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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Questions? Comments?
Concerns? Contact me:
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I was in Germany in 1985 and during the first week of July, I traveled to West Berlin. On July 4th, a few friends and I visited the very walled-up, Eastern blocked sector of East Berlin. While crossing the border from the American Sector, we were bid farewell (and good luck) by the American guards and greeted on the other side by hostile Soviet border guards and customs agents.

We saw the business end a Kalashnikov more than once, and had a series of tower mounted, anti-aircraft guns trained on us as we passed through the gauntlet between the Walls constructed in 1961 to divide the City. It was like stepping into every 70's and 80's Cold War movie I'd ever seen, down to the Red Stars on the hats and the "requests" to show our papers.

It was surreal.

We were only in East Berlin for a few hours. It was dirty, unimpressive, and the people were generally unfriendly to Americans. It's also the day I think about every Independence Day. It left an indelible mark on me - I saw first hand how lucky I am.

I thought about it again this year.

I've experienced similar events - albeit much less imposing or threatening - that have left me with similar indelible marks, reminding me how lucky I am about one thing or another.

For one, I love California. I grew up here. Visiting the Chapter last year as President Elect reminded me of that. I've always loved California, but seeing all of it, some places which I've never visited previously, served to remind me how great this State is, regardless of how many others say it's not.

I also love Surveying. I am incredibly lucky to have found this profession. ...and it was luck. I'm reminded every time I'm able to help someone with a property issue, every time I'm able to assist another surveyor with a project, and every time I speak with one of you about the profession.

This IS a great profession and this Association stands as a testament to that profession. The profession, and the Association,

is lucky to have each of you taking part to promote this profession to whatever degree you can. Working with an Association Committee, working with your local Chapter, mentoring your less-experienced office and field staff, hiring a student intern, attending a job fair, and more. It all makes - you make - this profession great. Thanks for that!

By way of information, our next Board Meeting is on 27 July 2024 in Oakland. It is an in person meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

Please remember that the Chapter Rosters are to be turned into the State by Wednesday, 31 July 2024.

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

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

PAGA Reform Deal Announced by Cliff Costa, California Advocates

After months of negotiations, Governor Newsom announced today an agreement has been reached to reform California's Private Attorneys General Act (PAGA). Approved in 2004, PAGA was enacted to create a private right of action for workers to file representative actions on behalf of themselves and other workers based on specific labor code violations. The rationale behind PAGA was to give authority to workers to enforce the labor code thus alleviating California's Labor and Workforce Development Agency workload, who is understaffed. Successful PAGA litigants recover 25 percent of monetary penalties for state labor law violations with the remaining 75 percent of penalties going to the Labor Agency, while also allowing plaintiffs' lawyers the ability to recover attorney fees.

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BPELSG NEWS

Expedited Licensure Application Processing for Service Members Enrolled in SkillBridge

Effective July 1, 2024, boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) must expedite licensure application processing for service members currently enrolled in the U.S. Department of Defense SkillBridge Program.

Service members seeking licensure in California who qualify must provide documentation of enrollment, such as an official letter from the commanding officer. Failure to provide proper documentation could result in application processing delays. Applicants must still meet all

board or bureau licensing requirements. For questions or assistance regarding licensing requirements, please contact the Board at (916) 999-3600.

For more information on licensing resources available to service members, visit:

www.dca.ca.gov/military.

MORE INFO

Addendum to June 27-28 Board Meeting Materials

The Board's Sunset Bill (AB 3253) was amended by the Senate Business, Professions, & Economic Development Committee on June 25, 2024. Please click on the following link to access the bill's language.

MORE INFO

WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?



The June “Where in CA is This?” was Florence Lake, taken from a ferry boat that shuttles hikers across the lake, submitted by “the masked mapper.”

We had several winners: William Tuck, PLS, of Sphere Surveying and Mapping, Inc. Bill said “I did a backpacking trip up Florence Lake Trail in 2018. Attached is a photo that I took from the boat and a picture of a bearing tree just up the trail.” Bill’s photo from the boat (not shown) was so similar to the published photo, I thought it was the same one. BT photo is above. Steve Martin, PLS said “Florence Lake. Never been there, but that is my guess.” Jeffrey A. Gutierrez, President of the DeWalt Corporation in Fresno said “Florence Lake. I can’t take credit for my answer. One of my guys, EIT Jaime Murguía, recognized it immediately...he has done some inspection of the dam for the Army Corp of Engineers.” First to answer was Jasen Solt, PLS, of Resource Concepts Inc. in Carson City, NV and Stateline, NV. He identified Florence Lake and the approximate Lat & Long. Of the photo: “Lat: 37°16’11” ± North, Lon: 118°58’04” ± West. Photo appears to be looking Northeasterly from the lake. The granite narrowed the search to reservoirs located at higher elevations in the Sierra Nevada Mountains and the unique shape of the dam structure further narrowed the search. I utilized ground level views and lines drawn through two

pints (utilizing the dam structure as a point to compare with the distant peaks) to roughly triangulate the position.”

