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**CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**

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## **Chapter Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005**

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Roger Frank, PLS**

### **Where are We Going to be When We Get to Where We are Going**

Roger Frank, President of Johnson-Frank and Associates, will present on the impact the last 40 years of measurement technology has had on Boundary Survey Measurements with an emphasis on the technology and techniques available to us today and their appropriate applications.

### **Location**

#### **Tony Roma's**

2710 Via de la Valle, Suite B275

(North side of Via del la Valle between San Andres and Northbound Ramp to I-5)

San Diego, CA 858-794-7662

6 p.m. Social/Networking

6:30 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Program

### ***Dinner Choices - \$23***

*Choice of Ribs(half slab), Barbecue Chicken, or Mahi Mahi,  
served with salad and two sides, ice tea, soft drinks or coffee*

Price includes tax & tip

Leave your name and **choice of meal** with Lisa Mejia. Email is preferred: [ljmejia@hunsakersd.com](mailto:ljmejia@hunsakersd.com)

Or: 858 558-4500 - No later than noon Monday, Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>

*Those who do not make a reservation cannot be guaranteed a meal. Those who call in late, in accordance with the tradition established by Steve, will willingly donate a bottle of wine or similar prize to the raffle.*

## **GENERAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 16, 2005**

*February Meeting was held at Tio Leos Restaurant on Napa Street in San Diego. President Anne opened the meeting with the Raffle Drawing while waiting for the food to be served. Many donated prizes were won by the attendees and much fun was had by all. Anne thanked all those who donated items.*

*Don Woolley introduced Roger Ball as our guest speaker for the evening. Roger is the current President of CELSOC (Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors Of California) and is a Principal of Rick Engineering Company.*

*Roger gave an excellent presentation about the functions of CELSOC. The organization is made up of private engineering and surveying firms and has approximately 1200 member firms with a total of about 18,000 employees. They represent the business interests of engineering and surveying firms and closely monitor legislative process in Sacramento. They also have a full time staff that lobbies the legislature re: bills that affect our profession.*

### **Presidents Report**

Anne Hoppe thanked Roger and presented him with one our coffee cups. She then handed out copies of sample letters for sending to the Hoover Commission which is reviewing our State Board and other State Boards for possible elimination. Armond mentioned sample letters can be found on the CLSA web site.

A motion was made to forward e-mail re: Hoover Commission to all chapter members. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Vice Presidents Report**

Don Woolley said the next meeting will be held at Tony Romas in the Flower Hill Center on Via De La Valle. The Guest speaker will be Roger Frank of Johnson and Frank in Anaheim, CA.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There is \$6956.62 in the General Fund and \$2767.98 in the Education Fund. The Curt Brown Endowment Fund has \$33198.80 and there is CD with \$3512.04.

A motion was made by Steve Martin to transfer the \$3512.04 CD to the Curt Brown Endowment Fund. Motion passed unanimously

### **Secretary's Report**

Gary stated some highlights from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **Education Committee**

Steve Martin reported there are 35 students continuing the LS Review Classes. He said that Palomar Jr. College has discontinued their Surveying Program.

- Bob McMillan, of CALTRANS stated he is now teaching a Survey Class a Southwestern College in conjunction with their Architecture Program.

- JAS Talked about the Trig Star Program and stated it was going ahead at Crawford HS along with other possible schools.

### **Membership Committee**

Invoices for chapter dues are being sent out.

### **JPPC Report**

Next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup> at SD County.

### **Legislative Committee**

There is a Bill before the legislature to allow post 1982 Engineers to become County Surveyors. Please contact your legislators with your opinion about this.

It was suggested that members write to the Hoover Commission and express your concerns regarding our State Board. Their address is:

925 L Street, Suite 805

Sacramento, CA 95814

Fax (916) 322-7709

e-mail [little.hoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:little.hoover@lhc.ca.gov)

### **Chapter Representatives**

Armond Marois mentioned the need for donation of items for the Education Foundation Auction at the Las Vegas Conference.

### **New Business**

The ACSM-CLSA-NALS-WFPS Conference will be held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, March 18 thru 23, 2005.

If you have items to donate please call one of the chapter officers. Arrangements will be made to pick them up.

Steve Martin suggested having CLSA Shirts made up for purchase by the members. He said he would look into it and report back.

