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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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The last few weeks have been generally quiet for the Association. The year is winding down and many of us become focused on the holidays and year-end obligations. The Committees have been busy, as they always are, and the Central Office is getting ready for the year's end reports, finances, and other miscellany. A daunting task, for sure.

As I said a few weeks ago in the October eNews, "*CAMS will take care of us, as they have in the past. CLSA will go on, as it always does*". CLSA continues to go on and CAMS is taking care of business. On December 4th, 2024, Jennifer Blevins, CAMS CEO, shared with the Executive Committee that a new Senior Account Executive started with CAMS only two days earlier on the 2nd. Her name is Kimi Shigetani and she will serve as the new Executive Director for CLSA.

I had the privilege of speaking with Kimi later that week and I was impressed by her, and what she had to offer. She is not new to association management and is looking forward to working with us. Meanwhile, I did my best to explain our Association, answer some of her questions, and I was able to present her with a 30-second "This is who Surveyors are" elevator pitch. It may have been a bit longer than 30 seconds, but I didn't want to scare her on the first meeting. I'm sure I can count on the rest of you to fill in any gaps.

As you're planning your 2025, be sure to add the following to your calendars:

- **31 December 2024:** 2024 Chapter Reports due to Central Office
- **23 & 24 January 2025:** California State University Fresno, 64th Annual Geomatics Engineering Conference
- **01 February 2025:** CLSA Board Meeting (New location in Sacramento)
- **29 March - 01 April 2025:** CLSA / NALS Conference at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada.

While you're at it, don't forget your 2025 State and Chapter dues.

If you, as a Chapter Officer, Director, or member, have questions about anything related to the Association, please contact the Executive Committee.

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WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?

Where IN CA is This?



Before we get to the November geographic brain teaser answer, I need to state a correction to my report on the October "Where Outside CA?" item. I incorrectly indicated that Tim Reilly, PLS, mis-identified the "Texhomex" Marker as the "Initial Point for the Cimmaron Principal Meridian" and did not go further to the Tri-State Marker. In a rush to get the feature out to the CLSA Central Office, I misread Tim's email. He in fact visited both monuments as a part of his quest to visit all initial points of the PLSS. The marks are nearly identical, save for the stamping. I should have known that boundary hound Tim would see both of them, take photos, and know the history. Thank you, Tim!



The November Where IN CA? was, as expected, very difficult, but the masked geographer correctly identified the location as a view to the south from the southbound I-5 MT SHASTA VALLEY VISTA POINT looking towards Weed Airport and Mount Shasta hidden behind the cloud bank.

I suspect many of us saw the beautiful full moon this weekend. Not all got the view that our guest photographer did! Try to identify the location of this month's photo. Please tell me how you identified the location. Submit your answer or submit your photo of a special location for use in a future CLSA eNews to: [Rob McMillan](mailto:Rob.McMillan@clsa.org)



SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

2025 CLSA MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year! Remember to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work CLSA does to enhance and advance the profession.

CHAPTER OFFICERS – PLEASE REVIEW AND RECOMMEND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The effort of Chapter officers to review scholarship applications and recommend candidates is very helpful to the CLSA Education Foundation when it comes time to assign awards. Please meet, review the applications and provide your suggestions to the CLSA Central Office by December 31st, 2024.

NOMINATE YOUR COLLEAGUES AND CHAPTER FOR THE ANNUAL CLSA AWARDS!

Award nominations/submittals are due by December 31st, 2024. The award categories are: Paul Lamoureux Distinguished Service, Member of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Chapter Newsletter of the Year, Chapter Website of the Year and Photo of the Year.

DONATE TO CLSA EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO SUPPORT LAND SURVEYOR EDUCATION



As we approach the end of the calendar year, remember to make your tax-deductible contributions to the California Land Surveyors Association Education Foundation (CLSA EF). The CLSA EF provides scholarships to land surveying students each year.

THE FRESNO STATE 64TH ANNUAL GEOMATICS CONFERENCE IS JUST ONE MONTH AWAY!

