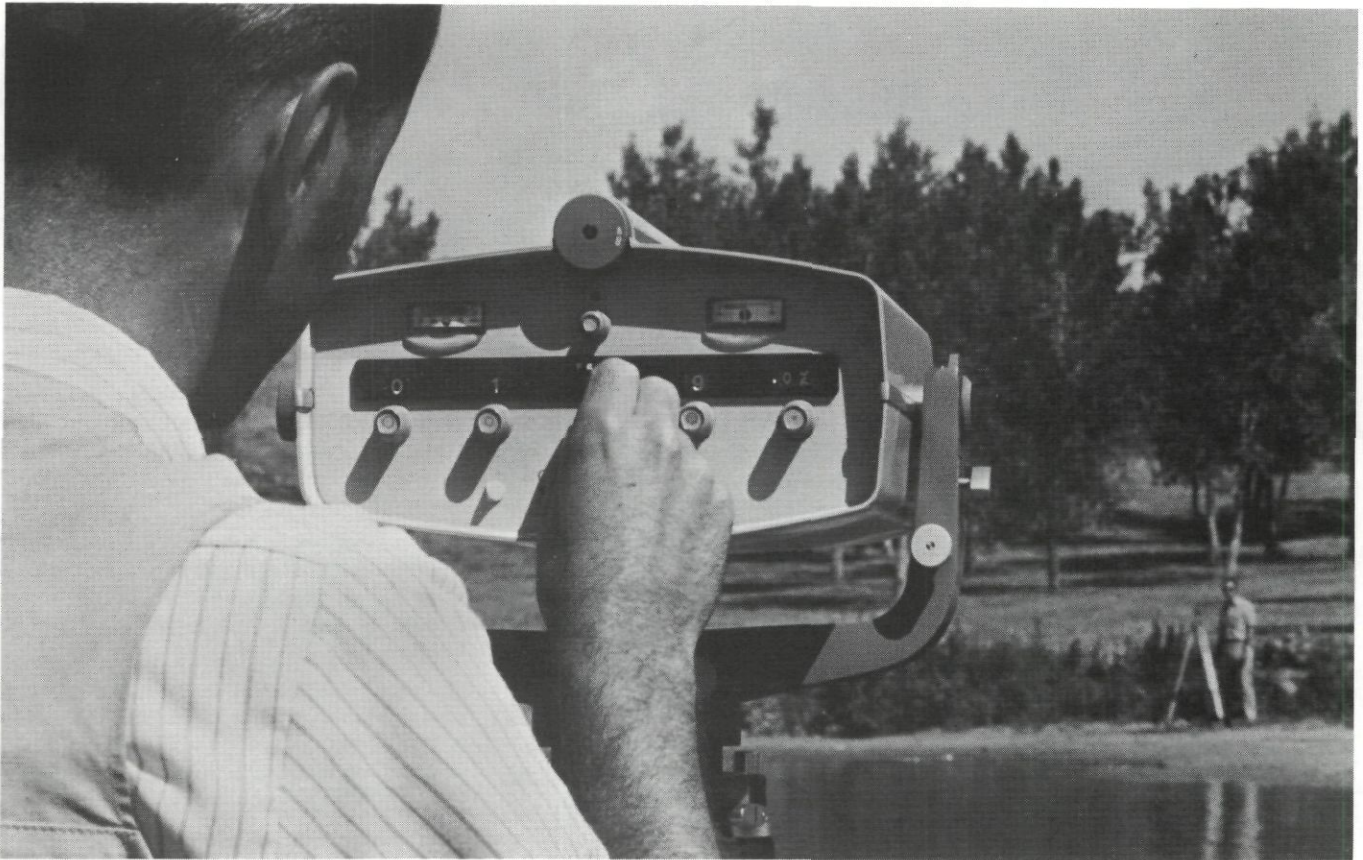
Perhaps the saddest thing to date is the C.L.S.A. has been openly accused of trying to split the Civil Engineering profession. This is simply not so. The essence of C.L.S.A.'s entire existence has been to remove the *unqualified* persons, whoever they may be, from practicing Land Surveying! It is our purpose to raise the standards of Land Surveying as high as

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ABSTRACTS OF MINUTES**

*Jim Adams*

The CLSA Board of Directors met at the Holiday Inn, Oakland, on October 3, 1970. President Robert W. Curtis called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M.

**ATTENDANCE**

*Board of Directors:*

President, Robert W. Curtis	Present
Vice President, George C. Colson	Absent
Secretary-Treasurer, James E. Adams	Present
Director, G. Ross Armstead	Present
Director, Edward A. Boris, Jr.	Present
Director, Eugene L. Foster	Present
Director, William O. Gentry	Absent
Director, C.A. Wooldridge, Jr.	Present
Immediate Past President, Herbert J. Schumacher	Absent

*Chapter Representatives:*

Bakersfield, Donald E. Ward	Present
East Bay, Gilbert G. Barbee	Absent
East Bay, Fred H. Seiji	Absent
Lake/Mendocino, Joseph J. Scherf	Present
Marin, Eugene Lockton	Present
Monterey Bay, George N. Darling	Present
Mother Lode, Frederick W. Kett	Present
Northern, Ken Burton	Present
Sacramento, Homer Banks, Jr.	Present
San Joaquin, Edward Kulhan	Present
Santa Clara/San Mateo, Lawrence J. Cloney	Present
Santa Clara/San Mateo, Thomas J. Gribbin	Present
Santa Clara/San Mateo, Paul W. Lamoreaux	Present
Sonoma, Richard J. Stephan	Present
Southern, Charles N. Hathaway	Absent
Southern, Fred W. Henstridge	Absent
Tahoe, Burns L. Jeffries	Present

*Non Voting Members Present*

Jerry W. Tippin, Secretary-Treasurer, Tahoe Chapter

**President's Report:** The President said, that since the last board meeting, he had attended a Mother Lode Chapter meeting. He is scheduled to attend meetings of the East Bay and Santa Clara/San Mateo Chapters in the near future. He also said, that he welcomes these request to attend chapter meetings and hopes that more will be forthcoming.

The President has received, from the State Board for Registration for Professional Engineers, a copy of the Attorney General's opinion No. 69/269. This opinion concerns itself with the question "May a county surveyor under the authority of a county ordinance charge a fee for examining record of survey map, etc." The conclusion in the opinion states that the county surveyor may not charge a fee for filing and examining a record of survey map in excess of that fee provided, etc. Copies of the opinion are available from the association.

Our President has received a letter from the President of ACSM, requesting affiliates of ACSM to support them in their effort to protest the changing of the name of the U.S.C. & G.S. The President said that he is now in the process of sending letters to the California legislators, in Washington, D.C., supporting the position of ACSM.

The President announced that he had appointed Paul W. Lamoreaux, Jr. chairman of the "Status Improvement Committee." This is a special committee. The president states that the purpose of this committee is to study the professional responsibilities, wages and opportunities of Land Surveyors, both in private practice and in public agencies.

The President said that if anyone knows of a person interested in joining CLSA, he should inform Larry Cloney, Membership Chairman, of this person and Larry will send him the necessary information. It was brought up in this discussion that there were members who have not received their membership certificate. It was suggested to the Editor that he place a note in the California Surveyor to the effect that all membership certificates have been issued and if for some reason a member has not received one, he should contact the Secretary-Treasurer.