Meeting adjourned

*Submitted by,  
E. Gary Chapman, PLS  
Secretary 2005*

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**March 2, 2005**

*Meeting held at Nasland Engineering.*

*ATTENDING: Anne Hoppe, Don Woolley, Dave Ambler, Tony Nothdurft, DK Nasland, Andy Karydes, Loni Cyr, Gary Hus, Allan Wake & Gary Chapman.*

### **Presidents Report**

Anne Hoppe opened the meeting at 5:40 PM. Chapter tax form was sent out on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Our income was in excess of \$25,000 with the golf tournament being the most productive at more than \$9,000.

### **Vice Presidents Report**

Don Woolley announced Roger Frank will be the guest speaker at the next regular chapter meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at Tony Roma's in the Flower Hill Center on Via De La Valle.

- Don said we may have joint meeting with the San Bernardino Chapter later this year.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The General Fund has \$4668 and the Education Fund has \$5182 as of Feb. 28, 2005.

## Secretary's Report

The Secretary read the highlights of minutes from the last meeting and asked if there were any additions or corrections. Being none, the minutes were accepted.

## Education Committee

Andy stated the Buck Knives have been purchased. There was a discussion as to how the knives were to be distributed at the Las Vegas Conference. The raffle in the exhibit hall or the education fund auction. It was decided to make that determination in Las Vegas

Allan Wake made a motion to donate an amount equal to last year to help pay for students working at the Conference. It was determined to be \$250. Motion passed unanimously.

## Membership Committee

Invoices for dues have been sent out.

## Legislative Committee - No report

## JPPC Report

DK said there are no new cases. Next meeting will be March 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Chapter Representatives - No report

## Unfinished Business

Progress is being made on the chapter web site.

## New Business

The ACSM-CLSA-NALS-WFPS Conference will be held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, March 18 thru 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## Next General Meeting

March 16<sup>th</sup> at Tony Roma's Restaurant on Via De La Valle. Roger Frank will be the program speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

*Submitted by,  
E. Gary Chapman, PLS  
Secretary 2005*

## Education/Seminars/Workshops

The Southern California Chapter of URISA would like to invite you to the **11th annual California GIS Conference** March 16th, 17th & 18th 2005. The theme this year will be "GIS in the Mainstream...Where California Flows Together". The conference will be hosted in lovely downtown Bakersfield, CA.

See <http://www.calgis.org/> call 909-783-0922 or email: [leeann03@pacbell.net](mailto:leeann03@pacbell.net)

## Correction to last months concerns about Fresno State:

Note that Don Fantz incorrectly referred to Fresno's program as the third in the nation. It was the First, had the first graduates and has had the most graduates to date. It was also the first 4-year program to be accredited in the nation.  
- Jim Crossfield

**Government Contract Law** – in San Diego Feb. 2006. Las Vegas Dept. 2005. Plan ahead. Contact 888-ESI-8884 [www.esi-intl.com](http://www.esi-intl.com) .

**Roadway safety information, products and training.** The American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA) products & training brings real world knowledge and the information needed to do the job right - the first time! Contact (877) 642-4637 or <mailto:Products@ATSSA.com> .

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Three days hands class on March 29th, 30th, 31st in Anaheim.

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Please feel free to contact Jeff Young @ 310-486-3413 or Dan McMahon 760-271-4681 or 800-215-2737  
[dan@alleninst.com](mailto:dan@alleninst.com) [www.alleninstruments.com](http://www.alleninstruments.com)

**Land Survey Systems** – various locations. Contact Pacific Land Seminars. [paul@pacificland.com](mailto:paul@pacificland.com) or call 949-642-0335. See Pacific Lands website - [www.pacificland.com](http://www.pacificland.com).

**Geospatial Analysis and Technology** – Seminars, courses and software training. Contact [register@ucx.ucr.edu](mailto:register@ucx.ucr.edu) or call 951-827-4105. Web-site: [www.UCRExtension.net/geo](http://www.UCRExtension.net/geo).

**CSU Fresno Geomatics Engineering Dept.** – Contact [www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/](http://www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/) for program and on-line courses.

**CSU Pomona Surveying Program** - [http://www.csupomona.edu/%7Ece\\_surv/surveng/index.html](http://www.csupomona.edu/%7Ece_surv/surveng/index.html).

**Cuyamaca College** - Surveying courses taught and organized by Ken Schumaker. [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu). Or 619-668-4040.

