

## Happy Holidays



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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The Holidays are here and I hope that they find you and yours in good spirits. It is a time of giving and thinking of others. The Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS) has joined with NSPS Foundation to establish the Western State Scholarship and Relief Fund. This fund is set up to assist those in the land surveying community that have been affected by natural disasters such as the fires in both ends of our state. Please consider contributing to this fund. [This link](#) will explain how to contribute and [here is the link](#) to the application for relief fund assistance. You only need to be employed or associated with the profession:

The Fresno State GME conference is just around the corner (January 25th & 26th) and registration is open. Go to <http://fresnostategeomatics.com/> to register.

Set aside March 23-26 for the joint conference with NALS at the Silver Legacy in Reno. A workshop with Jeff Lucas is being slated for Saturday with opening ceremonies on Sunday morning, then we'll wrap up the conference on Tuesday. Our traditional bowling tournament will be on Saturday after the workshop, Sunday icebreaker reception, and on Monday evening, a live auction with Lightning Williams.

Finally, I ran across an article written in the *Cal Surveyor* archives by one of CLSA's Founders, Don Ward, who wrote several articles on professionalism and ethics of a Land Surveyor. I think his words are still true today.

"A professional man by virtue of his knowledge, conduct, integrity, judgement and experience, commands an atmosphere of trust, solicitude, public faith and dependence in his work. His conduct must demonstrate moral and ethical influences of the highest caliber. His integrity must be flawless. Professional characteristics are common through most professions and when grouped together in one individual serve to identify that individual as a professional man. These characteristics are practical judgement, businesslike, learned, skilled, expert, thorough, prompt, systematic, solicitous, synthesis, integrity and courage."

As I come to the closing of my tenure as your President, I have found for the most part the surveyors I have encountered throughout the state have adhered to these standards but as in any organization, there are those who forget these codes of ethics and prefer to be influenced by what they want the truth to be rather than what the truth is.

Saul Bellow once said, "A great deal of intelligence can be invested in ignorance when the need for illusion is deep."

During this Holiday Season, let's remember to respect one another in truth despite our disagreements.

Ron Nelms  
CLSA President

### NSPS 2019 MAP PLAT DESIGN COMPETITION

State Surveying association affiliates of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, Inc. (NSPS) are invited to submit maps and plats to the 2019 competition. Entrants need not be members of NSPS, however a member of NSPS must sponsor the submission.



[ENTRY FORM HERE](#)



## WESTERN STATE SCHOLARSHIP AND RELIEF FUND

WESTERN FEDERATION OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS

# WFPS

Wildfires ravaged the Western United States in the 2017 and have brought even more destruction to both Northern and Southern California in 2018. Many in the surveying and mapping industry have been affected. Some have lost everything and are in desperate need of assistance. To help out the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS) has joined with the NSPS Foundation to establish the Western State Scholarship and Relief

Fund. This fund was established to provide assistance to those in the land surveying community that have been affected by natural disasters, or similar tragedy.

Applicants simply need to be employed in or associated with the land surveying profession and reside in one of the member states of the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors, Inc. (WFPS) Just print out the application from the WFPS website [HERE](#) or at link below.

In addition to disaster relief, this fund will be used to fund scholarships for students studying land surveying in the Western States as WFPS has for more than three decades. By moving the scholarship funds to the NSPS Foundation we get a better return on investment and the tax benefits afforded a 501 (c)(3).

The immediate need however is disaster relief. We need donations. Associations or individuals that wish to donate to the Relief Fund may send a check to WFPS, 526 South E Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. WFPS will send the donation to the NSPS Foundation and provide a receipt to the donor for any tax deduction benefit.

[DOWNLOAD APPLICATION](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

CLSA will replace your membership certificates and/or membership cards at no charge if you've lost yours to fires. Simply email [kim@californiasurveyors.org](mailto:kim@californiasurveyors.org) to request replacements.

## CHANNEL ISLANDS LS REVIEW COURSE

The Channel Islands Chapter of CLSA will be offering an LS Review Course. The course will be a fourteen week series from January 9 through April 10 in Simi Valley.



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