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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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August President's Letter

Greetings Earthlings, I mean fellow Surveyors,
Geomatics Engineers, Pre-1982ers and students,

“Time keeps on slipping, slipping, slipping into the future,” which has me asking, “where did the summer go?!?” Between CLSA board meetings and avoiding the heat, I’ve been keeping busy. And on a personal note, celebrating my dear mom’s birthday. Happy birthday to you, and keep dancing among the stars and visiting me in my dreams.

We had an eventful Board of Directors meeting last month, where we approved bylaws for our new Remote Chapter and discussions were had for a special President’s Committee for the GIS-CGIA/CLSA collaboration.

More pressing for those of us on the job, a heat dome over the vast majority of the entire state means that while it may not be as hot as Bakersfield or the desert, everyone is feeling hotter than usual. It can be exhausting, to say the least. Watch out for your crews, know the signs of heat exhaustion and heat stroke, and

make a point to have plenty of cold water and electrolytes on hand.

Congratulations to all the newly licensed California Land Surveyors!! Numbers run from 10094 to 10169. We surveyors with a few more years under our belts challenge you to continue to learn, promote the profession, mentor your fellow surveyors, and guide the laws and regulations that provide our foundation to safeguard property and public welfare. Continue reaching for the stars! The future is brighter with you in it.

The 175th Mount Diablo Initial Point, used for land survey descriptions in two thirds of California and all of Nevada, turned 175 years old on July 17. Their celebration was educational and inspirational at Mount Diablo State Park! The drive up the mountain sharing the road with bicyclists was an experience. Arriving at the summit to a warm welcome from Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society and CLSA was a delight. The only A/C spot was overflowing with students, surveyors and everyday visitors listening to an educational talk by John Pettley, a graduate from Fresno State, on the initial, initial point.

Secure Your Sponsorship Today

Women Surveyors Summit

Hosted by the Future Surveyors Foundation

Support Women in Surveying & Geospatial
San Diego, California September 17- 20, 2026
while demonstrating your commitment
to the future of the profession.



**Sponsorships must be submitted by
August 1, 2026 to receive recognition**

futuresurveyors.org/women-surveyors-summit



The 7th annual Women Surveyors Summit is September 17 – 21, 2026 in San Diego, CA! This year's beautiful logo was designed by our very own Connie Barrett, Orange County Chapter! The event is now sold out for registration, but we continue to need your support. Please consider a sponsorship today to help offset the costs for all the surveyors making the journey across this great country and from within this great state in less than a month! I want to thank CSLA from the bottom of my heart for being a Platinum Sponsor and for having a booth at the event! I also want to thank the San Diego Chapter for your generous sponsorship and the San Joaquin Valley Chapter for your support and scholarships!

Current membership is 1,329 active members with 818 of those being corporate members. Reach out to your fellow surveyors who are not yet members and invite them to join. And if you are already involved but haven't renewed your membership, please take a moment to do so today. We are stronger together and we need every single one of you!

What is it that you find value in CLSA? What can we do better? Reach out and let's discuss.

Together we will move CLSA forward, onward, upward always with a level backsight/base point.

Kristie Achee, PLS

2026 CLSA President

WHERE IN CA?



Where IN CA is This?

Try to identify the location of this month's photo. Please describe how you identified the site. Submit your answer and/or your photo of a special location for use in a future CLSA eNews to: [Rob McMillan](#)



March Where in CA?

The last “Where IN CA” photo was the CLSA Photo of the Year for 2025, taken by Greg Lindsey, looking down on Donner Lake from Donner Summit. The location was readily identified by many members. Great job all participants!

