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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Continuing education has been a common topic in my discussions with surveyors throughout the State, as well as often discussed with our peers in adjoining States. In fact, in my meetings with the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors, one of the defining metrics for the individual States is continuing education (CE) requirements; the Haves and the Have-Nots. California is, unfortunately, in the minority Have-Not group.

States without CE requirements have other similarities which often correlate with the lack of said CE requirements. Not the least of which is an increase in disciplinary actions by those State's Licensing Boards. California has been reluctant to address CE requirements, claiming it to be an impediment to the Profession. I see it as just the opposite; continuing education requirements define this profession as a Profession and not simply a trade.

I'd like to encourage all of you to continue to promote CE requirements and do what you can to make yourself better. Those who have the power to enact CE requirements won't be inclined to do so if the industry (you and me) are not actively continually educating ourselves first.

Do what you can to keep learning. Re-read your old textbooks. Take advantage of the many online seminars found on the CLSA, WFPS, and NSPS websites. Attend a CLSA Chapter meeting. Attend a Conference. Find a mentor. Be a mentor.

Speaking of Conferences, the Fresno State Geomatics Conference is coming up in late January and the CLSA/NALS is in Reno in late March, and the Cal Poly Pomona Conference will be held in October. Make plans to attend. The Conferences are always better with you there.

Along with continuing education that will make you a better surveyor, contacting the Executive Committee and your Chapter's Executive Committee can make you and your Chapter stronger for the Association. Let us know how we can help you.

With that, Have a great Thanksgiving!

Upcoming events:

- 31 December 2024 - Annual Chapter Reports are due
- 23 & 24 January 2025 - Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference
- 31 January 2025 - CLSA Executive Committee Meeting (Virtual meeting)
- 1 February 2025 - CLSA Board Committee Meeting, Sacramento, CA
- 23 February 2025 - Terminalia Festival (Look it up)
- 29 March - 1 April 2025 - CLSA / NALS Conference, Reno, NV

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 OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA IS THIS?

Where IN CA is This?

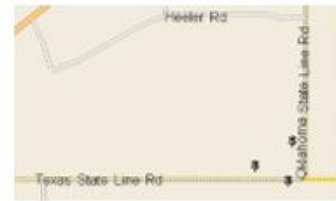


The October "Where Outside CA?" was identified by Buck Rogers, PLS. He said "I used the picture identification tool in Google Chrome. This is perhaps cheating, but maybe not. Tri-State Marker - Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Set on top of a pedestal. This marking is on the 103 Meridian." But Tim Reilly, PLS, said "That image is of the Initial Point for the Cimmaron Principal Meridian. I visited that IP in the

middle of the night many years ago. If I'm not mistaken, the monuments originally marked the TX-OK state boundaries, but those boundaries were later changed. I'm pretty sure the stamping of the monuments had old marks reflecting the former state boundary. I'll have to dig up my old photos." Which he did – Tim's midnight photo is a close-up, and gives us a



Two-fer... The Cimmaron IP is often confused with the "Texhomex" monument. If Tim had only gone a little farther south, he would have seen both. The photographer, Bob Robinson, LSIT, retired from Caltrans, D-11 said he saw a sign along the highway that said "Tri-State Corner Monument next exit" so off he went. The monument was found with little fanfare surrounding it, about a mile and a half mile south of US Route 412. To add to the confusion, there is another monument in the vicinity to the west as shown in the SE quadrant of this map. Note the highway clipping the NW corner of the map.



Try to identify the location of this month's photo. If the clouds were not there, it would be much easier. 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

HOT OFF THE PRESS! NCEES ANNUAL FS AND PS COUNTS

NCEES announced at their Fall POLC Meeting the annual exam counts by Fiscal Year (FY) (October 1 to September 30). The FY 2023-2024 number for Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exams delivered was 2244, up from the 2123 delivered in FY 22-23 and the budgeted number of 2000. The FY 2023-2024 number for the Principles and Practice of Surveying (PS) exams delivered was 1586, also higher than the 1243 delivered in FY 22-23 and the 1100 budgeted.

CONGRATULATIONS DAVE MORITZ - NEW REGIONAL LEADER



Dave's Linked in post said "I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Regional Business Leader + Associate Principal at Mark Thomas!" Dave joined Mark Thomas in August 2023 as an Associate Principal, bringing more than 30 years of industry experience, including having served in leadership positions. In his new role, Dave will lead the Southern California Mark Thomas team of civil & structures engineers, construction managers, land surveyors, landscape architects, and transportation planners to deliver cutting-edge projects to our clients within the region. It is great to see Dave achieve a position commensurate with the high regard in which he is held by his colleagues.

PHILIP MELCHER REACHES MILESTONE OF 1,000 SHARED GPSONBMs OBSERVATIONS

"Several years in the making, the #GPSONBMs program has kept me busy whether observing marks for projects, creating adventures up mountains, or paddleboarding across the bay. Always hunting and searching for these with a

passion to update the NSRS, show how our world is changing, and also with hope to save the work and add to the previous surveyors who placed them.” Phillip went on to thank those who have helped him reach this goal. “(I) Feel blessed to have the support of my family and loved ones who root me along the way, the support of Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, Steven Martin, Galen Scott , valued clients, a personal thanks to INTERA Incorporated who found my data useful and got me over my mark in my (still working on) tour de California with their specific requests, and everyone that keeps me excited about this. Thank you!”