**Santiago College GIS/GPS Surveying Program** - see [www.sac.edu/degrees/geography\\_information\\_degree.htm](http://www.sac.edu/degrees/geography_information_degree.htm)

**GIS Certification** – thru URISA  
<http://www.urisa.org/certification/2certific.htm>

## CLSA San Diego Survey Student Stipends:

- The Stipend program's goals are to: provide funding for local students working towards a degree in a surveying related field at a Junior College in San Diego County. They will receive \$100 for an A, \$75 for a B, \$50 for a C. It will be limited to one survey class per student per semester. The class must have been completed within the last 6 months.

- Applicants need to mail in a copy of their grade (of a surveying class) and address to: CLSA San Diego, P.O. BOX 80697, MAIL BOX 261, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA 92138

## California Land Surveyors Association CLSA Education Foundation

P.O. Box 9098, Santa Rosa, CA 95405  
Telephone: (707)578-6016 FAX: (707)578-4406

- see attached PDF file for scholarship application or contact the foundation.

The **CLSA Scholarship Auction** will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd in conjunction with the A-C-N-W Conference.

Over the years, surveyors have demonstrated a desire to support the preservation and advancement of the surveying profession.

**Now it is easier than ever to support surveying education...**

We can arrange for advanced pick-up of the item(s), or if you plan to attend the conference, simply deliver your donation to the CLSA Auction Booth.

Each year the **CLSA Education Foundation** grants scholarships to land surveying students. In order to continue supporting surveying education, we are contacting old and new contributors to request donations. CLSA realizes that programs, such as this, rely on the generosity of sponsors and welcome any and all contributions.

Use the attached pledge form (attached PDF file) to donate an item to the CLSA Scholarship Auction or contact (707) 578-6016 [clsa@californiasurveyors.org](mailto:clsa@californiasurveyors.org)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

### **Survey Analyst/Sr. Survey Analyst position**

The Keith Companies' San Marcos division (N. San Diego County) has a need for a Survey Analyst/Sr. Survey Analyst. The Keith Companies is a California based planning, civil engineering, design, and surveying firm that provides services for a variety of development and public works projects throughout the West and Midwestern United States. Publicly traded on the NASDAQ (TKCI), our reputation for quality work has helped us become one of the fastest growing consulting firms. TKC offers a work environment that challenges, enhances, and rewards each individual. TKC values diversity, encourages growth, and offers a variety of opportunities. See our website at [\[url\]www.keithco.com\[/url\]](http://www.keithco.com) for all of our exciting opportunities!

The Survey Analyst/Sr. Survey Analyst requires 1-2 yrs office surveying/mapping exp; Sr. Survey requires 2-4 yrs exp with LSIT or LS. Will work within all aspects of office surveying/mapping to survey research, boundary determination, legal descriptions and exhibits, Records of Surveys, Parcel Maps, Final Maps and Rights of Way. Must be proficient in word processing and mapping/AutoCADD LDDT software.

Our preferred method to apply is online at [\[url\]http://www.keithco.com/eop.asp\[/url\]](http://www.keithco.com/eop.asp) resumes can be faxed to 760/891-3201, or call 760-891-3219 or mailed to The Keith Companies, 277 Rancheros Drive, Suite 300, San Marcos, CA 92069

We offer competitive benefits and salary. EEO.

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY WITH CITY OF SAN DIEGO SURVEY SECTION**

#T2572 **SENIOR SURVEY AIDE - MONTHLY SALARY:**

**\$3468 to \$4193**

#T2573 **PRINCIPAL SURVEY AIDE - MONTHLY SALARY:**

**\$3905 to \$4726**

APPLICATION FILING DEADLINE: March 16, 2005

### **JOB DUTIES:**

**Senior Survey Aides** serve as the head chain person on a survey crew; use various methods and survey equipment to locate topographic features, hold total station rod/target, and operate hand-held radio to communicate with survey party members and City communications; make precise distance, elevation, and offset Measurements; keep field notes; perform minor calculations of slope, grade, cuts and fills; perform coordinate geometry (COGO) computations; locate and identify survey points and monuments; set and mark survey stakes; drive survey vehicles; perform routine maintenance on a variety of survey equipment; assist in training other survey aides; serve as relief for Principal Survey Aides; and perform related work.

**Principal Survey Aides** operate optical reading theodolites, electronic total Survey stations, survey data collectors, electronic measuring devices, levels, Global Positioning Systems (GPS) receivers, and other precision surveying instruments; determine lines, angles, distances elevations; make calculations such as coordinate geometry and traverse adjustments, using computers and hand-held programmable calculators; review and edit raw survey data stored in data collectors; keep field notes and draw sketches; operate hand-held radios to communicate with survey party members and City communications; act as chief of part of a small crew on routine jobs and have responsibility for a large party in the absence of the party chief; train and direct survey aides; and perform related work.

