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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As I noted earlier, land surveyors are historians in our role in boundary retracement. We are also project managers. From collecting data for topographic mapping, to staking control for construction, much of our efforts are project-oriented.

This also applies to subdivision mapping, ALTA/NSPS, easements, right of way acquisition, and other facets of our work product.

We work as an integral member of an assembled team of other professionals. In performing tasks at any stage, there is scheduling and prioritization of resources to be considered. Often, we are at the forefront of our clients' interests, such as determining the constructability of a set of improvement plans.

During early phases on a job site, we must coordinate with various subcontractors in order to efficiently accomplish our common goal. While the techniques for providing this framework are easily mastered, planning and communication are key to success.

It has always filled me with pride to travel past prior jobsites, and remember the condition it once was, and the design team's vision now fulfilled.

Next topic will deal with private sector/public sector mentality.

Warren D. Smith, LS
President, CLSA

DAVIS-BACON ACT -- REGULATIONS REVISION -- CALL TO ACTION

COMMENTS MUST BE FILED BY TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022

The Department of Labor has issued proposed rule changes that will include surveying under the Davis-Bacon Act. John Palatiello, NSPS Legislative Consultant, joined a recent Surveyor Says podcast to discuss the issue. He shared the history of the Davis-Bacon Act and why including surveying under rules typically established for labor is a negative for the profession. John talks about how NSPS, state affiliates, and our membership can help oppose these proposed changes so our profession will not be subject to these proposed rules.

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CLSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Board met on April 30th. It passed a motion to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding to join the National Society of Professional Surveyors. The term is for six months, beginning July 1st. CLSA's contribution will be half the annual amount, and is charged for Corporate

members only.

The MOU is renewable annually, and will require Board approval – including any modifications.

The Board also approved President Warren Smith's committee and liaison appointments.

A motion to join with the Nevada Association of Land Surveyors at the 2023 conference at the Silver Legacy in Reno was passed. The Executive Committee was authorized to negotiate the MOU with NALS.

The Executive Committee was also authorized to prepare and send a letter in opposition to land surveyors being reclassified as laborers and mechanics by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Steve Martin presented an update on the GPS on Benchmarks program. The deadline is December 31st to be included in the transformation for the upcoming Datum.

David Wooley asked Directors to take the issue of project labor agreements back to their chapters for review and input.

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Ron is a well known and respected, passionate Land Surveying professional, licensed in three States. He currently resides in Bakersfield, California, where he leads Nelms Surveying, Inc.

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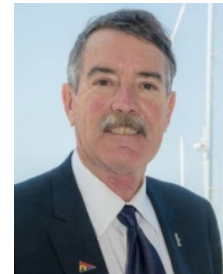
2022 publications are now in stock and shipping from the CLSA Store.

- 2022 PE Act and PLS Act with Board Rules

CLSA LOSES FRIENDS

Mark B. Wyatt, PLS 5839

Mark Wyatt, 70, of San Diego passed away on Saturday March 19, 2022 aboard his sailboat at a local marina.



Mark was born in Omaha, NE on July 26, 1951 to Jacob "Jake" and Margaret "Ann" Wyatt (Miller). He attended Boise High School in Boise, ID where he was one of 4 merit scholars. Mark had his sights on attending Columbia University but settled on Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA. He graduated in 1973 with a BS in Chemistry.

Mark enjoyed backpacking, mountaineering, skiing and of course sailing. He crewed various racing sailboats in the San Diego area. He was a licensed surveyor for the California Department of Transportation for about 20 years as well as various counties in the Pacific Northwest and private engineering firms. He learned to survey while working various temporary positions for the Forest Service in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. Mark spent some time living in Wenatchee, Walla Walla and Seattle, WA.

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Fred A. Lucero, PLS 9202

Our wonderful husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend Fred went home to be with his loving Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Fred lived in Burbank, CA and moved with his family to Happy Valley when he was in the 7th grade. This was when Fred experienced God's forgiveness and grace as he committed his life to following Jesus. He was part of the first sophomore class at West Valley High School and graduated in 1984. Fred then went on to Shasta College and eventually Chico State where he obtained a degree in civil-engineering. He began his career at Pace Engineering in 1989 and recently celebrated 30 years as a Principle Partner Engineer.



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John Truman New, RCE 30716

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A CALL TO ALL LICENSED SURVEYORS

Please complete the [NCEES online Professional Activities and Knowledge Study](#). Be a part of the future of the profession.

