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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I was reading an article from Forbes magazine regarding the [decline of the Sears empire](#). It is an excellent read. The author brings to light decisions made by the corporation that, over several decades, lead to their current situation. I mention this because it brings to light ideas which I think are worth our organization examining as we move forward.

They misread their core audience. While other stores moved on to different store models, Sears maintained their model. They held themselves separate from the changing landscape. That can be said of organizations like ourselves, especially those that strive to maintain membership through in-person meetings. This landscape is changing, and we must change with it. I suggest the following:

1. Look about to different models that can help us expand our horizon to include all our potential and current members.
2. Seek to engage them in ways that we might not have considered in the past.
3. Identify skill gaps that limit us from change and fill those gaps with educational opportunities.

Fortunately, CLSA has a structure for facilitating this look forward. Committees to address this complex issue are membership, education, and workshops. I encourage you to take your ideas and participate with these committee chairs as they try to shepherd this forward.

I thank all our membership for your efforts and concerns about the issues that affect our profession and hope that you continue to help make CLSA the vehicle for positive change on into the future. I bring to your attention the executive committee will be working on the strategic plan later this month. Please contact any member of the committee with ideas and suggestions.

Annette Hovorka
2019 President

NATIONAL TRIG-STAR COMMITTEE SELECTS WINNERS OF THE RICHARD E. LOMAX NATIONAL TRIG-STAR AND TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2019 Richard E. Lomax National Trig-Star Awards. The Trig-Star committee met on July 12-13, 2019 to determine the three top high school students from the national examinations submitted by state winners. This year there were thirty-six state winners submitted.



[Click here for the press release](#)

MEASURING UNIT CHANGE COMING IN 2022

Since 1959, two definitions of the foot have been used in the United States: the International Foot and the U.S. Survey Foot. The U.S. survey foot is longer by 2 parts per million than the international foot, and having both measurements in use creates confusion. Modernizing the National Spatial Reference System in 2022 represents an opportunity to eliminate this confusion.

Representatives from NGS, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Department of Commerce's Office of the General Counsel, unanimously decided to phase out the survey foot. NIST and NGS will issue a Federal Register Notice (FRN) to solicit public comment on the proposed change. A second FRN will formally announce the change, with the details and process of this change based on the comments received.

For more information, contact: Michael Dennis, michael.dennis@noaa.gov

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CAL POLY POMONA & ELAC GEOMATICS CONFERENCE

The preliminary program for this year's Cal Poly Pomona & ELAC Geomatics Conference has been released.

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CLSA EDUCATION FOUNDATION PARTICIPATES IN *OUR PROMISE*

Did you know that California state employees can have their donations to CLSA's Education Foundation automatically deducted from their paycheck?

Lawfully established in 1957, CA Govt Code §14659, *Our Promise* gives State employees the right to donate to their chosen nonprofits directly through payroll deduction.

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Please use nonprofit code 18983 on your pledge form.



CLSA LOSES FRIEND, DON BUSHNELL, PLS

Don Bushnell passed away at the age of 95 surrounded by his family at his home in Redway the morning of Sunday, June 23, 2019.

A potluck/barbeque will take place at the Bushnell home in Redway on Saturday, July 27 beginning at 2:00 p.m. All friends and family are invited. Donations can be made to Heart of the Redwoods

Hospice in Garberville, or The Healy Senior Center in Redway.

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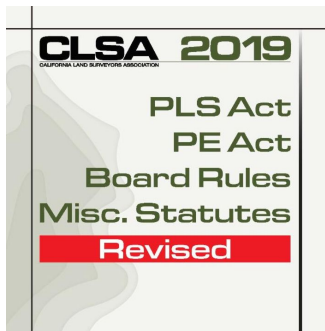
CLSA LOSES FRIEND, MARILYN BROOKS, LS 5831



Marilyn Brooks, 78, of Durant, OK, departed this world for the next on Sunday, June 23, 2019, at Denison Hospital. The fourth of four children, Marilyn was born in Buffalo, OK, to Leo and Mary Brooks at their home on January 19, 1941. She graduated from Muskogee Central High School in 1959.

Marilyn attended Oklahoma State University when women were only allowed to study certain fields. She started her career at Topographic as a draftsman in the 1960's, as the first full-time Oklahoma City office employee. John Keating, the founder of Topographic, credited her as a key factor in the company's early growth.

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CLSA 2019 PUBLICATIONS

CLSA's 2019 publications have been published and are currently for sale in the [CLSA Store](#).

Please note, after the books were published, we were made aware of errors in the small spiral bound PLS Act/PE Act/Board Rules/Misc. Statutes book and Subdivision Map Act book. We have mailed corrections to all purchasers of these 2 publications. If you purchased these books in January or February and did not receive the corrections, please [contact CLSA Headquarters](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 1

[LCISO]: Southern Region Meeting | 9:30am - 11:30am
Port of Long Beach | 725 Harbor Plaza, Long Beach

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CLSA Central Coast Chapter: Annual Summer BBQ
Biddle Park | 3500 Lopez Drive, Arroyo Grande

SEPT 5

[LCISO]: Southern Region Meeting | 9:30am - 11:30am
County of Los Angeles| 900 S. Fremont Ave, Alhambra

OCT 3

[LCISO]: Southern Region Meeting | 9:30am - 11:30am
David Evans & Assoc.| 4141 E. Inland Empire Blvd, Ste 250, Ontario

NOV 7

[LCISO]: Southern Region Meeting | 9:30am - 11:30am
County of Riverside | 3625 14th St, Riverside

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