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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



As this is my last message, I would like to reiterate my gratitude to the volunteers as Directors, committee chairs, chapter officers and all who contribute to the CLSA forum. This organization is a dynamic one which addresses a multitude of issues. Is there room for improvement? Certainly, and that is our function – to identify those areas and develop solutions.

Warren D. Smith, LS  
President, CLSA



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*CLSA members should use code 201950 in place of their member number to receive the member discount. Please be sure your 2023 membership dues have been paid prior to using that code.*

Important information regarding this year's auction: The scholarship auction remains one of the highlights of the conference and all proceeds are used to benefit land surveying education. If you plan to donate items to the auction this year, please report those items in advance using the spreadsheet linked [HERE](#).

### PUBLICATIONS

50% off in the CLSA Store. We are accepting preorders for the 203 PE Act and PLS Act with Board Rules

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### CLSA LOSES FRIEND, CHARLES D. SAFFORD, JR., LS 3145

Charles "Chuck" was born on November 24, 1926, in San Diego, California, to Charles and Florence (Peggy) Safford. He lived in San Diego his entire life.

Chuck attended San Diego High, graduating in 1944. After graduating, he entered the Army and was honorably discharged in 1946. Chuck attended Stanford University, Oregon State University and San Diego State University, graduating in 1950.



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Do you have a photo from your field work that would make a great magazine cover? Do you have an idea for an article or have you written an article that you'd like us to consider including in the next issue? Please send your submissions and ideas to California Surveyor Editor, [Joseph Waltz](#).

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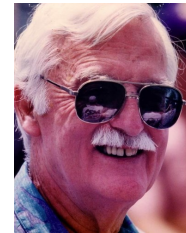


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**CLSA LOSES FRIEND, MIKE CURREN, LS 3168**

Mike Curren left early on the morning of December 30 on what he promised to be "the ultimate road trip." As per his usual, he left no hint of his route or destination or even how long he planned to be away. I'm guessing that he'll be visiting long-time friends Ronnie "The Fox" LaPolice, Weasel, Bob Dawg, Von Ton the Atom Bomb, Pell Mel, and the Rag Man en route before meeting up with his parents and myriad other friends (whose names he could never remember but they always had a good time whenever they met).

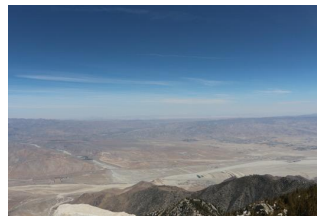


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**NSPS OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS**

The member votes have been tallied and NSPS is pleased to announce that Davey Edwards and Linda Foster have been elected to serve as the President-Elect and Vice President, respectively, for the 2023/24 term. They will be sworn in as an Officers at the Spring Business Meeting in March. Robert Miller, the NSPS incumbent Treasurer, was unopposed and will serve another two-year term. Please join us in congratulating them on their election and to also thank Steve Gould, Danny Martinez, and Matt Morris for their candidacies.

**WHERE IN CA IS THIS?**



The December "Where in CA is This?" had two winners, both from Yucaipa. Randy Mayer, PLS correctly identifying the photo writing "This photo was taken from Mt. San Jacinto looking northerly at the whitewater river as crosses under Route

10. The area is also known as Whitewater, also windy point. I recognized the fan shaped feature just above the dark ridge, which are percolation basins, then the rest of the pieces fell together. The dark lines are Interstate 10 and Route 111. The flowline to the left of the light-colored rock at the bottom left of the photo is Snow Creek, the Pacific Coast Trail follows it. I have lived in this area for almost my entire life, I know the view."

Also correctly identifying the location as "the view looking north into Whitewater Canyon from the peak of San Jacinto" was Trevor Leja, PLS of Yucaipa. Although he had never been to the top of Mt. San Jacinto, Trevor recognized Whitewater Canyon from one time surveying at the top of Snow Peak. Both win a beverage at the next conference. A repeat winner also correctly identified the spot but asked not to be identified. That person says they are "in it for the sport, not for the prize..."

## Designate CLSA Education Foundation as Your Charity

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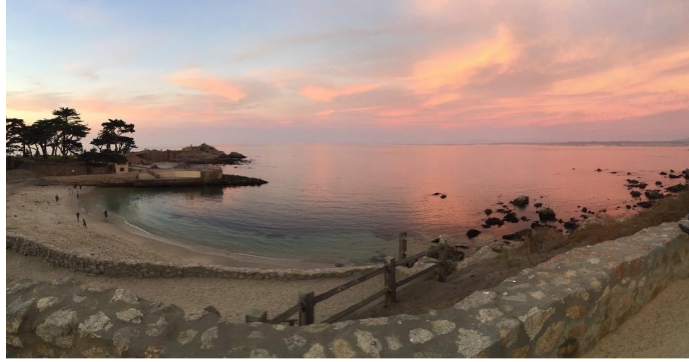
This is just one way you can contribute to the CLSA EF.



### Mark Your Calendars for the 62nd Annual Fresno State University Geomatics Conference!

The 62nd Annual Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference will be January 12th and 13th on the Fresno State campus at the Lynda and Stewart Resnick Student Union. Thursday will be an afternoon event and Friday will be a full-day event culminating in a special banquet.

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Try to identify the location of this month's photo by Amanda Wyland. Submit your answer to: [Rob McMillan](#).

### CLSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you have not already renewed your CLSA membership, please do so now. Your membership supports CLSA's efforts to protect, enhance and grow the land surveying profession. Members receive free monthly webinars, discounts to the annual conference and from our affinity partner organizations, as well as membership in the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for representation and advocacy at the national level.