The CSU Fresno Geomatics Conference will be held January 23 & 24, 2025. Book your tickets NOW! Looking forward to seeing you at the Lynda and Resnick Student Union, 5244 N Jackson Ave, Fresno, CA.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/64th-annual-geomatics-conference-tickets-940731201347>

THE CLSA/NALS REGIONAL SURVEY CONFERENCE IS JUST A MONTH AWAY!



The CLSA/NALS Regional Survey Conference will be held March 29 – April 1, 2025. See <http://plseducation.org/> for more information.

TRENT WILLIAMS SR. ASSOCIATE AT ENSIGN ENGINEERING AND LAND SURVEYING!

Trent Williams posted on LinkedIn “I’m happy to share that I’m starting a new position as Sr. Associate at Ensign Engineering and Land Surveying!”
Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS JASON PARIS – JOINING CSDS-CANSEL!

Tom Cardenas, Senior VP at CSDS posted on LinkedIn “I am thrilled to welcome Jason Paris to the CSDS+Cansel family! Jason has been a long-time peer and friendly competitor that I've developed immense respect for over the years, and I couldn't be more excited and grateful that he's chosen to bring his expertise and passion to our team. Jason, your experience and insight are invaluable, and I'm confident that together through teamwork, continuous improvement and accountability, we can grow and transform the way geospatial experts work in

California. Welcome aboard, Jason Paris. Here's to shaping the future of geospatial excellence!"

CONGRATULATIONS LUKE DE GIORGIO AND AMAL SULEIMAN BOTH NOW PLS!

Luke De Giorgio, PLS, a Surveying Technician at D. Woolley & Associates, Inc., commented on LinkedIn "I'm happy to share that I've obtained a new certification: Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) from California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists! Words can't explain how thrilled I am that I made this achievement happen! Still so much learning to do, but I can't help but feel accomplished!"

Amal Suleiman, PLS, a Transportation Surveyor at Caltrans District 8 commented on LinkedIn "A big thank you to my mentors, professors, family and friends for all your teachings and support. I am proud to announce I am now a Licensed Land Surveyor in the State of California."

CONGRATULATIONS IAN WILSON, PLS, RETIRING FROM ALAMEDA COUNTY!

Ian Wilson, PLS, County Surveyor at Alameda County Public Works Agency commented on his LinkedIn account: "I just filed my paperwork for retirement. It's rather bittersweet. I am ready to retire and sail my boat, but I will miss a lot of the people I work with on both sides of the counter. Thank you to all of you for all the encouragement and learning you have given me over the years. My last day in the office will be Friday, January 17th, 2025. I'll use up my "use it or lose it" floating holidays and management leave to finish out the month. Who knows what the future will bring, but I am looking forward to sailing my Catalina 36, SV Seahorse. You can contact me through LinkedIn or my private emails and phone. Be good and take care of each other. Friendships are the real currency."

Thank you, Ian, for all your contributions to CLSA and the Profession. If I were to try and list all your contributions and accolades, I am sure I would miss many. With that in mind, here are a few: CLSA Executive Committee Officer, CLSA 2017 President, CLSA Director from Sacramento Chapter, CLSA Legislative Committee member, presenter in LS Review sessions and conferences, County Engineers Association County (CEAC) Surveyor of the Year, CEAC Surveyor Policy Committee Chair, mentor to many, staunch supporter of the land surveying profession.

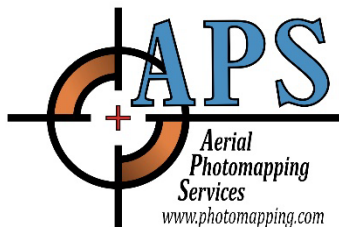
Fair skies and following seas...

BPELSG ON-LINE RENEWAL KNOWLEDGE ASSESSMENT BEGINS JANUARY 1, 2025

For those of you who will renew licenses with BPELSG after 2024, you will have an online education, training and evaluation session as a part of the process. I had the opportunity to Beta-test the system early this month, and found it to be informative, well-constructed, and generally OK.

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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 CLSA Headquarters,

clsacaliforniasurveyors.org

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