IN THE NEWS

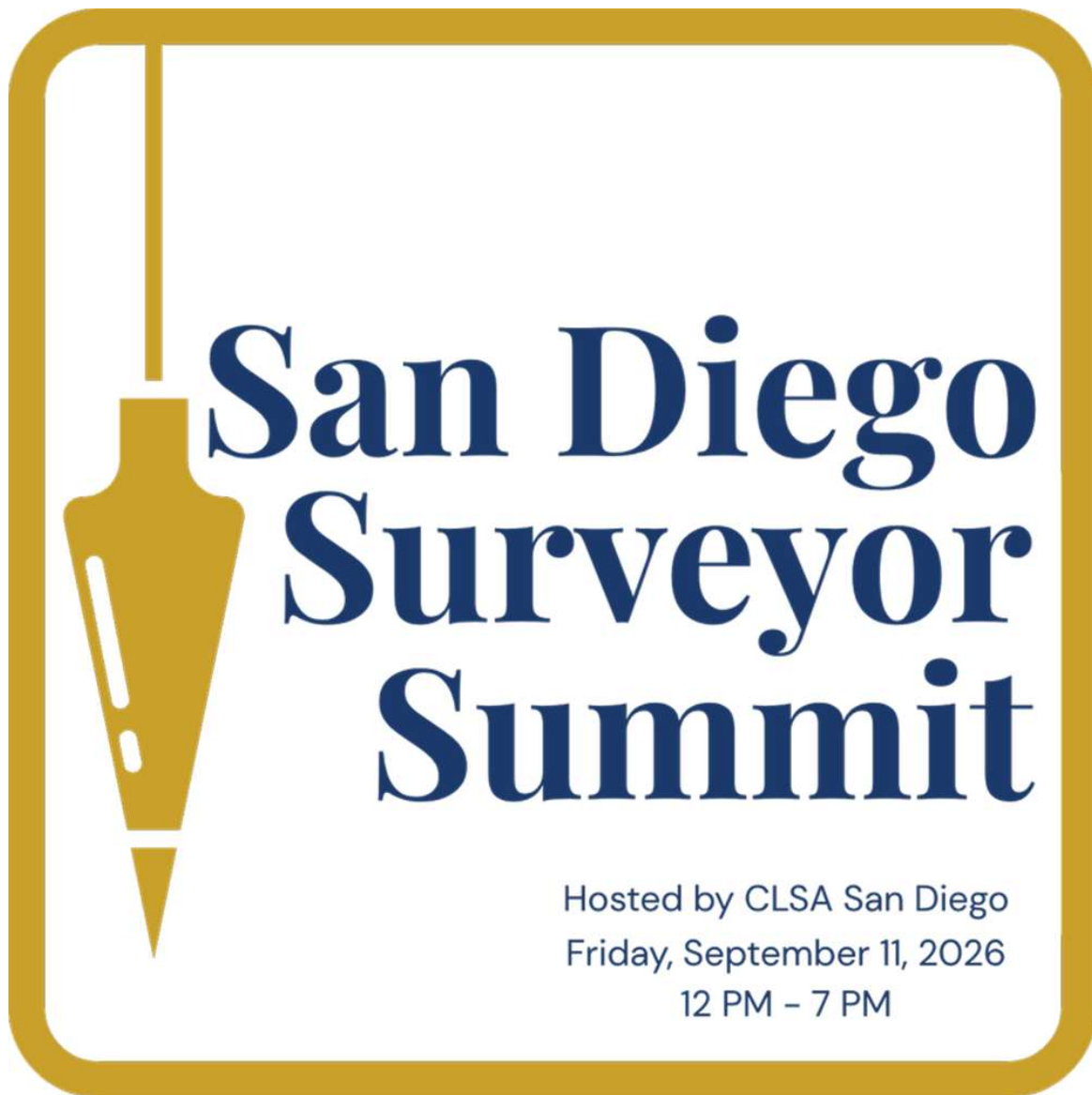
2026 CLSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Don't forget to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work the association does to enhance and advance our profession. Also, reach out to your coworkers and colleagues to encourage them to join CLSA. Be sure to renew your membership with both your local chapter and with the state association.

[**RENEW MEMBERSHIP**](#)

SAFETY REMINDER – TEMPERATURES ARE STILL UP AND SCHOOL HAS STARTED

Ensure Field Crews have sufficient drinking water for the entire shift, and that they stay hydrated and monitor each other for signs of heat illness! Also, school has started in many locations! Watch out for kids walking to school and distracted parents driving them there. Use caution and drive defensively.