**REQUIREMENTS:** For each position, you must meet one of the experience OR registration/certification requirements listed below on the date you apply, unless otherwise indicated.

#### **EXPERIENCE:**

**Senior Survey Aide:** One year of full-time experience on a land survey crew.

**Principal Survey Aide:** Three years of full-time experience on a land survey crew. Note: College level land surveying course work may be substituted for a maximum of one year of qualifying experience for Principal Survey Aide. (30 semester/45 quarter units = one year full-time experience.) (You must submit a copy of your transcripts.)

#### **-OR-**

**REGISTRATION/CERTIFICATION: NOTE:** If you are using any of the following to qualify for this job, you must submit proof of registration/certification with your application.

1. Registration as a Professional Land Surveyor issued from a State licensing board. -or-
2. Certification as a Land Surveyor-in-Training (LSIT) issued from a State licensing board.

#### **HIGHLY DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS:**

1. Proficiency using: Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers for Real Time Kinematic (RTK) surveys, programmable hand-held calculators and data collectors, total survey stations, electronic levels, and experience performing calculations for construction surveying, setting and marking grade stakes.

2. Proficiency with Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) and Geographic Information System (GIS) computer applications.

**LICENSE:** A valid California Class C Driver=s License is required at time of hire.

#### CITY OF SAN DIEGO BENEFITS:

1. Employees with valid State of California registration as a Professional Land Surveyor are eligible for an additional 15% pay.
2. These positions receive \$5575 in annual benefits through a cafeteria-style flexible benefits plan which includes health insurance, life insurance, dependent care coverage, and cash back options.
3. The City of San Diego offers a variety of employee savings plans, PERS reciprocity, 17 days of leave and 11 paid holidays annually, tuition reimbursement, and opportunities to pursue career growth and advancement.

HOW TO APPLY: 24 Hour JOBLINE: (619) 682-1011

City of San Diego Employment Information Center (M-W-F ONLY)

Civic Center Plaza - 1200 3rd Avenue, Suite 101-A,  
San Diego, CA 92101

INTERNET: [www.sandiego.gov/empopp](http://www.sandiego.gov/empopp)

Contact: L. E. Carter Jr., Sr. Land Surveyor 858-627-3220

**KAPPA Surveying, Inc.** has an immediate opening for an experienced chainman, and would like to add another crew (i.e., party chief and chainman) in the very near future.

Contact Melissa Turner [missyturner@cox.net](mailto:missyturner@cox.net), or by telephone at (619) 465-8948, or by fax at (619) 465-6410.

#### **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

Junior Surveyor - Requires degree in Land Surveying from an ABET approved college or university, OR a valid LSIT and two years of professional land surveying experience. (\$46,301 - \$56,285 DOQ)

Assistant - Requires degree same as above and one year of professional land surveying experience after graduation; OR a LSIT and three years experience after obtaining the LSIT. (\$53,518 - \$65,021 DOQ)

Land Surveyor - Requires registration by the State of California as a licensed Land Surveyor or registration as a Civil Engineer by the State of California with the authority to practice land surveying. (\$63,003 - 76,565 DOQ)

Apply immediately, open until further notice. Apply to Dept of HR, 1600 Pacific Hwy, Room 207, San Diego, CA 92101. Phone: (619) 236-2191, or see web site at [www.sdcounty.ca.gov](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov). Applications required, no resumes.

**Masson & Associates, Inc.** is seeking several employees:

- Survey Party Chief with a minimum 5 years experience with focus on construction staking. Applicant should be responsible, innovative and dedicated to the profession with strong technical, organizational and communication skills. Responsibilities include performing Topographic, Boundary, Right of Way, Aerial Control and Construction Staking Surveys using TDS with Geodimeter Total Stations and Trimble GPS surveying equipment. Applicants should have completed the LSIT with the desire to obtain LS. Computer and LDD/AutoCAD knowledge preferred.

- Senior Land Surveyor with a minimum 10 years of surveying and mapping experience. LSIT required, LS preferred.

Responsible for supervision and scheduling of office and field staff, marketing, project management, and quality control.

- Survey Mapping Technician with a minimum 2 years of surveying and mapping experience. Knowledge of legal description interpretation and attention to detail a must. Must be knowledgeable in AutoCAD and LDD.

- Competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume via email at [dogrady@masson-assoc.com](mailto:dogrady@masson-assoc.com) or via fax at (760) 741-1786.

**Pasco Engineering**, a mid sized civil engineering and land surveying firm in Solana Beach is looking for a surveyor to perform a mix of office and field work. LSIT preferred, map processing abilities a plus. Contact Joe Yuhas at 858-259-8212X109.

**Aerotek Engineering** is looking for Assistant Land Surveyors. This is an outstanding opportunity for a person with a minimum of 3 years experience, 5 years experience preferred, an LSIT (LS preferred) with knowledge of boundary procedures, easement interpretation, reduction of field notes, and map, plat, and legal description preparation experience.

Associate Survey Analyst - a candidate with an A.S. in Civil Engineering or Surveying plus two years experience or equivalent work experience of four years. Candidate must demonstrate familiarity with the basics of boundary principles as well as geometry and trigonometry.

Survey/Mapping Technicians: This person must be proficient with AutoCAD. This person will be expected to conduct many different Land Survey functions such as creating Parcel Maps, Subdivision Maps, producing basic survey calculations, and reviewing legal descriptions and title reports. We must have a person with experience in the fields of Land Surveying or Civil Engineering. We are offering very competitive benefits, salary, and opportunity for advancement.

- For immediate consideration please e-mail [jmckin@aerotek.com](mailto:jmckin@aerotek.com) or call John McKinley at (619) 278-3021.

**Construction Testing & Engineering Inc** needs Sr. Survey Crew Chief and Sr. Survey Technician.

-The positions require a minimum of 5 years of land surveying experience, and knowledge of AutoCAD.

-Responsibilities include field survey data management and processing, including GPS survey support, survey calculations and adjustments, preparation of CADD maps for boundary and topography, and construction surveying and support calculations plus occasional field survey work. Knowledge of TDS software and Robotics a plus.

Please fax resumes to John at 760-746-9806 or email

[john@cte-inc.net](mailto:john@cte-inc.net)

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Responsibilities: Application Of Subdivision Map Act And The Land Surveyors Act.

Ability To Evaluate And Assess Boundary Line Determination. Verify Technical Correctness Of Maps And Legal Descriptions. Determine Substantial Compliance Of Final And Parcel Maps.

**Qualifications:**

LSIT Certificate, One Year Experience Min. In Final And Parcel Map Preparation Experience. Registration as A Professional California Land Surveyor A Plus. Working Knowledge Of Boundary Control And Legal Principles. Ability to Interpret Traverse Calculations For Technical Correctness Knowledge Of Tentative Map Process Along With Conditions Of Approval

Contact: Mike Foreman @ Berryman & Henigar, Inc., San Diego Office – Phone: (858) 451-6100

**SB&O, Inc.** is seeking qualified individuals for our San Diego, Temecula and Rancho Cucamonga offices.

- Land Surveyor and/or LSIT with experience in boundary research and analysis, preparation of legal descriptions, subdivision mapping, ALTA and topographic surveys and construction staking calculations. Ideal candidates will be proficient in Autocad 14 and 2000i. Competitive salary and benefits.

- Send resumes attention Mike Butcher to SB&O via:  
fax: 858-560-8157 e-mail: [m butcher@sboinc.com](mailto:m butcher@sboinc.com)  
mail: 3615 Kearny Villa Rd, Suite 201, San Diego, CA 92123

SB&O, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer.

**Hunsaker & Associates** is looking for an experienced Survey Mapper. This position requires the ability to manage mapping projects from start to finish. This position also requires experience and hands-on involvement with mapping related task including: research, writing legal descriptions, record boundary and encumbrance maps, ALTA Surveys, boundary analysis, subdivision maps, parcel maps, record of surveys and condominium plans. Experience with ACAD 2000 and Eaglepoint is desirable.