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 in California to: [Rob McMillan](#)



SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

K+W PROUDLY ANNOUNCES ITS 2024 ASSOCIATE PROMOTIONS



BRITTANY CHEN JOINS CONAWAY GEOMATICS



Recognizing their exceptional contributions, team members Peter Bernard, Kc Keller, PLS CA/NM, and Daniel Mitchell have been promoted to the distinguished role of Associate, a significant achievement in their careers at the firm. We are honored to acknowledge this team of leaders and the unique contributions they bring to K+W. With their individual expertise and collective dedication, they are set to help drive K+W's success well into the future.

**CONGRATULATIONS IEVA CEFOLA
FOR PASSING THE NCEES FS
EXAM**



Ieva Cefola is a Survey Technician at Mark Thomas. Ieva joined Mark Thomas in 2022 entering the Land Surveying world from the GIS side of things at Central San. She holds an AS Degree in Geographic Information Systems/Global Positioning System from Diablo Valley College.

**WALID RIMAWI JOINS DIXON AND
ASSOCIATES AS SURVEY DRAFTER**

Please join us in welcoming Brittany Chen, to the Conaway Geomatics, Inc. team as our newest Survey Technician. Brittany was first our intern back in 2020 and we are pleased to welcome her back in 2024!

Brittany graduated from Fresno State University with a Bachelor of Science in Geomatic Engineering and obtained her LSIT Certificate while there. She has multiple years of experience working in the surveying industry right here in Southern California. Brittany will be working hybrid at our offices and in the field.

**BRETT VIGIL, LSIT, COMPLETED
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE AT
COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS**



Brett Vigil, LSIT, a Transportation Surveyor with Caltrans in Bakersfield announced on LinkedIn "I'm happy to share that I've completed my Associate of Science - AS at College of the Canyons!" Congratulations Brett!

**ERIC HOLMES, LSIT JOINS GIS
SURVEYORS AS PROJECT
SURVEYOR**

I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Project Surveyor at GIS Surveyors!



"I am thrilled to announce that I have joined

Dixon and Associates Inc. as a survey

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2025 firm, and I am incredibly excited to contribute to their innovative projects and

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The 64th Annual Geomatics Conference is going to be held in the Resnick Student Union at Fresno State on January 23rd and 24th. Ticket information including early bird pricing will be available soon. A LinkedIn profile for the conference will also be made soon. If you have any questions, you can email

gmeconf_csuf@mail.fresnostate.edu

CENTRAL SAN FEATURED SPEAKER AT ESRI CONFERENCE PLENARY SESSION



Although I was unable to attend the ESRI Conference this year, reports are coming in from attendees that California Land Surveyors were well represented, and gave excellent presentations.

CAL POLY POMONA ASCE STUDENT CHAPTER SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

The Cal Poly Pomona ASCE Student Chapter is actively seeking volunteers to serve as judges for our upcoming ASCE PSWS 2025 student competition hosted by Cal Poly Pomona in April 2025. If you are interested in becoming a judge, please fill out the form provided. Once again, community, thank you for your continued support.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

Passing of Flynn Duane Parker, PLS 4831

Glynn Duane Parker, known simply as 'Duane' by many of his old friends, was born in Long Beach, California, to parents Glynn J. Parker and Ellisene Wearne Parker. Glynn passed away June 21st, at the age of 77, doing what he loved most, camping with his wife, Frances Catherine Parker, at a beautiful campsite in Western Montana.

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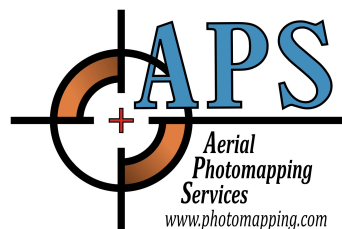
Passing of William Denton Bates, PE 21871

William Denton Bates, aged 82, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family, on May 20, 2024. Born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, he later settled in Southern California, which he proudly called home. As a civil engineer, Denton was honored for 50 years of service, showcasing his expertise and dedication to his career. Throughout his work across the country, he befriended many people and was known as an excellent mentor, leader, and colleague who loved his job. He was always eager to tackle new challenges and find solutions to any problems that arose.

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