2026 SAN DIEGO SURVEYOR SUMMIT “TED STYLE” TALKS – 9/11/2026

The San Diego Surveyor Summit is a first-of-its-kind, TED-style professional development event hosted by CLSA San Diego. Five land surveyors take the stage to share real stories from their careers — rooted in the principles every surveyor needs to understand. Fast-paced, focused, and built for the community that shows up every day to do the work. This is not a conference. There are no panels of strangers. Just the people who built this profession, telling the stories that shaped it — and a room full of the next generation and their peers ready to listen.

SAN DIEGO SURVEYOR SUMMIT



WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMIT IN SAN DIEGO, CA | SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

The Women Surveyors Summit, hosted by Future Surveyors Foundation is held to support and promote diversity in the land surveying profession. This in-person event is the 7th Women Surveyors Summit. This is a "for women, by women" event and will include opportunities for continuing education. At a minimum 12 PDHs with at least 2 hours of ethics will be available.

This event is sold out, but click below for more information!

WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMIT



ANNUAL BILL YOUNG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

The Riverside-San Bernardino CLSA Chapter is excited to host their annual golf tournament and bring the profession together for a fun-filled day. The tournament will include a round of golf, food, drinks, and bragging rights! Funds generated from the tournament will go towards student scholarships and a variety of events for 2027. Click below for more info on the RSB-CLSA Bill Young Memorial Golf Tournament.

BILL YOUNG MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT



CONGRATULATIONS BPELSG EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RIC MOORE, HONORED BY NCEES

Ric Moore received the 2026 NCEES President's award in appreciation for his many years of outstanding service. Ric served the Western Zone as Treasurer from 2012 to 2021, and participated on many committees. He now serves on the Uniform Procedures and Legislative Guidelines (UPLG) committee and as a Member Board Executive.



2026 CAL POLY POMONA GEOMATICS CONFERENCE – OCTOBER 1, 2026

Cal Poly is setting up another great conference. See QR Code for details. For any unanswered questions, feel free to reach out to Keoni Bactad and Joel Najera at clsa@cpp.edu.

CAL POLY POMONA GEOMATICS CONFERENCE

CLSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 07, 2026

Watch your email and talk to your directors about the upcoming CLSA Board of Directors meeting.

SAN DIEGO CLSA PLS REVIEW CLASSES START NOVEMBER 19, 2026

Watch the SAN CLSA website: <https://www.sd-surveyors.org/> or email Parker Phillips at PPhillips@HunsakerSD.com for details.

NOAA/NGS DANA J. CACCAMISE II, PHD SHARES NEW ANIMATED VIDEO

Dana J. Caccamise II, Ph.D., is the Regional Geodetic Advisor for the Western & Pacific Regions and Acting Chief of the Geodetic Services Branch at NOAA's National Geodetic Survey (NGS). In these roles, he typically works with public- and private-sector surveyors, GIS professionals, engineers, and scientists to support the application and modernization of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) across the United States. He recently posted the following link on LinkedIn to NOAA's newest animation introducing geodesy to the public.



JOCELYN LIMAS, PLS THROWS HER HAT IN THE RING FOR TULARE CITY COUNCIL

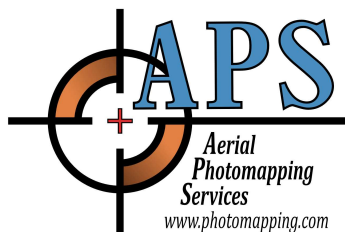
Jocelyn is excited to share that she officially qualified as a candidate for Tulare City Council, District 2. She is running because she believes Tulare has tremendous potential and wants to help the community continue moving forward while preserving the qualities that make it a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

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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,

clsa@californiasurveyors.org

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CLSA EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Foundation was established in 1993 and is committed to supporting land surveying students and programs. Last year almost \$50,000 in scholarship aid was provided to land surveying students. Your monetary and surveying equipment donations are appreciated! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Education Foundation.



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