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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



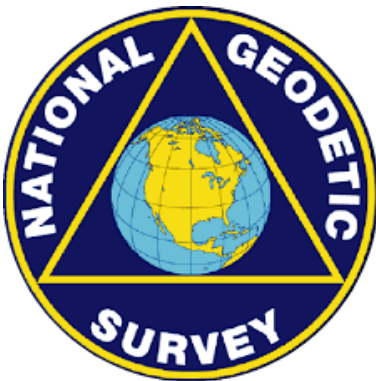
We may have good news on the horizon in teaming with NALS for a joint conference next year in Reno. Central Office and your Executive Committee have been working diligently towards that endeavor. It has been awhile since we have partnered with our friends in Nevada and believe it is long over due. In the past, these conferences have been informative and have demonstrated that they enhance and equip not only our members but our profession as well. I look forward to interacting with our colleagues in Reno, Nevada.

John Tosto and his committee are progressing along in an effort to occupy Benchmarks for the Geoid 2018 model. We only have one more month left so if you have not committed to occupy one of these benchmarks please do so. [CLICK HERE](#) to sign up.

Central Office was approached by Carey Bros to participate in a podcast. They are licensed professional contractors as well as hosts of a national radio show which helps people with their home project questions. They dedicated an episode to surveying and asked me to participate in one of their programs. If you wish to listen log into <http://careybrospros.com/category/podcast/>.

On July 15, I participated with Armand Marois, Annette Hovorka, Marta Alvarez, and Rob McMillan at the American School Counselors Conference in Los Angeles manning a booth explaining land surveying. There was approximately 3,000 participants. This was an excellent opportunity to provide these counselors with information of our profession.

Ron Nelms
CLSA President



TAKE SURVEY

SURVEY -- NGS TRANSITION TO NEW STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM

The National Geodetic Survey (NGS), in conjunction with its efforts to modernize the historic horizontal and vertical datums (NAD83 & NAVD88) into new Terrestrial Reference Frames (TRF), has released draft policy and procedures for its planned update to the [State Plane Coordinate System of 2022 \(SPCS2022\)](#).

NGS is seeking input from stakeholders on these policy and procedures and CLSA requests your input in order to provide NGS CLSA's input on the proposed policy and procedures. Please take this short survey to help us develop CLSA's input in the process.

Deadline to take survey: July 31, 2018

BPELSG UPDATE

By CLSA's BPELSG Liaison, Rob McMillan

We, as licensees and those pursuing the elusive land surveyor license, tend to think of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists (BPELSG, a.k.a. "the Board") as the organization with the responsibility to license land surveyors (and others, although those professions may not be of much interest to us).



Licensure, however, is just one of the ways the Board attempts to fulfill their primary duty of protection of the public. If you want to brush up on the concept of protection of the public, refer to [PLS Act section 8710.1](#).

So what are they (the Board) authorized to do? PLS Act section 8710 authorizes the Board to administer the PLS Act, which includes the necessity of licensure per section 8708. They are also empowered to make and enforce rules and regulations to carry out the PLS Act, as well as to regulate professional conduct. According to their website, the Board's mission is to "protect the public's safety and property by promoting standards for competence and integrity through licensing and regulating the Boards professions." Their mission is to achieve "a California that leads the nation in protecting the public and environment with competent and ethical professional services by the Board's licensees."

Please take note that the key aspects of the laws and their Mission and Vision are related to the professions, professional conduct, and professional services, as opposed to the tools we use as professional land surveyors. The short quip that BPELSG uses to try to get this point across is "no rules for tools." There has been much complaining over the last several years of "unlicensed persons" using surveying tools. Contractors grade checkers using total stations and GPS rovers, remote control enthusiasts using quadcopters are frequent targets of discussion. The question is, "Are these people providing land surveying services (for a client) as described in PLS Act section 8726?" If so, then compile as much information as you can and [file a complaint with the Board's Enforcement Unit](#).

If you read the PLS Act thoroughly, you will find that BPELSG's role is NOT to protect or serve the profession of land surveying (or those other ones). However, they actually do so by performing their primary duty and administering the PLS Act.

BPELSG Board members and staff serve in various roles in the national exam organization, NCEES, and enforce laws against unlicensed practitioners and licensees who have wandered from the appropriate path.

[CLICK HERE](#) for an example of BPELSG enforcement activities is the cooperative investigation between BPELSG and the LA County Sheriff's Department:



CALTRANS HIRING EVENT - AUGUST 8-10

JOB:

[Transportation Engineer JC- 118033](#)

[Transportation Surveyor JC- 118249](#)

[Environmental Planner JC- 118270](#)

District 3 will be hosting the upcoming Mass hiring event here in the Marysville office August 8-10th. Below are the links for Transportation Engineers, Surveyors and Environmental classes that will be able to participate in the event.

Please share this opportunity with those that may be interested, including current staff that may be interested in transferring to another district or division, as this is a great opportunity to expediate the hiring process and join our North Region team with positions available across the North Region.

[Santiago Canyon College Survey Classes Announced -- CLICK HERE](#)

BPELSG APPOINTMENTS

On Monday, July 2nd, Governor Brown announced appointments to the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists.

They are as follows:

Fel Anthony Amistad of San Mateo (reappointment)

Kathy Jones Irish of Los Angeles (reappointment)

Elizabeth Mathieson of Alameda (reappointment)

Mohammad Qureshi of Tustin (reappointment)

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NCEES ANNUAL MEETING

Join NCEES at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess for the 97th annual meeting. The Council will meet to decide key licensure issues and take time to explore the sights, sounds, and tastes of Scottsdale.

The agenda offers opportunities to vote on the issues and elect new officers at the business sessions, take part in the technical workshops and forums, and network and share ideas with delegates and guests at social events.



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2018 CLSA WEBINAR SCHEDULE

The Costs of Litigation

Webinar Presenter: James Anton

Wednesday, August 29, 2018

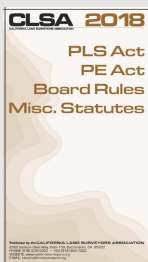
11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

CLSA Members - [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Non-Members: [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)



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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!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

July 28, 2018
CLSA Board of Directors Meeting

October 16, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

August 2, 2018
[LCSO Southern Region]: Meeting

November 1, 2018
[LCSO Southern Region]: Meeting

August 21, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

November 3, 2018
CLSA Board of Directors Meeting (Virtual)

August 29, 2018
CLSA Webinar - The Costs of Litigation

November 20, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

September 6, 2018
[LCSO Southern Region]: Meeting

December 6, 2018
[LCSO Southern Region]: Meeting

September 18, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

December 18, 2018
San Francisco Chapter - General Meeting

October 4, 2018
[LCSO Southern Region]: Meeting

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