**Vice President's Report:** In the absence of George Colson, Chairman of the Fiscal & Administrative Matters Committee, the President asked the Secretary-Treasurer to give a report of the committees recommendations on Gene Foster's proposed reorganization plan. The S-T reported that he, Ed Boris, Larry Cloney and Dick Coughlan met with George Colson, in his office in San Rafael, to discuss this matter. It was generally agreed at the meeting that the plan had merit, possibility as a concept. There was concern expressed that the plan might have a tendency to split the CLSA. It was agreed by the committee not to study the plan at the present time, but to reconsider it in the summer of 1971.

A motion was made by Don Ward and seconded by Tom Gribbin, that "THE COMMITTEE REPORT OF THE FISCAL & ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS BE TABLED FOR THE TIME BEING." The motion was passed unanimously.

**Secretary-Treasurer's Report:** The S-T asked Tom Gribbin what his wishes were concerning the \$360 that is being held in trust for him. The \$360 represents fees collected for a LS examination seminar taught by Mr. Gribbin, last summer. Mr. Gribbin stated that he would donate \$100 for a sustaining membership, in the name of the Santa Clara/San Mateo Chapter. The remainder will be returned to him. Larry Cloney said that all who attended the seminar felt that Tom Gribbin had done an excellent job.

The S-T reported that \$100 had been budgeted the "Status Improvement Committee" or the "Land Surveyors Status Improvement Committee" for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Chuck Wooldridge brought out that there has been committees formed this year who do not have a budget to operate from. In particular, he mentioned the special committee on Board Liaison. This committee has already incurred expenses in their meeting with board members.

Chuck Wooldridge said that there should be given time for consideration of the budget for next year. President Curtis said that it seemed to him that this would be a direct matter for the Fiscal & Administrative Matters Committee to delve into. This committee should work with other committees, in an effort to decide what is a fair and equitable share of the income each committee should have, considering their activities and responsibilities.

Eugene Foster, Education Committee Chairman, inquired why the Education Committee budget had been cut from \$325 to \$66. The S-T replied that the request for funds for this committee came to him in two separate requests. The first request of \$75, later cut to \$66, was allowed. At the time the second request was received, there were no funds available. Gene Foster stated that he submitted his budgets as requested and that if he does not receive the remainder of his budget, he will have to stop operations for the remainder of the fiscal year. The S-T said that he regrets this situation and hopes that better procedures will be in effect in 1971, so as to help eliminate this type of a situation.

The S-T requested and Chuck Wooldridge moved that "THE BOARD DIRECT ALL CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEES TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT THEIR BUDGETS FOR 1971 TO THE SECRETARY-TREASURER, NOT LATER THAN DECEMBER FIRST." Ed Boris seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Don Ward said that the Treasurer's report should show any budgetary deficiencies or any monies requested, whether authorized or not, so that the Board of Directors can have all the necessary information on which to act.

Don Ward moved that "THE TREASURER'S REPORT BE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED, TOGETHER WITH AN ADDENDUM SHOWING THE REQUESTS FOR MONIES NOT SHOWN IN THIS REPORT, WHETHER AUTHORIZED OR NOT. THE TREASURER IS TO SEND THIS ADDENDUM TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS." This motion was seconded by Joseph Scherf and it was carried unanimously.

**Special Committee on Liaison with the Board of Registration's Report:** The committee report was given by Chuck Wooldridge, Chairman. The report concerned itself primarily with the meeting held in San Francisco, on Sept. 10, 1970, between members of the LS & CE Committees of the Board of Registration and this committee. Those attending from the CLSA were President Curtis, Chairman Wooldridge and committeemen Richard Stephan and Donald Ward. Those attending from the Board of Registration were William J. Jurkovich, Ray J. Peters, John R. Winzler and Art Watson, a member of the Board staff. Chuck Wooldridge felt that the meeting was fruitful in that a better

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understanding was gained between the two groups. The Board members will not admit that there is a problem in regard to the LS-CE relationship, but plans to appoint a committee of 4 from members of the CLSA, CCCE & LS, ASCE and CSPE to advise them on what the situation is. The committee will probably be composed of two LS's and two PE's and is to report to the Board of Registration by Feb. 1, 1971. Chuck feels that a great deal can be accomplished through the Board, but feels that legislation will be needed too.

Ross Armstead moved that "THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LIAISON WITH THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION REPORT BE ACCEPTED." The motion was seconded by Joseph Scherf and carried unanimously.

President Curtis said, that in conjunction with the Liaison Committee report, he has talked to members of the committee and with the Board of Directors approval, he will make the appointment, as recommended by the committee, of C. A. Wooldridge, Jr. as CLSA representative to the Board of Registrations Committee. Also, with the Board's indulgence, he will serve as Chuck Wooldridge's alternate.

It was moved by Jim Adams and seconded by Ed Boris that "THE APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION BE ACCEPTED. THE APPOINTEES, C. A. WOOLDRIDGE, JR. AND ROBERT W. CURTIS, ALTERNATE." The motion was unanimously carried.

**Legislative Committee Report:** Richard Stephan, Chairman, stated that he had one item to add to his written report. Andrew Oppmann has informed him that he will not be able to be our legislative advocate in 1971. Andy is considering going into a law firm and would not have the time to be our advocate.

Chuck Wooldridge moved that "THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS GIVE THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE THE POWER TO NEGOTIATE A CONTRACT FOR A LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE FOR THE NEXT LEGISLATIVE YEAR." Ed Boris seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Ed Boris moved that "THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED." The motion was seconded by Chuck Wooldridge and unanimously carried.

**Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report:** In the absence of E. Robert Jacobson, Chairman, the President asked Jim Adams, a member of the committee to give the report. The first item of the report was the Constitution and By-Laws amendments that are being proposed. Chuck Wooldridge brought out that there was no provision in the By-Laws for determining who would be elected in a case where there were three or more candidates running for office and none received a majority.

Chuck Wooldridge moved that "THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AS AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF THE SENTENCE "THOSE CANDIDATES RECEIVING A PLURALITY SHALL BE ELECTED" IN THE APPROPRIATE PLACE IN ARTICLE III, SECTION 7 OF THE BY-LAWS, BE APPROVED AND THE SECRETARY-TREASURER BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE THE BALLOT." The motion was seconded by Don Ward and unanimously carried.

The second item in this report concerned the approval of the Constitution and By-Laws, as submitted by the Tahoe Chapter. There were amendments (for amendments, see agenda for this meeting) to their Constitution and By-Laws that were recommended by this committee. These amendments were mutually agreed to by the Board and Tahoe Chapter members present at the meeting.

It was moved by Chuck Wooldridge that "THE TAHOE CHAPTER CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS BE ACCEPTED AS AMENDED, AND THAT WE ACCEPT THE TAHOE CHAPTER AS A MEMBER OF THE CLSA, SUBJECT TO THEIR SUBMITTING TO THE SECRETARY-TREASURER A PROPER ROSTER, AS REQUIRED." The motion was seconded by Eugene Foster and unanimously carried.