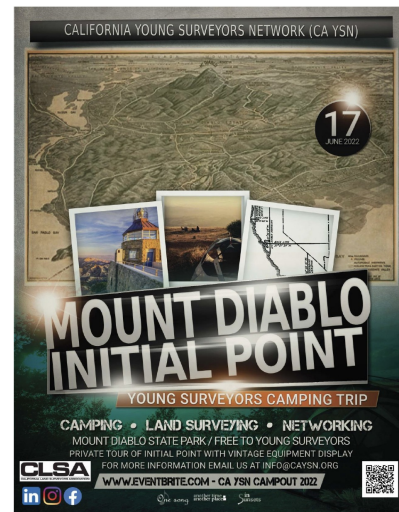
NCEES PAKS STUDY FOR PS EXAM

NCEES is currently seeking licensed professional surveyors and mapping scientists to participate in a professional activities and knowledge study,

David L. Weddle

MOUNT DIABLO INITIAL POINT CAMPING TRIP June 17-19, 2022 Mount Diablo State Park

The event is being supported by the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society with the main point of contact being John Pettley. Registration is available online via Eventbrite. Event is free to all Young Surveyors. Camping is restricted to Young Surveyors at this point (due to capacity restrictions at the group campsite) however family of young surveyors and other interested surveyors are welcome to come attend on Saturday for the presentation and tour.



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2022 WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMIT

The Women Surveyors Summit is back and in person for 2022! This year the 3rd annual summit will be held in Williamsburg, VA. The Summit is scheduled for July 28-31, 2022.



Women Surveyors Summit
July 28-31, 2022

The Women Surveyors Summit, hosted by Future Surveyors Foundation is held to support and promote diversity in the land surveying profession. This is a "for women, by women" event and will include opportunities for continuing education. Networking, a panel discussion, and a seminar with breakouts are scheduled. Group tours and social activities are planned in the afternoon and evenings. More details will be posted in the next couple of weeks.

Registration is open! Visit the Future Surveyors Foundation [website](#) for more information.

The foundation is looking for donations to support the event, the Future Surveyors Foundation and future online events. If you would like to be a sponsor, [CLICK HERE](#), the foundation has 4 different levels to choose from. The Future Surveyors Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation, and your sponsorship donation may be tax deductible. Thank you to those who have previously sponsored the summit, our success with the summit is directly linked to your contributions.

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS UNTIL JULY 1

The University of Maine will continue to accept applications for the fall semester until July 1. Their current online options and how to apply can be viewed [HERE](#) (click on the picture that pertains to the degree) and are:

or PAKS, for the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exam. The results of this study will be used to update the specifications for the exam, which is used throughout the United States for licensing purposes.

The questionnaire can be completed in 35–45 minutes. [CLICK HERE](#) to access the online questionnaire before the May 30, 2022 deadline.



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NSRS MODERNIZATION
NEWS**

- (1) Undergraduate certificate in surveying engineering technology
- (2) BS in surveying engineering technology (ABET ETAC accredited)
- (3) Graduate certificate in surveying engineering
- (4) Professional Science Masters in Engineering and Business surveying engineering option

The undergrad certificate is an easy application and is a good way to work into the BS degree. They currently have 280 surveying students spread across the four options.

Out-of-state students enrolled in a UMaineOnline degree or certificate program receive a low tuition e-rate which is in-state*1.25.

General questions on admission should be emailed to online coordinator tiffany.peterson@maine.edu. Surveying-specific questions should be directed to SVT program director ray.hintz@maine.edu.

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IN THE NEWS...

HANCOCK ASSOCIATES' JARED JOHNSON BECOMES RPLS

Hancock Associates, a leading local provider of land surveying, civil engineering and wetland science services, is pleased to announce that Jared Johnson, a Project Surveyor at the firm, passed the State Surveyor Jurisprudence Exam and is now a registered Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) in Massachusetts.

Jared joined Hancock Associates in 2018 and previously held positions as Surveyor in Training, and Party Chief at several local well-respected land surveying firms. Jared is based in Hancock's Chelmsford office and lives in Pelham, New Hampshire.

"I am really excited to see Jared's growth," said President Wayne Jalbert. "Jared is the epitome of the modern Surveyor, with skills that utilize today's technology to embrace and execute the art, science, theoretical and legal aspects of land surveying. Jared has a bright future here at Hancock."

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WOULD RECOGNIZING EMPLOYEE ACHIEVEMENTS SIMILARLY HELP YOUR FIRM?

The "Jared" article goes on to describe and pitch Hancock Associates. What does just this portion of the article say about the firm? I see publicity for the firm to potential clients, recognition of employee achievement, the employee's history, and excitement and praise from the company president. This translates not only to employee retention: "Jared has a bright future here" but also to new employee attraction: Some "Surveyor in Training," or "Party Chief at" another firm is thinking "Jared came to Hancock from elsewhere, had visible growth at Hancock, and now is Registered. Can I do the same?"

