

CLSA eNews

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President's Message



Reflecting back to 1987, I was a young surveyor with an LSIT working for an Engineering & Surveying firm in Bakersfield. The owners, Gene Martin and Roger McIntosh, thought it was important that their employees be involved in the local Chapter of CLSA. Therefore, they paid for their dues and meals at the meetings. It was at those meetings that I was able to meet knowledgeable surveyors who were willing to share their insight into the profession.

These were people who worked for both the public and private sectors. What impressed me most was the comradery and fellowship followed with a deep respect for each other. The second was their willingness to mentor us "up and comers."

[Read more...](#)

Ron Nelms
CLSA President

GPS on Benchmarks Initiative 2018

Dear California Surveying Community,

The CLSA is proud to support the National Geodetic Survey's "2018 - GPS on Benchmarks" program. The program is simply a crowdsourcing call to citizen surveyors to collect GPS observations on NGS NAVD88 benchmarks and share these data with NGS. These collected data will be used to first to create the next hybrid- Geoid 18, then be the basis for the future conversion tool(s) to the upcoming 2022 datum and gravimetric geoid. This effort is an essential component in tying recent GPS observations and solutions to the current national vertical datum - NAVD88.

CLSA recognizes the importance of this program, is tracking progress and actively mobilizing our community. With your help, we can contribute to better heights for years to come. Our goal is to densify the data, hopefully avoid NGS extrapolating geoid data over very large distances uncontrolled. We can git-R-Done!

For more detailed overview see:

<http://www.xyht.com/surveying/gpsonbm2018/>
<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/GPSonBM/>

CLSA is making every effort to avoid duplication of observations and track our success. Please communicate plans and forward your OPUS solutions to GPSonBMs@californiasurveyors.org

[CLSA Sign-up list: Google Docs Link](#)

[CLSA Map](#)

[Click here for important reference links.](#)

Thank you,
CLSA, GPS on BM committee

NCEES announces search for chief executive officer

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying has begun the search process for a new chief executive officer. Current CEO Jerry Carter will retire on September 30, 2018. The NCEES board of directors has formed a five-member CEO Search Committee, chaired by NCEES President Patrick Tami, P.L.S. The committee will accept applications from qualified candidates until April 30, 2018.

"Under CEO Carter's leadership, NCEES has become one of the most respected organizations in the engineering and surveying professions. He has greatly improved our ability to achieve NCEES' mission by bringing about a significant evolution of the Council's services and governance," Tami says. "Thanks to him, our new CEO will be able to continue our mission with a dedicated staff and strong financial footing."

[Read more here.](#)

Trig*Star 2018

The Trig*Star program is a popular program which introduces the surveying profession to high school students. The annual chapter cost of implementing this program locally ranges from \$1,500 to \$2,000. Please consider donating to the Central Coast Chapter to assist them in their Trig*Star efforts. Further details are available by [clicking here](#).

2018 CLSA Webinar Schedule

The next CLSA webinar will take place on Wednesday, May 23rd from 11am - 12 noon. The webinar will provide information on CLSA's efforts to support the National Geodetic Survey's "2018 - GPS on

Benchmarks" program and will be presented by John Tosto, Scott Martin and Dana Caccamise.

If you are a CLSA member, [click here](#) to register.

Non members, please visit the Upcoming Webinars section of the CLSA Store to register.

Here is a schedule of upcoming webinars.

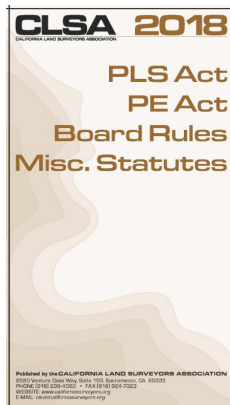
May 23, 2018 - GPS on Benchmarks Initiative
- CLSA Members - [Click here to register](#)

July 11, 2018 - Hybrid Survey Networks: Combining Real-Time and Static GNSS Observations for Optimizing Height Modernization
- CLSA Members - [Click here to register](#).

CLSA members can access all webinar recordings for free. To access the recordings, log in to the CLSA website, then click "Member Resources," and then click "Downloads." After you click to agree with the terms, you'll be taken to a new page. Scroll down that page for list of webinars that are available for download



2018 Publications on Sale



We are pleased to announce that the 2018 editions of the **Subdivision Map Act and Index** and the **PE Act and PLS Act with Board Rules** are now available for purchase in the CLSA store. Orders typically ship within one week of purchase. Order yours today!

[Click here](#) to visit the CLSA Store and make a purchase.

Upcoming Events:

Additional details can be found on [CLSA's website calendar](#).

April 26, 2018
Cascade Chapter - General Meeting

April 28, 2018
CLSA Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)

May 3, 2018
Sacramento Valley Chapter - General Meeting

May 15, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

May 16, 2018
Marin Chapter - General Meeting

June 7, 2018
Sacramento Valley Chapter - General Meeting

June 19, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

June 20, 2018

Marin Chapter - General Meeting

July 11, 2018

CLSA Webinar: Hybrid Survey Networks

July 17, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

July 18, 2018

Marin Chapter - General Meeting

July 28, 2018

CLSA Board of Directors Meeting

August 21, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

September 18, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

October 16, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

November 3, 2018

CLSA Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)

November 20, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

December 18, 2018

San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

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