**Education Committee Report:** Eugene Foster, Chairman, started his report by reading a letter. "Dear Mr. Foster; On our September 18, 1970 meeting of the Executive Board of the Southern California Section of the ACSM, we discussed the progress made by your Education Committee. The Board unanimously voted to endorse your educational program and to offer our assistance in any way possible. Also, we would like to be kept informed of the program's progress. Please do not hesitate to advise us if the section can be of assistance."

Edward Kuhlman announced that Fresno State College will have a four year surveying program, that will start no later than the fall of next year. In the mean time, anyone interested in this, should register in the civil engineering curriculum (Code No. 5020) and will be transferred over the surveying curriculum at a later date. Two part time position will be created for the spring semester and Dr. Savoy of SF City College has volunteered to commute from SF to Fresno on Fridays.

Ed Kuhlman said that there should be a change in the approach to what is going to be taught in Junior Colleges. If the goal is to have a four year program, then you will have to slow down in trying to make a surveyor out of a AA graduate. The subprofessional should be a AA graduate or a drop out at 2 years in a 4 year program. In either case, the curriculum will be the same. What is happening, is that due to a lack of a 4 year curriculum, the JC's have been throwing more and more at the students. They are trying to give a 4 year education in 2 years. The first 2 years should be more of a technical nature and the last 2 years should deal with legal aspects and professionalism in land surveying.

Don Ward moved that "THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE REVIEW THE CURRICULUM WHICH THEY ARE FORMULATING TO MAKE CERTAIN THERE IS CURRICULA INCLUDED THAT IS COMMENSURATE WITH THE CLSA ADOPTED POLICY TO RE-ESTABLISH LAND DEVELOPMENT AS A FUNCTION OF THE LAND SURVEYING PROFESSION AND TO DEVELOP BOTH A SHORT RANGE PROGRAM AND A LONG RANGE PROGRAM TO IMPLEMENT A FULL FOUR YEAR DEGREE IN LAND SURVEYING." The motion was seconded by Chuck Wooldridge and unanimously carried.

**Membership Committee Report:** Lawrence Cloney, Chairman, said that he would like clarification on the entrance fee in regard to Sustaining Memberships. It was agreed that an entrance fee would be applied to those Sustaining Membership applications, where the applicant was not already a member of the CLSA.

Larry Cloney stated that there was going to be a membership booth at the joint meeting of the California Sections of ACSM, that is to be held in Sacramento on Oct. 16th and 17th. The booth will be staffed by members of the Santa Clara/San Mateo Chapter. The booth will have the CLSA emblem, a large map showing the location of our chapters and copies of the California Surveyor etc.

Don Ward moved that "EACH YEAR, ALL LAND SURVEYORS WHO ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE CLSA BE SENT INFORMATION ON THE CLSA, TOGETHER WITH AN APPLICATION FORM AND AN INVITATION TO JOIN AND THAT ALL MEMBERS OF THE CLSA SHOULD BE SENT A BILL, ON OR ABOUT THE FIRST OF EACH YEAR, FOR THEIR CURRENT DUES." George Darling seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. (Note: It was pointed out by several board members present, that it has been the practice of the association to send a bill for current dues.)

Eugene Foster moved that "ALL SUSTAINING MEMBERS BE PRESENTED WITH A SUITABLE CERTIFICATE." The motion was seconded by Chuck Wooldridge and unanimously carried. Direction was given by the Board that the Sustaining Membership Certificate should have the year of membership shown on it. The Secretary-Treasurer and the Membership Chairman are to share the duties of seeing that this is carried out.

Chuck Wooldridge inquired of Larry Cloney as to whether he had contacted new LS's on joining the CLSA. Larry said that he hadn't, because he did not have the names of the LS's since the 1968 roster. Gene Foster volunteered to send these names to Larry.

**Convention Committee Report:** Eugene Foster, Chairman, said that he would like committee chairman to give a complete report on the significant happenings of the committee at the convention. The CLSA has done many things and Gene wants the committee chairman to get this across to the membership. Gene also wants the incoming President to be the last speaker at the convention.

There was a discussion about publishing the proceedings of the convention. Gene Foster would like a copy of any talks given. Chuck Wooldridge said that if the proceedings were published, it should be a Board function.

Gene Foster stated that the exhibitors booth fee will be \$25 for non-sustaining members. Gene asked for direction from the Board on how the Sustaining Members should be treated. President Curtis said that the original intent of the Sustaining Membership, in part, was to guarantee Sustaining Members preferential treatment, which means that



he will not be turned away from the convention and the intent further was, that the \$100 fee was in effect, the booth fee.

Joseph Scherf moved that "THERE WILL BE NO CHARGE TO SUSTAINING MEMBERS FOR EXHIBITORS BOOTHS AT THIS OR AT FUTURE ANNUAL CONVENTIONS." The motion was seconded by Ed Boris and carried unanimously.

Gene Foster asked approval of the Board on allowing a commercial photographer to take photographs for sale at the convention. Ed Boris said that we should stipulate that the CLSA receive 3 prints of each photo taken. The Board gave its approval.

Chuck Wooldridge requested that Gene Foster show the Board, at its January meeting, a tentative program of the convention. Gene Foster agreed.

**Publications Committee Report:** Don Ward suggested that all publication coming officially from the CLSA be directed to the Chapter Secretary. It was so agreed.

Ed Boris, editor of the California Surveyor, said that he would like to put a pre-convention issue of the Surveyor out about 1-1/2 months prior to the convention. This issue would contain material that will promote the convention. It will be the last mailed announcement of the convention itself.

Chuck Wooldridge moved that "THE PRE-CONVENTION EDITION BE AUTHORIZED AND THAT IT BE MAILED TO ALL LAND SURVEYORS ON OUR PRESENT MAILING LIST." The motion was seconded by Joe Scherf and carried unanimously.

Ed Boris stated that effective as of January 1, 1971, the advertising rates for the Surveyor will be increased to \$100/full page, \$50/ 1/2 page cut, \$25/ 1/4 cut and \$15/ 1/8 cut. Sustaining members will receive a 20% discount.

Ed Boris said that an employment opportunities section will be carried in the Surveyor at no expense to the employer. The employer can be a non-member or a public agency.

Chuck Wooldridge moved that "THE CALIFORNIA SURVEYOR LIST ALONG WITH EACH CHAPTER, THEIR REGULAR MEETING NIGHT OR IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE, THIS WILL BE SO STATED." Seconded by George Darling and carried.

It was moved by Joe Scherf and seconded by C. A. Wooldridge that "THE PUBLICATION COMMITTEE REPORT BE ACCEPTED." It was carried.

**Public Relations Committee Report:** Eugene Lockton, Chairman, reported that he has had, at his own expense, 1000 postcards printed with the letters "CLSA" on them. The purpose of the card is to obtain from the Recorder's Office the recording data of the maps filed. The "CLSA card, stamped and addressed" is submitted to the County Surveyor's Office with the final map to be recorded. The County Surveyor takes the map and "CLSA" card to the Recorder. The Recorder fills in the recording data on the "CLSA" card and mails it. Gene hopes to promote the CLSA in this manner. He will distribute these cards to the chapter. If they prove successful, the individual surveyor can order more, at his expense.

Ed Boris moved "TO HAVE THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT APPROVED." Chuck Wooldridge seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

**Chapter Reports:** President Curtis asked that the chapter representatives present state when their chapters meet and any reports they have.