CONGRATULATIONS DANIEL SPEZIALE - NEW SURVEY MANAGER AT BKF ENGINEERS!



After 6 years of success in building business and nurturing existing relationships with Leica Geosystems part of Hexagon I’m happy to share that I’m starting a new position as Survey Manager at BKF Engineers! I will be able to help business development in the survey sector, assist in trainings and support to field crews as well as work on the relationship between BKF and Leica Geosystems part of Hexagon. I want to thank the greatest manager I’ve experienced, Jason Paris for everything! We could only wish that all managers worked with your mentality of listening and mentoring to not only be successful but to also be a good person which resonates with the customer. I am excited for this new adventure with an amazing team.

**CONGRATULATIONS OF A DIFFERENT SORT FOR DAN FRINK,
PLS, OF STATE LANDS**



Dan is a Senior Boundary Determination Officer at the California State Lands Commission. He completed a full Sacramento Ironman event. 140.6 miles total. 2.4 mile swim, 112 mile bike ride, 26.2 mile run (marathon). “Doing a full Ironman has been on my list for several years. This was my 11th (?) triathlon, two of those being 70.3 (half ironman distance). The amount of time it takes to train for an Ironman is daunting. With the kids being a bit older, and my amazingly supportive and understanding wife Megan who said, “do it!”, it felt like this was the time to finally go for it. I trained for this race for the last 8 months. Double workout days during the week, long days on the weekend (I think my longest training day was around 7 hours).” His elapsed time: 11 hours, 32 minutes. To bring a little reality to the story he spent the next day off work “lying in bed with my legs propped up because they hurt, I could hardly eat solid food and I felt like I was sick.”

CONGRATULATIONS NALS NEVADA TRAVERSE MAGAZINE

TEAM!



The Nevada Traverse has won every magazine category in the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) Journalism Awards!

Congratulations, Editor Trent Keenan and authors Carl C. deBaca and Laurie Pearce Price!
Way to go, Team NALS!!

You can view the current and archived issues of the Nevada Traverse on the NALS website:
https://www.nvlandsurveyors.org/nevada_traverse.html

CONGRATULATIONS JOSH COSPER, PROMOTED TO SENIOR PROJECT MANAGER



Joshua Cosper, P.E., P.L.S. was recently promoted to Senior Project Manager + Associate! Josh brings 20 years of experience as a successful project manager on numerous complete streets, transportation, and roadways corridor projects providing project management, planning, and final design services. His passion includes providing innovative solutions on roadway infrastructure projects that require complete streets and active transportation elements and threading the needle through complex right of way and utility corridors. As Associate, Josh will help lead the Mark Thomas transportation team to deliver innovative projects to our clients in Southern California.

SAVE THE DATE! SIXTY FOURTH ANNUAL CSU FRESNO GEOMATICS CONFERENCE

The 64th Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference, will be held January 23 & 24, 2025 at the Resnick Student Union (5422 N. Jackson Ave, Fresno CA 93740). Learn More & Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/64th-annual-geomatrics-conference-tickets-940731201347>

CONGRATULATIONS AUSTIN RITTER - SURVEYING TECHNICIAN AT STANTEC



According to his LinkedIn post Austin is “happy to share that I’m starting a new position as Surveying Technician at Stantec!” Prior to joining Stantec, Austin was a Survey Intern at the Port Of Long Beach in their survey division. He has taken classes related to surveying and is currently working on the Certificate Program at Santiago Canyon College.

HUNSAKER NAMED “TOP CONSULTING FIRM OF THE YEAR FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT”



Jimmie Elmore, PLS, CFEDS, is proud to announce that “Earlier this week, we were thrilled to be recognized as the Top Consulting Firm of the Year for Land Development at the Lennar Annual Meeting! And a special congratulations to our very own Jessica Nishiura, who was honored as the Top Consultant/Design Professional of the Year! We are incredibly proud of our entire team, whose hard work and dedication keep Hunsaker at the top!

CONGRATULATIONS DENYS RUDENKO TETRA TECH



Denys Rudenko's LinkedIn post says "I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Project Surveyor at Tetra Tech!" Denys was previously a Survey Party Chief with Blew & Associates, P.A. in the San Francisco Bay Area, and Land Surveyor Technician with AEI Consultants in Walnut Creek.

CASEY LYNCH GETS INVOLVED WITH HIS COMMUNITY ARCHWAY SIGN PROJECT

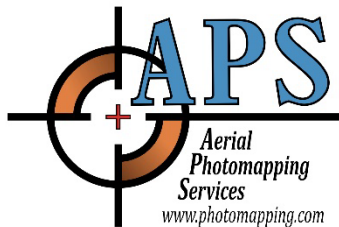
Casey Lynch, posted in LinkedIn "I consider myself blessed to be a part of history in my hometown of Ramona California. I started working on this project 5 years ago, performing the initial design survey, consulting the team towards obtaining a building permit and most recently, with the help of my good friend Dom, performed the construction staking and plumbing of the steel columns for our new Ramona Archway Sign." He describes the sign as "Spanning 72 feet, over 30 feet tall, with the center section weighing in at 11,000 pounds" with artwork "which symbolizes our Ramona culture, performed by the world class local artist, Leslie Souza!" This project was funded by a grant, private donations and constructed by local volunteer labor. The center section was unveiled on Halloween by San Diego County District 2 Supervisor Joel Anderson.



PLS Exam Results are currently being received. Congratulations new licensees!

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