**[RENEW HERE](#)**

### Land Survey Exam Review by CLSA San Diego Chapter

2023 LS Exam Review (FREE\*)

\*The cost is FREE, but we please ask for any amount of donation. To sign-up and receive the virtual meeting link without a donation, please choose \$0.00 and proceed through checkout. The donated money goes directly into programs like this LS Review, local college survey courses and yearly education scholarships to surveying students.

In-Person participation is highly recommended. Hosted live at Caltrans District 11 in San Diego and also via virtual platform. Caltrans District Office: 4050 Taylor St, San Diego, CA 92110

Questions? Please e-mail [CLSA-SD](#) or call Michael Knapton at (619) 847-3570

Schedule and Presenters are subject to change:

- 1/26 - 6:30-9pm - Public Lands PLSS - Adams
- 2/2 - 6:30-9pm - Public Lands PLSS - Adams
- 2/9 - 6:30-9pm - Boundary - TBD
- 2/16 - 6:30-9pm - Boundary - TBD
- 2/23 - 6:30-9pm - Boundary - TBD
- 3/2 - 6:30-9pm - Riparian - Kruger
- 3/9 - 6:30-9pm - Photogrammetry - TBD
- 3/16 - 6:30-9pm - California Coordinates - McMillan
- 3/23 - 6:30-9pm - GNSS/GPS/Geodesy - TBD
- 3/30 - 6:30-9pm - Construction - TBD
- 4/6 - 6:30-9pm - Review / Mock Exam - TBD

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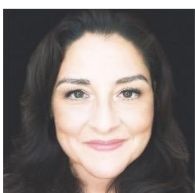


### **Congratulations Andriy Buchko: Promoted to Sr. Project Surveyor**

Andriy has been promoted to Senior Project Surveyor in the Psomas Roseville office. Buchko holds a Master's Degree in Land Surveying and Land Management from Lviv State Agrarian University, in the Ukraine. Andriy has worked at Psomas since 2013, soon after attending his first Sacramento CLSA Chapter meeting. Buchko has worked his way up through the ranks at Psomas and is now licensed as a land surveyor in California and Nevada.

### **Congratulations Connie Barrett, PLS: Promoted to Project Manager II**

Connie has been promoted to Project Manager II in with Michael Baker, serving Southern California. Barrett has been with Michael Baker since 2018, previously promoting from Senior Mapping Analyst to Project Surveyor. Connie has worked for Pacific Soils Engineering, Stantec, RBF, CDC Engineering, and W.R. Haynes & Company, as well as running her own company providing contract survey analysis, engineering drafting, GIS and 3D Visualization services to other professionals. Barrett holds a degree in Land Surveying, minoring in Civil Engineering from COU GKD college, in Rijeka, Croatia, as well as pursuing extensive coursework in Fine Art and Game Art from Laguna College of Art and Design. Connie has joined Trent Keenan in helping land surveyors connect the gap between practice and theory by starting and hosting Wisdom Wednesdays for the Land Surveying Profession, <https://WisdomWednesdays.xyz>. Barrett is also moving up in CLSA, as the 2023 Orange County Chapter Vice President. Connie is licensed as a land surveyor in California.



### **Congratulations Elizabeth Zuniga-Becerra, PE, PLS - Diamondback**

Elizabeth has been hired by Diamondback Land Surveying to serve as a Land Survey Project Manager. Zuniga-Becerra has wide-ranging previous experience with NV5, O'Day Consultants, and ACP Engineering. Elizabeth holds a BS, Civil Engineering from California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo, as well as her California PLS and PE-Civil and PE-Environmental Engineering licenses.

### **Congratulations Osbaldo Ortiz, PLS, EIT: Promoted at PBLA Surveying**

Osbaldo has been promoted to Project Surveyor at PBLA Surveying, Inc. Ortiz started with PBLA as an intern in February, 2018, going full time as an Assistant Surveyor in May, 2019. Osbaldo previously interned with Orange County Public Works in 2018. Ortiz has a BS, Civil Engineering-Geospatial Option from California Polytechnic State University-Pomona, where he was active in the CLSA CPP Student Chapter. Osbaldo was awarded an FAA Part 107 license in December 2018, California EIT in November 2019, and California PLS in December 2022.



### **Congratulations Christopher Martin - Adds Oregon PLS to Credentials**

Christopher Martin, a Senior Project Manager (Survey) with BKF Engineers, has passed the Oregon State Specific PLS Exam. BKF states "This will allow BKF to provide additional services from their already flourishing Pacific Northwest office." Christopher has previously worked for Kier & Wright, R.E.Y. Engineers, Kjeldsen, Sinnock and Neudeck, Inc. (KSN), Aerial Photomapping Services, and interned at Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

## Congratulations Josh Groen on California PLS

[Josh Groen](#), a Party Chief with Guida Surveying, Inc. in Orange County has successfully completed his California PLS exam to become a licensed professional land surveyor.



## Congratulations ACEC California's Engineering Excellence Award Winners

ACEC California's annual Engineering Excellence Awards competition recognizes outstanding achievements in engineering and land surveying projects completed by California firms. Entries are accepted into one of 12 project categories: studies, research and consulting engineering services; building/technology systems; structural systems; surveying and mapping technology; environmental; waste and storm water; water resources; transportation; special projects; small projects; energy; and industrial and manufacturing processes and facilities. There were no submittals in the surveying and mapping technology category for the 2023 awards.

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## Help Shape the Future of Land Surveying by Educating Our Future Surveyors

California State University Fresno is seeking a full-time lecturer in the Geomatics Engineering program for the 2023 fall semester starting in August, 2023.

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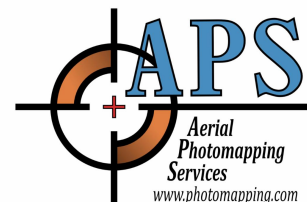
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