**Bakersfield:** Don Ward reported that the chapter usually meets on the third Monday night of the month. Don also said that the chapter voted for the proposed dues increase for regular members, but the chapter considered the entrance fee and dues for associate members, as set forth in the resolution, to be too high.

**Tahoe:** Burns Jeffries reported that the chapter usually meets the third Friday night of each month. The boundaries of the chapter is the Tahoe basin, and the meetings take place at different locations within the basin.

**Santa Clara/San Mateo:** Paul Lamoreaux reported that the chapter met regularly on the first Tuesday of the month. The meeting alternates

between Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. Paul said that he had given the S-T two \$25 checks, one from Earl Cross and the other from Charles Randall as donations to the CLSA. Paul also reported that the chapter is asking a \$5 donation from its members.

**Lake/Mendocino:** Joseph Scherf reported that the chapter meets every three months.

**Monterey Bay:** George Darling reported that the chapter meets on the third Thursday of every month. George reported that the most significant happening has been a meeting with representatives of the Title Insurance and Trust Company. It has been altering the description of Land Surveyors by striking out the calls to monumentation. T.I. does not want to use a double call, as for instance, a 1/2" iron pipe set on the easterly line of "A" Street. They say that they don't have any guarantee that the 1/2" I.P. is on the Ely line of "A" Street. T.I.'s reasons comes from a law suit that they lost is Southern California. The suit involved property that bordered on the R/W of the Southern Pacific Company. A monument was supposedly set on the RR R/W and was so stated in the Title Insurance Policy. It proved out later, that the Railroad had moved its tracks and this monument was out of position by some 20'. The judge said that the focal point of the title problem was the monument and that T.I. had guaranteed that the property went to the monument and it didn't. The chapter members gave explanations and reasons for why taking these monument calls out is detrimental to the profession and the public. In the end, T.I. understood the chapter's position better and they changed their policy in this community. George feels that by talking to these people, a big problem was averted.

**Sacramento:** Homer Bank, Jr. reported that the chapter met irregularly, but generally on the third Tuesday of the month. Homer inquired of the Liaison Committee as what had taken place on their resolution (submitted at the last Board meeting) concerning the listing in the roster of Land Surveyors and Professional Engineers. Chuck Wooldridge said that his committee had not had an opportunity to discuss this with the Board of Registration at their meeting, but will try to get an answer in the immediate future.

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Andrew W. Oppmann, Jr.

**Northern Counties:** Ken Burton reported that the chapter is holding meetings in Chico, Red Bluff and Redding. Ken said that this chapter covers a large area and anticipates that it will split into two chapters. One located at Chico and the other at Redding.

**Sonoma County:** Richard Stéphan read two reports of the chapter. One of the reports states the chapter position on our proposed legislation. The other report asked for Board direction on a number of questions concerning unethical conduct.

President Curtis stated that the consensus of the Board of Directors is that there should be an ethic committee composed in such a way that it is not involved in local situations. The President asked that two names be submitted to him from each member of the Board. This should give the committee a wide enough base to select a panel, when needed.

It was agreed that the membership has to adopt a code of ethics. Chuck Wooldridge suggested that the next annual convention was the place where this subject can be brought up, discussed and approved. This should be on the convention program.

Richard Stephen reported that the chapter generally meets on the third Friday night of every odd numbered month.

**Mother Lode:** Fred Kett reported that the chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month.

George Darling brought up the need to have an Arbitration Committee. The purpose of the committee would be to mediate a possible dispute between Land Surveyors as to the location of a line or a corner, etc.

President Curtis thought this was a function of the chapters, because of local circumstances. He said that it may well be up to the chapter presidents to set up a committee and if it got to a point where it could not be resolved, they could ask for aid from the state association.

President Curtis suggested that Joseph Scherf and George Darling get together and formulate procedures for chapters to follow in establishing arbitration committees. Both Joe and George agreed to the task and will report to the Board in the near future.

**Resolution to increase dues as authorized by the Legislative Committee.** Argument in favor of the increase were as follows: (1) the need of funds for legislative efforts and associated activities. (2) Fund needed for the expansion of the other association activities, such as, education, scholarships, membership etc. (3) Granting that the funds are needed, \$4.17 per month for a regular member does not seem like an inordinate request to be made of the memberships.

Arguments against the dues increase were as follows: (1) A large loss in membership that would effect us as an effective organization in representing Land Surveyors (2) Two dues increases in two years (3) The increase will not be voted on by the membership (4) Not enough promotion in explaining the need for a dues increase.

Chuck Wooldridge moved "The Adoption and approval of the Legislative Committee Resolution, revising the associate membership category to the existing structure and the dues notices to be accompanied by a letter from the President, at the direction of this Board, explaining the need for the dues increase. This letter is to be drafted with the assistance of all the Committee Chairmen." Larry Cloney seconded the motion. Thomas Gribbin moved that the motion be amended so that "the motion does not become effective unless the Secretary-Treasurer receives notice that the Resolution, as amended by the motion, has been approved by a Majority of the Chapters." This amendment was seconded by Ross Armstead and unanimously carried. The motion was then voted on and unanimously carried.

**New Business:** Tahoe Chapter offer to host the 1972 Convention at South Lake Tahoe. Ross Armstead moved that the Tahoe Chapter be awarded the 1972 convention, seconded by Jim Adams and unanimously carried.

**Next Board Meeting:** An offer from Santa Clara/San Mateo Chapter to have the next board meeting at the conference room of the San Jose Muni Airport Administrative Building for the Saturday the 23rd of January at 10 a.m. ▲

Of over 50 bills sent to members of the CLSA Legislative Committee for screening, we watched 32. Of these, 14 were enacted into law. An analysis of these 14 is attached.

In addition to these legislative measures, the Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2 becomes operative because neither house of the Legislature blocked it.

All bills enacted become operative on November 23, unless otherwise indicated.

**Senate Bill 316 (Schrade), Chapter 663 (follow).** Adds Sections 11547, 11548 and 11549 to the Business and Professions Code. Permits city or county to require payment of fee as condition of approval of final subdivision map for defraying cost of constructing bridges. Also permits imposition of reasonable charge on property with the area to benefit by the building of such bridges.

**Senate Bill 392 (Cologne), Chapter 817 (follow).** Adds Section 53293 to the Government Code. Prohibits agencies which have as their primary function the control and conservation of floodwaters from contracting to provide engineering or surveying services, except with another governmental agency whose boundaries encompass all or a portion of the agency performing such services, or where the two agencies have a mutual interest in the area.

**Assembly Bill 225 (Chappie), Chapter 90 (follow).** Amends Sections 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2312 and 2313, amends and renumbers Section 2315.1, adds Sections 2316 and 2316.5, and repeals Sections 2315 and 2321 of the Public Resources Code. Requires that lode or placer mining claims and tunnel rights be designated by the erection at specified locations of conspicuous and substantial monuments. Changes requirements for location notice and statement of mining claims. Makes it a misdemeanor to take down, alter or destroy a stake, post, monument or notice of location upon a mining claim.

**Assembly Bill 418 (Schabarum), Chapter 475 (follow).** Amends Section 112 of the Business and Professions Code. Provides that no agency within the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards, except the State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, will be required to compile, publish, sell or otherwise distribute a directory of licentiates.

