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### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are rapidly approaching the end of the second quarter for this year. Due before the end of this month are our Chapter membership rosters. These rosters determine your representation for next year's director's meetings. If you have not rejoined both at the Chapter and State levels, please do, so you can be counted. CLSA needs your input and your support.

We will be holding our second board meeting next month on July 25th. Due to the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be our second virtual meeting this year. Please ensure that your Chapter quarterly reports are submitted as soon after the end of the quarter as possible. Meet with your directors to ensure that they are sharing your concerns with us and our concerns with you.

Our three-state Conference is still scheduled for August 21-25. Our Education Foundation would like to remind you that this conference is our major fundraiser for the year and we need your donations and support to raise the funds we need to continue our commitment to issuing over \$50,000 in scholarships every year. Contact Central Office if you need assistance with your donations.

Keith Spencer | CLSA President

### CLSA LOSES FRIEND, DR. JAVAD ASHJAEE

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our founder Javad Ashjaee, a GPS/GNSS pioneer and visionary, on the morning of May 30, 2020, due to COVID-19 in Moscow, Russia.

Over the course of 37 years, Javad made an incredible and far-reaching impact in the GNSS community. He pioneered the world's most advanced GNSS technology through a multi-national effort that combined GPS and GLONASS and established more than a quarter century of partnership between Silicon Valley and Moscow. He was always proud of this "success story of cooperation". Javad was a true industry disrupter long before the term and concept became popular. His whole way of doing business was challenging and disrupting to the status quo.



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### CA DEPT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND CAL OSHA COVID-19 RESOURCES.

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Construction

COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Limited Services (for business which do not generally require close customer contact)

DELAYED RELEASE OF THE MONDERNIZED NSRS

NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is announcing a delay in the release of the modernized National Spatial Reference System (NSRS).

NGS is currently conducting a comprehensive analysis of ongoing projects, programs, and resources required to complete NSRS modernization and will continue to provide regular updates on our progress. To get the latest news on NSRS modernization and track our progress, subscribe to <a href="NGS News">NGS News</a> or visit their "New Datums" web pages.

Further details, and more answers are available onthis FAQ.



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# NGS RELEASES NEW MARK RECOVERY TOOL AND BETA MARK INFORMATION PAGE

NGS relies extensively on crowdsourced information to update the status of geodetic survey marks throughout the country. To facilitate this task, NGS has recently developed a mobile device-friendly Mark Recovery Form that takes advantage of features available on mobile devices, such as Global Positioning System (GPS), mapping, and cameras. The form makes it easy to submit survey mark photographs, which provide visual data on the mark's condition. In addition, the form allows the submitter to note whether the mark is suitable for GPS observations.



Bench mark hunting is a fun, outdoor adventure that anyone can participate in. You can pick your search targets from our map of prioritized bench marks and submit your pictures and recovery notes with this new **Mark Recovery Form**.

New BETA Mark Information Page released for user feedback

As part of NGS' National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) modernization efforts, NGS is developing new options for displaying the information about survey marks traditionally presented on NGS datasheets. The new mobile- and web-friendly BETA Mark Information Page color codes the data based on quality, adds photos and a map for better field use, and includes contextualized help features and links to more information. NGS is seeking feedback on this product and on the ways users would like to interact with NGS datasheet information in the future modernized NSRS.

Please try out the the **BETA Mark Information Page** and tell us what you think.

Summer 2020: ON LINE LAND SURVEYING courses at East Los Angeles College <a href="https://www.elac.edu/">https://www.elac.edu/</a>

ENG SUP 224 – LSIT Review Section: 15080 & 15081 From: 6-15-2020 to 7-19-2020

ENG SUP 225 – Boundary Control

for Surveyors Section: 15082 & 15083

From: 7-20-2020 to 8-23-2020



CLICK HERE FOR COURSE INFO

These courses prepare students for the State of CA Fundamentals of Surveyors (FS), Professional Land Surveyors (PLS) and the Professional Engineers (PE) exams. Both courses are being taught and facilitated by Dr. Humberto Gallegos, PE, LSIT, gallegha@elac.edu, and are 2 unit courses.



### **BPELSG UPDATE**

As we continue to navigate the uncertainty of novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Board for

Applications and Re-Examination Forms approved and processed between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020

• You will be eligible to schedule your exam(s) in Quarter 1 of 2021. You will receive an email with information to schedule your exam(s).

Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists is committed to supporting the path to licensure for our applicants throughout the course of this pandemic. In an effort to reschedule exam candidates who were unable to sit for their exam(s) due to the closure of Prometric test centers and schedule those candidates who were, or will be, approved prior to July 1, 2020, the Board will be implementing the following procedures while taking into account the proposed social distancing guidelines. Please be sure to read the information provided below in its entirety and continue to check our website for updated information.

Eligible candidates who received their ATT notice and were unable to schedule their exam(s) due to the closure of Prometric test centers and eligible candidates who were unable to sit for their scheduled exam(s) due to the closure of Prometric test centers.

• You will be eligible to reschedule your exam(s) between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. You will receive an email with information to reflect this change.

Applications and Re-Examination Forms approved and processed between April 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020

• You will be eligible to schedule your exam(s) between July 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. You will receive an email with information to reflect this change.

The Board recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic is constantly evolving, and we are closely monitoring the situation. We appreciate your understanding as we work on implementing procedures that allow candidates to sit for their exams while also adhering to social distancing guidelines and appreciate your patience as many of our Board staff follow shelter-in-place guidelines while working from home during this pandemic. Please continue to check the Board's website, <a href="https://bpelsg.ca.gov/">https://bpelsg.ca.gov/</a> and the Prometric website, <a href="https://www.prometric.com/">https://www.prometric.com/</a> for up to date information about scheduling or rescheduling your exams.

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Prometric has established a link for exam candidates to view a list of test centers that currently have availability and another link for current test center requirements for test-takers. Note: the Board has been designated as an 'Essential' client. This should provide added eligibility for the exam candidate. Please copy and paste the following URL's into your browser for further information.

Prometric website for up-to-date information: https://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update

## GOVERNOR NEWSOM ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT TO BPELSG

Duane Friel, 68, of Temecula, has been reappointed to the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, where he has served since 2018. Friel has been a district representative at the International Union of Operating Engineers since 2018, where he has held several positions since 2001, including business representative and apprenticeship coordinator and instructor. He is a member of Inmate Rehabilitation through Occupational and Academic Development Systems, Department of Industrial Relations Occupational Safety and Health Administration Advisory Committee, Riverside Workforce Development Board, Speaker's Commission on Labor Education, and the Temecula Valley Fraternal Order of Moose. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$100 per diem. Friel is a Democrat.



# BPELSG BOARD MEETING JUNE 25, 2020

The materials for the June 25, 2020 meeting of the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists are now available on the Board's website. Please <u>click here</u> for further information.

An addendum to the meeting materials for the June 25, 2020, Board meeting regarding Senate Bill 878 is now available. Click here.

A second addendum to the meeting materials for the June 25, 2020, Board meeting regarding Senate Bill 878 is now available. Click here.

**READ MORE** 

CDC Guidance on Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility
World Health Organization Getting your workplace ready for COVID-19
California Employers Association: The Top "What if" COVID-19 Questions From Employers
California Employers Association: What's Your COVID-19 Return to Work Plan?



# CALTRANS HIRING JUNIOR ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

### **CLICK HERE FOR APPLICATION**



### **CLSA 2020 PUBLICATIONS**

The 2020 versions of the Subdivision Map Act, PLS Act and Complete/Refill package are currently available in the CLSA Store. Sales orders are being filled during the current stay at home orders.

Click here to visit the CLSA Store.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**JUL 10** 

CLSA Webinar: Lot Line Adjustments, Boundary Line Agreements, and Certificates of Compliance: What's the Difference and Who Cares? Presented by Michael Pallamary, PLS

**JUL 25** 

CLSA: Virtual Board of Directors Meeting

AUG 21-25

APLS - CLSA - NALS: Joint Conference Luxor Hotel & Casino | 3900 S. Las Vegas Blvd. | Las Vegas, NV 89119

NOV 7

CLSA: Board of Directors Meeting
Holiday Inn Oakland Airport | 77 Hegenberger Road | Oakland, CA 94621

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your username and password, or for more information, contact the CLSA Central Office.

The CLSA Education Foundation was established in 1993 and is committed to supporting land surveying students and programs. Last year over \$50,000 in scholarship aid was provided to land surveying students.

Donating to the Education Foundation is easy! Click <u>HERE</u> to donate via PayPal.

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