QK – 50 YEARS OF SERVICE!

Congratulations to QK, formerly Quad Knopf, as they celebrate 50 years of service to clients in California. QK provides Land Surveying, GIS, Civil Engineering, Urban Design, Land Use Planning, Biology and Environmental, Landscape Architecture and Construction Management to a diverse client base, QK has six offices in the Central Valley in Merced, Porterville, Visalia, Clovis, Bakersfield and Hanford.



2022 GLOBAL LAND SURVEY EQUIPMENT MARKET OUTLOOK PUBLISHED

MarketsandResearch.biz, through its comprehensive report [Global Land Survey Equipment Market from 2022 to 2028](#), provides an in-depth study of the current state and significant drivers of the given industry. The detailed summary of the global Land Survey Equipment market report offers a compressed list of Land Survey Equipment industry drivers, challenges, opportunities, and market trends.

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FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY TEAM WINS 2022 NSPS COMPETITION

A team of Ferris State University Surveying Engineering students won the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) 2022 Student Competition sponsored by the Young Surveyors Network. The event was part of the NSPS Spring Business Meeting held in Washington, D.C., Thursday, March 30 and Friday, April 1.



(First row) Nick Belka, of Hopkins; Michelle Abramson, of Iron Mountain; and Zachary Bemben of Grand Rapids; (Back) Dylan Dankenbring, of Peck; and John Vary, of Plymouth, made up Ferris' first-place team. The team's advisor was Bob Burtch, Adjunct Instructor of Surveying Engineering.

Photo by: Ferris State University

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PENN STATE UNIVERSITY WILKES-BARRE HOSTS TRIG-STAR COMPETITION

Penn State Wilkes-Barre hosted a high school trigonometry competition on campus April 8, welcoming 80 students from eight local schools to campus.

Sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), Trig-Star is a competition that recognizes and rewards high school students who excel in mathematics, particularly trigonometry, and their teachers. The program's goal is to show students practical uses for mathematics and bring greater awareness of the surveying profession.

The event at Penn State Wilkes-Barre was the regional level of competition, with winners advancing to the state level. State winners go on to compete at the national competition. Winners in the regional competition were as follows: first place, Gavin Nichols, 11th grade, Wilkes-Barre Area STEM Academy; second place, Amir Samadian, 11th grade, Wilkes-Barre Area STEM Academy; and third place, Jaka Mao, 11th grade, Holy Redeemer High School.



Trig-Star regional winners were, from left: Jaka Mao, third place; Gavin Nichols, first place; and Amir Samadian, second place, pictured with Michael Given, National Society of Professional Surveyors director.

Photo by: Penn State University

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NORTH TEXAS COUNTIES HAVE A BORDER DISPUTE

There are more than 180 properties in an approximately six-mile-long path between Kaufman County and Henderson County that are currently in limbo, thanks to a land agreement made more than 100 years ago.

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PBS AIRS DOCUMENTARY ON THE 1928 ST. FRANCIS DAM COLLAPSE

On March 3, the Northwest Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors (PSLS) met at Bent Run Brewery in Warren for the election of chapter officers, professional networking, and to briefly discuss the revised "Standards of Practice for Professional Land Surveyors in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania" as was recently adopted by PSLS on November 19, 2021. Surveyors also discussed the upcoming National Surveyor's Week and the importance of this week to shed light on the Profession of Land Surveying. Land Surveyor's Week (March 20-26, 2022) was recently recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by Governor's Office Proclamation.

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NW CHAPTER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS GETS PUBLICITY

Flood in the Desert tells the story of the St. Francis Dam disaster, which not only destroyed hundreds of lives and millions of dollars' worth of property; it also washed away the reputation of William Mulholland,

the father of modern Los Angeles, jeopardized larger plans to transform the West and forced the creation of a civil engineering licensing board which today is the Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists.

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6 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT LAND SURVEYING

This is a great article to educate the public, although it has some state specific info. Bullet points are:

- Land Surveying Has More Importance Than Imagined
- Land Surveying is a Trustworthy Profession
- Land Surveying Is Bound by Laws and Regulations
- Land Surveying Can Be Time Consuming and Expensive
- You Can Not Dictate The Surveying Process
- There are Different Kinds of Land Surveyors

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NEW ENGLAND REAL ESTATE JOURNAL RECOGNIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF SURVEYORS

This article by Philip Hastings and Nickolas Arnold is titled Land Surveyors: A necessary step in real estate transactions. It discusses the role of the land surveyor primarily with respect to boundary.

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