**Assembly Bill 493 (Dunlap), Chapter 1308, (in favor).** Adds Section 11610.5 to the Business and Professions Code. Prohibits any city or county from approving any subdivision map for a subdivision fronting upon the coastline or shoreline which does not provide or have available reasonable public access from public highways to the land below the ordinary high-water mark on any ocean coastline or bay shoreline within or at a reasonable distance from the subdivision. Such access route must be expressly designated on tentative or final map. A city or county need not disapprove a map if such access is not provided if it makes a finding, set forth on the face of the map, that access is otherwise available within a reasonable distance from the subdivision.

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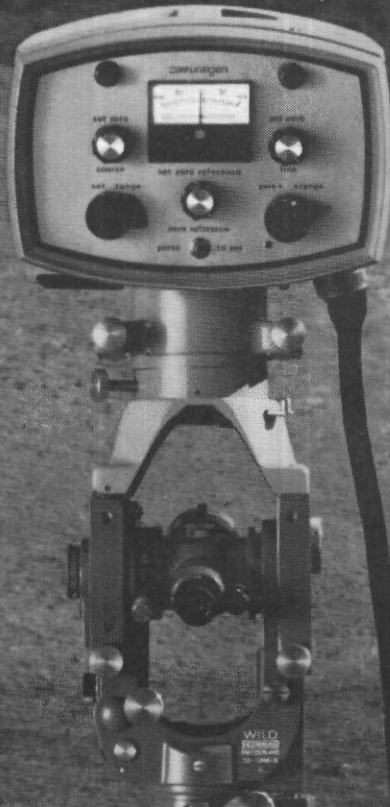
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**Assembly Bill 698** (Schabarum), **Chapter 1242** (not in favor). Amends Sections 11540.1 and 11543.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Limits local regulations requiring improvements upon a subdivision which is of fewer than five lots to those related to dedication of right-of-ways, easements and the construction of reasonable offsite improvements for the parcels being created. Permits assessment of fees on such "small lot splits" for storm and sanitary sewers and mandates procedure to be followed.

**Assembly Bill 899** (Brathwaite), **Chapter 206** (follow). Amends Section 11543.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Permits assessment of fees on "small lot splits" for storm sewers and mandates procedure to be followed (same change as AB 698, above, except as to sanitary sewers).

**Assembly Bill 1239** (Bagley), **Chapter 500** (in favor). Amends Section 11587 of the Business and Professions Code. Requires the signature of a public entity or public utility which has an easement on a final subdivision map unless it is determined that the rights of such easements will not be interfered with.

**Assembly Bill 1754** (Briggs), **Chapter 629** (follow). Amends Sections 11543, 11543.5, 11543.6 and 11544 of the Business and Professions Code. Includes sanitary sewer facilities within the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act which permit special assessments for the construction of such.

**Assembly Bill 2253** (Sieroty), **Chapter 1207** (in favor). Amends Section 6738.1 of the Business and Professions Code. Permits the use of the name of a retired partner in the firm name of a civil engineering firm under certain circumstances.

**Assembly Bill 2418** (McCarthy), **Chapter 761** (in favor). Adds Section 11610.7 to the Business and Professions Code. Prohibits a city or county from approving any subdivision map for a subdivision fronting upon any lake or reservoir partially or entirely owned by any public agency which does not prove or have available reasonable public access thereto either within or a reasonable distance from such subdivision. Such access must be expressly designated on the tentative or final map.

**Assembly Bill 2513** (Wilson), **Chapter 1374** (actively oppose). Adds Section 8762.5 of the Business and Professions Code. Provides that no record of survey of land shown on latest adopted county assessment roll as a unit or as contiguous units, which shows division of such land into additional parcels, shall be filed with county surveyor or recorder, unless there is specified certification attached thereto, indicating compliance with the Subdivision Map Act and local regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

**Assembly Bill 2520** (Ray Johnson), **Chapter 505** (actively support). Adds Section 6738.2 to the Business and Professions Code. Authorizes the name of a professional engineer's firm to contain the names of licensed land surveyors under designated circumstances.

#### **Governor's Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1970**

Changes the name of the Department of Professional and Vocational Standards to the Department of Consumer Affairs. Transfers authority of Board of Professional Engineers to hire investigator to the Department's director. ▲

C.L.S.A. President, Bob Curtis, named Paul Lamoreaux to form a new committee aimed toward increased utilization of Land Surveyors, in their professional capacities, by employers engaged in Land Surveying operations, both public and private. Employers whose Land Surveying functions are incidental to their major area of concern, are included, as well as those principally involved in our profession.

Improvement in our professional status is sought, by the increase of favorable professional employment opportunities, in turn, by example, educating other principals in the advantages of employment of the more highly qualified. Any increase in the professional employ of others, of Land Surveyors, will enhance the supply of new qualified Land Surveying principals, leading to reduction of practice of our profession by the unqualified.

Your Status Improvement Committee first met in San Carlos, on Oct. 22, 1970. In attendance were: Chairman Paul Lamoreaux (B.A.R.T.), A.E. Griffin (U.S. Div. of Forestry), Norm Beam, (City of San Jose), and Geo. Stock and Chuck Randall (State Highways). Committee members were selected from nearby areas, for convenience of organization, but representation from other parts of the state is planned. Participation from the Sacramento area seems advisable, as a "pulse feeler" of state agencies, political bodies, boards, commissions, etc.

Coordination of effort, compatible to the aims of other C.L.S.A. committees, is imperative, as many goals overlap, and duplication of effort is undesirable. Liaison with the Board of Directors through Paul Lamoreaux, and with the Legislative Committee through A.E. Griffin, should facilitate this undertaking.

Questionnaires relative to employers current policies on the employment of Land Surveyors, are being prepared. Compensation, advancement opportunity, and availability of openings are of prime interest in the analysis of the current situation, in preparation to seek methods of improvement.

A.E. Griffin provided information as to opportunities, or lack of them, for Land Surveyors employed for various federal agencies.

Geo. Stock exhibited dismal specification sheets describing the highly limited openings for Land Surveyors in the employ of the State of California. As most California Land Surveyors know, the State Division of Highways refuses to employ Land Surveyors in their professional capacity, even though this Division is the largest Land Surveying principal in our state, due to the creation of more new boundaries per year than any other entity.

Consider the extent of the damage to our profession, when such a substantial area is denied the Land Surveyor from the practice of his own profession. Many other agencies and corporations have similar policies, and unless greater numbers of suitably compensated positions become available, college curricula in Land Surveying will "die on the vine" for lack of sufficient applicants.

The broadness of your Status Improvement Committee's sphere of action is not yet clearly defined, however you will be kept informed, as the collection and interpretation of data progress sufficiently to "nail anything down." ▲



**REPORT OF BOARD LIASON COMMITTEE**

*C.A. Wooldridge, Jr.*

The President appointed a Board Liason Committee with the concurrence of the Board of Directors at the meeting of July 18, 1970. Reasons for this appointment and purpose of the committee are many.

When we presented AB 2296 in 1969, we heard from many engineering organizations that our problems could be resolved by the Board of Registration. Within our own organization there are many individuals with this belief. We believe that we understand the purpose of the Board of Registration and to a certain extent it's powers, responsibilities and limitations. However, until we attempt to work with the Board to ascertain the actual conditions of it's existence and operation and it's desires and ability to serve our cause, there can be only speculation in this regard.

The creation of the Board Liason Committee is a good example of the maturity that CLSA has reached. One group of members at the Board of Directors Meeting was firmly convinced that only through Board of Registration activity and educational effort, could our goals be accomplished. Others, including the author, were just as firmly convinced that legislative effort is a necessary adjunct to the exclusion of unqualified from the practice of land surveying. The Board of Directors spent considerable time discussing and debating the opposing points of view and it was becoming apparent that this was going to be a show-down vote when the meeting adjourned for lunch. Over lunch, in an effort to understand each other, representatives of these two factions met and reached the compromise position known now as Resolution 70-5 which resulted in appointment of the Board Liason Committee.

This committee immediately entered into correspondence which concluded with a meeting with the land surveying committee and civil engineering committee of the Board of Registration. CLSA members anticipated a better understanding of the Board and it's operation. This was one result; a better understanding and respect between members of both parties. More important was the recommendation acted on by the Board of Registration the following day. A committee is to be appointed by the Board to investigate the entire situation

and recommend to the Board specifically what action may be taken. This committee is to be composed of four members to be appointed from nominees of the four interested professional societies; The California Council of Civil Engineers and Land Surveyors, The American Society of Civil Engineers, The California Society of Professional Engineers and CLSA. At the present time the nominees to this committee are still being named by the respective organizations. CLSA has nominated the Chairman of the Board Liason Committee or the President to serve.

It is too early to predict the results or even possible results of the activities of either the Registration Board's Committee or of our Board Liason Committee. All that can be said at this time is that here again is proof. We must explore every possible avenue to accomplish our goals; the perpetuation of the land surveyor and his profession, and the restriction of the practice of surveying to those competent therein. ▲

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

*Opinion of Thomas C. Lynch, Attorney General and Richard L. Hamilton, Deputy Attorney General. No. 69/269, August 18, 1970.*

The Honorable Logan Muir, Executive Secretary, Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, has submitted the following question for our opinion:

"May a county surveyor under the authority of a county ordinance charge a fee for examining record of survey maps pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 8766 in addition to the filing and indexing fee set forth in Business and Professions Code section 8769?"

The conclusion is:

A county surveyor may not charge a fee for filing and examining a record of survey map in excess of that fee provided for in Business and Professions Code section 8769. ▲

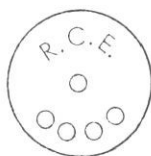
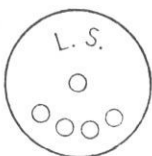
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### FOR OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Michael is Chief Surveyor for McCutchan and Associates, Inc. of Pasadena, he was also the 1970 Chairman of the Southern California Section of A.C.S.M. and has attended the University of California, Los Angeles.

*George P. Colson* L.S. 2654

George P. Colson was elected in 1970 as Vice-president of CLSA and served as secretary-treasurer in 1968 and 1969 and is Chairman of Fiscal and Administrative Committee and a CLSA Charter Member.

George is a member of Marin County Chapter and Manager and Vice-president of Engineering Field Services in San Rafael and has attended Los Angeles City College.

*William O. Gentry* L.S. 2737

William O. Gentry was re-elected in 1970 to CLSA Board of Directors after serving on the Board during 1969, Chairman of the Nominating Committee 1968, 1969, and 1970 and is President of San Joaquin Chapter.

William is self-employed land surveyor and owner of the firm of W. O. Gentry, and an active member of Fresno City-County Chamber of Commerce.

### FOR OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

*James E. Adams* L.S. 3541

James E. Adams was elected in 1970 as Secretary-Treasurer of CLSA and is an active member of the Nominating and Legislating Committee during 1968, 1969 and 1970 and is a member of the Sonoma Chapter.

James is currently employed by Sonoma County Surveyor's Office, Land Development Section processing Lots Splits, Parcel Maps, and Record of Surveys.

*Lawrence J. Cloney* L.S. 3281

Lawrence J. Cloney is serving as Chairman of the Membership Committee and a member of the Legislative Committee, he is the Vice-chairman of Santa Clara – San Mateo Chapter and Chapter Representative.

Lawrence is currently employed by the City of San Jose in charge of Surveying Section consisting of seven survey crews. He has attended two and half years at the University of Santa Clara.

### FOR OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

*G. Ross Armstead* L.S. 2765

G. Ross Armstead was re-elected in 1970 to CLSA Board of Directors after serving on the board during 1969; a member of Nominating Committee during 1968 and 1969 and an active member of the Legislative Committee in 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Ross is a self employed land surveyor in Soquel, has attended Fresno State and University of California, Berkeley and was the President of Monterey Bay Chapter for 1968 and 1969.

*Homer Banks, Jr.* L.S. 3279

Homer Banks, Jr. is the President of Sacramento Chapter for 1970, self employed land surveyor in Sacramento and has a AA Degree from Sacramento City College.



Larry Cloney

*Leonard D. Berry* L.S. 3270

Leonard D. Berry is a member of Bakersfield Chapter and is employed by Western Photoair Inc. in charge of Casdestral Surveys and Photogrammetric Control. He has attended Fresno State and has a AA Degree from Bakersfield College.

*Clyde C. Cabrinha* L.S. 3457

Clyde C. Cabrinha is a member of Southern Counties Chapter and is employed by Wilsey and Ham as Chief of Survey Section. He has attended California State Polytechnic College at San Luis Obispo and is Vice Chairman of Public Affairs of the Southern California Section of A.C.S.M.

*Thomas J. Gribbin* L.S. 3273

Thomas J. Gribbin is a member of the Interprofessional Relations and Membership Committees and Chapter Representative of Santa Clara – San Mateo Chapter. He is currently employed by MacKay and Soms at San Jose as Office Coordinator and Liaison with public agency. He is also instructing surveying at San Jose City College as well as a Seminar, preparatory for the Land Surveyors Examination.

*A. E. Griffin* L.S. 3353

A. E. Griffin is a member of the Status Improvement and Legislative Committee, President of East Bay Chapter 1970 and Chapter Representative during 1969. He is currently employed by U. S. Forest Service in charge of the Land Title Section of the California Region, he has also attended the College of Marin.

*Charles N. Hathaway* L.S. 2680

Charles N. Hathaway is a member of Southern County Chapter and is currently employed by the City of Long Beach in charge of Survey Division and has attended City College of Long Beach.

*Fred W. Henstridge* L.S. 3258

Fred W. Henstridge was a member of CLSA Board of Directors during 1967 and has been Southern Counties Chapter Representative during 1968, 1969 and 1970. He is currently employed by the State of California, Division of Highways, District VII as Chief of Party of Geodetic, Cadastral and Photogrammetric Surveys and has attended Pasadena City College.

*Paul W. Lamoreaux, Jr.* L.S. 3374

Paul W. Lamoreaux, Jr. is an active member of the Legislative Committee and Chairman of Status Improvement Committee and is Chapter Representative of Santa Clara – San Mateo Chapter. He is currently employed by SFBARTD in Real Estate Engineering and he has a Bachelor's Degree from San Diego State.

*John LaTorre* L.S. 3334

John LaTorre is the President of Mother Lode Chapter for 1970, self employed land surveyor in Tuolumme County and is a member of Tuolumme County Chamber of Commerce.

The past year has been an extremely important year in the life of the California Land Surveyors Association. Because of the Legislative effort and the meetings with the State Board of Registration and the California Council of CE's and LS's, the Association has gained much respect and is looked on now as a body of professional men that in fact is sincere about its aims and is engaged in responsible action to upgrade its profession.

If this program is to keep progressing, there has to be not only complete participation by all members of the Association, but also participation by all members of the Land Surveying Profession.

If you are not a member and in fact do AGREE with the present direction of the CLSA, please sit down TODAY and fill out the application and join our Association for an even greater 1971.

If you are not a member and in fact do NOT AGREE with the present direction of the CLSA, please sit down TODAY and fill out the application and join our Association so that you can put forth your own ideas to be heard and responded to for yet an even greater 1971. ▲

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE Continued from Page 1

possible. The problem is that the Land Surveyors Act, education and high standards are not interrelated, changes made in one affect the others. We are then faced with the age old question of "which came first, the chicken or the egg."

The opposition to AB 2296 caused the C.L.S.A. to take a long look at our own proposal and indeed, we found it to be lacking. Since the demise of AB 2296, we have been conducting studies to support our positions and contentions. We have found that Land Surveyors are very involved in Land Planning and general Land Development. AB 2296 did little in that direction.

Based on our studies and reports, the C.L.S.A. Board of Directors, at the July 18th meeting in Oakland, passed Resolution 70-5. The first part of the resolution required that we give first priority to working with the Board of Registration and to establish a line of communication. To do this, I have appointed a special committee of three men with Chuck Wooldridge as Chairman, Richard Stephan and Don Ward as committeemen. This committee has already begun it's task and because of cooperative spirit of the Board will have much to report in the way of success.

The second part requires the Legislative Committee to revise our "California Model Act" to incorporate Land Development in a broader definition of Land Surveying and to introduce this Act in the 1971 session of the California Legislature for interim study.

C.L.S.A. has put a great deal of time and study into this proposal and we expect to do a lot more. C.L.S.A. has also been, and is presently interested in, meeting with any group interested in such changes of the Land Surveyors Act. We invite all comments and suggestions.

It is my personal belief the efforts of the California Land Surveyors Association are in the best interests of the public and therefore are in the best interests of the Land Surveying and Civil Engineering professions. ▲

# COMMENTS AND LETTERS, From In, Out and Around

## MEANINGFUL MEMBERSHIP

Eugene L. Foster

Membership in a professional society indicates that the member really believes that his is a valid profession and that he supports it as such. More than that, it indicates that he understands his position in his society, namely that society regards him as being qualified to practice in his field and that he regards himself as able to observe the requirements of the code of ethics established by his profession.

Land surveyors are regarded, by our courts, today as expert witnesses where questions of land boundaries are concerned. Since civil engineers are allowed, by the state land surveyors act, to practice land surveying with the same responsibilities and with the same privileges as land surveyors it follows that the courts would have the same regard for the, also. I do not think this would apply, as well, to photogrammetrists.

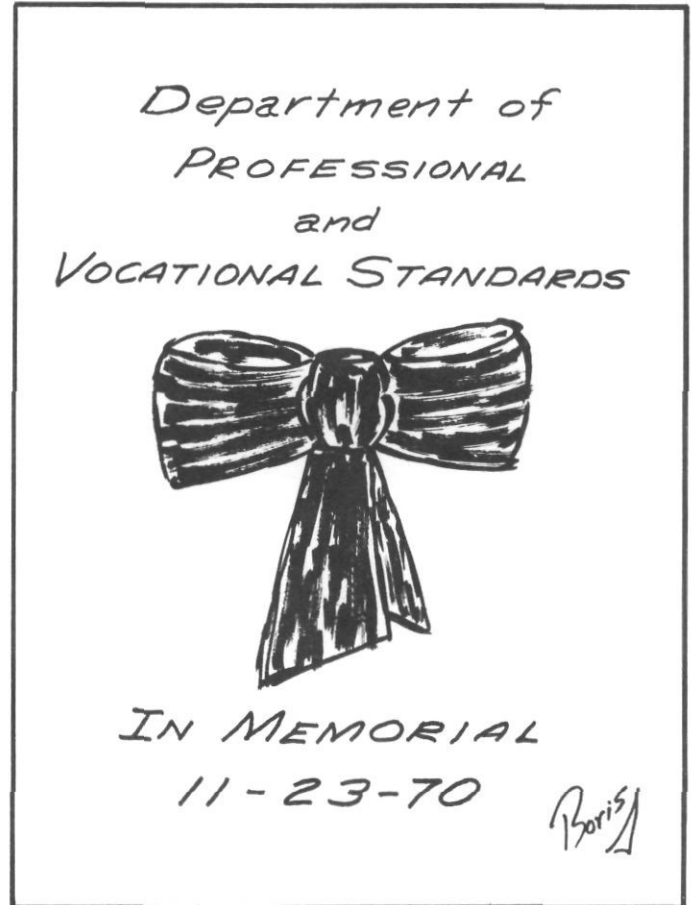
In the dim past, in the days of Babylon, Alexandria and of Rome, land surveyors were found among the somewhat patrician types such as administrators, councilmen and even legislators. They were praised by monarchs and their secretaries as the arbiters who, calling upon their knowledge of recorded facts and jurisprudence, were essential to the solution of disputes between land litigants. As recent as colonial American times we find that William Byrd, America's first land surveyor, was a very large land owner and a very proficient land surveyor as well. Much of his knowledge must have emanated from the University of Barcelona as did much of the knowledge of the Mexican and early Texas land surveyors.

Today we find land surveyors still deeply involved in our society with memberships in related professional societies and deeply involved in community affairs from boy scouts to research organizations. By their very nature and those characteristics which make them land surveyors they are drawn to activities which attempt to improve the society around them. Perhaps the same could have been said of Washington, Jefferson, the Williamson boys and the Stewarts of Marlboro.

Civilization moves ever westward. Here, in California, at the very shore of the great ocean, we are afforded the unique opportunity of being able to look forward and backward, at once. Looking westward we can almost see the very beginning place of civilization. To the east we can see that same civilization marching toward its own beginning to complete the cycle.

Membership in CLSA is open to all who are licensed to practice land surveying in California. Associate membership is open to all who are actively pursuing the goal of becoming so licensed.

The message to all of you is this: no matter what your present activities are, if you fall in either of the two categories last above written, you owe your membership in CLSA not only to yourself, but to your profession and most of all you owe it to that heritage which I have tried to herein describe. In the next four years total membership in CLSA should soar to 2,000. Let's shoot for 1,000 as a starter. Plant your feet on the common ground which has been established by the Association in a brief four years and support its fast-moving programs. Lets strive toward the goal of making the California Association the biggest and best in North America. That extra little effort on the part of everyone is all that's needed. ▲



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- Editor



## DOES YOUR ASSOCIATION SERVE YOU?

*C.A. Wooldridge, Jr.*

Does the CLSA meet your needs? I have tried to ask this question of surveyors wherever I chance to meet them throughout the State of California. What are the needs of the surveyor? How can they best be met? What is it that the surveyor and the member wants from his association?

The greatest complaint that I have found from CLSA members has been a basic lack of communication or lack of knowledge of what the association is doing on the State level. I believe the Board of Directors has long been aware of this possible problem. Several attempts have been made to rectify the situation, including the printing of minutes of the Board of Directors meetings in the California Surveyor. The Surveyor incidentally, goes to every land surveyor in the State of California, not just it's members. There are no activities of the State Association that are not reviewed by the Board. Though a one or two sentence comment will not fully reveal all aspects of any given matter, it is certainly one source of information regarding the activities.

The founders of CLSA recognized a need for not only communication from the State level as to the activities of the association, but an opportunity for the individual member to be heard. The Constitution provides for a Board of Directors composed of four officers, five directors at large, and Chapter Representatives. Each Chapter has at least one representative. One voice in the State Association for each twenty members. This is not too great a number for each Chapter Representative to know what his members desire and to be able to convey to those members what transpired at Board meetings.

You elect your Chapter Representative. Is he a vitally concerned member who attends all Chapter Meetings so that you have access to him and he to you? Does he also attend all Board Meetings so that he does know what happened and brings this information back to you? If he is not such an individual, it is not the fault of the State Board of Directors, nor is it the fault of some imaginary "they." You are the one who cast a vote for him, if you were interested. You can serve on a nominating committee to get the right man nominated. You can nominate from the floor. If he doesn't tell you what is going on, it is your fault.

I have attended many Chapter Meetings and heard a five-minute summary of what the Board of Directors did at a six-hour meeting. Five minutes is not adequate to even hit the highlights of what the Board does. If you are unwilling to devote a substantial part of one meeting each quarter to review the Board activities and making your desires, your feelings and your beliefs known to your Representative, you should complain to no one except yourself.

One philosophy that has guided my life and all activities has been the attitude that you only get out of anything an amount equal to what you put into it. This is just as true of CLSA as it is your job, your profession, your church or your marriage. If you can't be bothered to attend meetings, if you have excuses why you can't hold office, if you are too busy to serve on committees, you certainly are not putting much into your professional association.

Does your association meet your needs? I cannot answer that; only you can tell me if you are seeing to it that your association is doing what you want it to do. ▲

## WHY A CODE OF ETHICS

*Don E. Ward*

When the California Land Surveyors Association first organized, the articles of the Association required that they adopt a code of ethics. But the adoption of a code of ethics is not a simple matter. There was and still is widespread opinions as to just what a code of ethics consists of and what it means.

Another very elusive definition was centered upon professionalism. Professionalism means different things to different people. Again, a wide spread of opinions existed in our Association as to just what was meant by professionalism.

In order to develop some ideas as to what these definitions should be, I embarked upon a research program into the matter. I discovered that even great philosophers such as Kant, Socrates and Plato had vague ideas as to what ethics were. But through many sources of information, of which the Holy Bible was included, I found enough consistency to form some definitions that might be accepted by a professional association.

The nature of any society including a professional society is that it is held together by certain rules of conduct that are accepted and followed by a majority of the individuals.

Those that break the rules are punished in some manner which is also a part of the nature of the society.

From time to time the rules change, but only gradually and over a span of generations.

The rules of conduct for most societies is referred to most often as the moral code and can be defined as "a set of rules or laws written or unwritten that regulate the conduct of the individual relative to the society in which he is a member." In the case of a professional society this would be called a Professional Code.

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### PROFESSIONAL CODE

It shall be considered professional and consistent with honorable and dignified professional conduct for any member of the California Land Surveyors Association:

1. To devote effort and support programs to raise the professional, ethical and social status of Land Surveying.
2. To maintain a campaign for public recognition of professional contribution to the ethical, economical and social well-being of citizens of California and of the United States.
3. To accept and maintain standards of professional conduct of the highest order to win the respect and admiration of all citizens.
4. To protect the profession of Land Surveying and the public against the unqualified.
5. To promote an effective program of exchange, communication and cooperation amongst its professional members.
6. To maintain a constant effort of understanding between professionals in government service and private consulting, recognizing the common aims and philosophies and mutual respect of the professional society.
7. To promote and stimulate leadership in public service on a community, state and national level.
8. To promote and maintain an effective and continuous program of expanding our knowledge of social and technical advances.
9. To protect the professional reputation, prospects and practice of another professional with the same vigor and determination as he would his own.
10. To manage his professional ethics with the courage to uphold his integrity over all other considerations.
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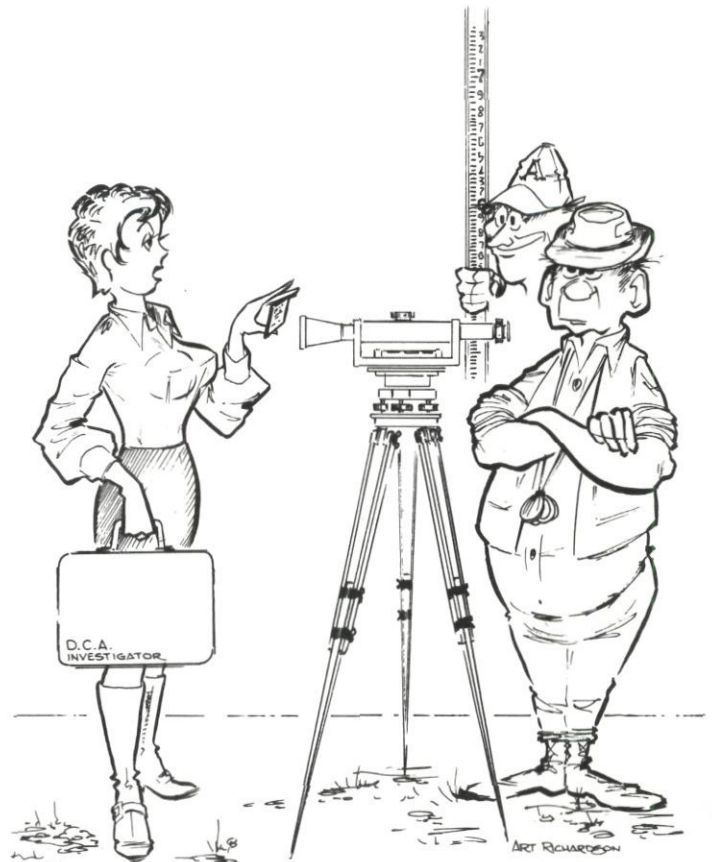


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The words "ethics" and "morals" seemed to be synonymous. They differ from the moral code in that they appear to be directed more to the disciplines of the individual rather than rules of conduct. For instance, honesty, courage, faithfulness, etc. are virtues which are evident in individuals and can be referred to as ethics or morals. But they do describe something different than a moral law or code. Also, these virtues mean different things to individuals and are exercised more in a personal manner. Therefore, I have defined ethics and morals as "disciplines that must be exercised within an individual to stay within the bounds of the moral code 'of any given society'."

Since the California Land Surveyors Association is a professional society, it seemed important that the members of that society have a common definition of professionalism, a common understanding of the nature of societies and a professional code.

It is from these definitions of moral code and ethics that guided the framework of the definition of professionalism and the professional code which has been adopted by the California Land Surveyors Association and is published in their roster along with the articles of the association and by-laws. ▲



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