Please e-mail or fax resume to [jobs@hunsakersd.com](mailto:jobs@hunsakersd.com)

(858) 558-1414 FAX, or mail to: Hunsaker & Associates Inc., San Diego, 10179 Huennekens Street, SD CA 92121

**Lintvedt, McColl & Associates** is seeking a qualified Land Surveyor to provide office expertise in GPS, boundary, right-of-way and topo surveys. A candidate should have a working knowledge in research, calculations, ROS's and legal descriptions preparation as well as the desire to work and grow in a progressive friendly environment. Competitive Compensation, Excellent Benefits and Opportunities. EOE M/F

- Resumes to: Lintvedt, McColl, 3737 Camino Del Rio S. #200 SD CA 92108 or [LMA@LMAENGINEERING.COM](mailto:LMA@LMAENGINEERING.COM) Fax 619/280-1515

**MAYGroup, Inc.** San Diego based progressive civil engineering firm, MAYGroup, Inc. has opportunities for qualified individuals for the following position:

LAND SURVEYOR: Calif. LS registration. Fax or e-mail resume: (858) 505-0441  
[mail@maygroupinc.net](mailto:mail@maygroupinc.net)

**MacKay & Somps Civil Engineers**, an ENR Top 250 design firm, has openings for skilled and seasoned surveying professionals with land development mapping (plats, legal descriptions, and final maps) and surveying (control, boundary, topographic, and construction staking) experience for

its regional offices in the SF Bay Area and the Sacramento region. Senior Land Surveyors (LS w/ 10-20 years exp.), Associate Land Surveyors (LS w/ 5-10 years exp.), Assistant Land Surveyors (LSIT w/ 2-5 years exp.), Junior Land Surveyors (LSIT w/ 0-2 years exp.), Surveying AutoCAD Techs (2-10 years exp.), Survey Crew Coordinators (5-10 years field crew exp.). Recent, relevant California experience and California license highly desirable. AutoCAD/LDD experience mandatory. Experienced applicants only need apply. Send cover letter, resume and geographic preference to Corporate Recruiter, MacKay & Somps, 2430 Camino Ramon, Suite 125, San Ramon, CA 94583, fax 925-901-1195 or email [Opportunities@msce.com](mailto:Opportunities@msce.com).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Board of Registration to be Replaced by CLSA?**

- among several remarks from the State CLSA web-site forum:

During the course of CLSA's efforts to defeat the Governor's plan to eliminate the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). A few emails came to the Central Office indicating that the individual sending the message could not support keeping BPELS. One thought was that CLSA could perform the functions of the Board. Other comments presented was the Board is a waste of public funds, it only offers the LS exam once a year and that it is difficult to get a response from a representative of the board.

My question to the forum is there a need for the Board?

- Armand A. Marois

1891 - The year of the first Land Surveyor's Act in California.  
- I just read in the newspaper this morning that the Governor has abandoned his plan to eliminate the boards and commissions. I had a hunch that there is no way all that political cake would be eliminated by any poly-tician.  
- I think the Profession is self-policed (like the Bar Association) in Canada, in essence, CLSA or some other organization would take over licensing. I don't think it's such a bad idea, myself.

- Dave Karoly, PLS

- Newspaper clips:

### **Keep Licensing Board for Land Surveyors**

2-21-2005 San Diego Union-Tribune

As a California Land Surveyor, I feel the Governor's plan for wholesale elimination of licensing boards goes too far. Our regulatory board, the California Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, performs an important function that would be sorely missed, both by the public and the professionals it regulates. Land surveyors perpetuate property boundaries and make measurements, taking into account crustal motion and earth

subsidence. We interpret antiquated deeds and combat the constant loss of property monuments in the field from construction and the elements. We use satellite and laser technology to make measurements and apply knowledge of local, state and federal laws governing boundaries. A survey license demonstrates that property law, higher mathematics and knowledge of measurement techniques have been mastered.

Too much streamlining of the licensing process would endanger the public and basic property rights. Our board, which is self-funded through license renewal fees, ensures the integrity of the survey license by rigorous testing and by overseeing complaints of incompetence and negligence. Input from the public and professionals via the board's regular public meetings are an important part of this process.

I oppose elimination of our regulatory board.

JAS ARNOLD

*Rancho Penasquitos*

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## Governor to ditch Board cuts

### He concedes his plan to eliminate 88 regulatory panels needs more work.

By Gary Delsohn -- Bee Capitol Bureau

*Published 2:15 am PST Thursday, February 17, 2005*

Abandoning one of his most far-reaching and controversial proposals since taking office, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has decided to withdraw his plan to eliminate 88 regulatory and policy-setting boards and commissions, sources close to the governor said Wednesday.

In a letter the administration plans to deliver to the state's Little Hoover Commission today, Schwarzenegger concedes the proposal needs further review.

Members of the commission, which has held hearings on Schwarzenegger's proposal and plans to release a highly critical assessment at its meeting next Thursday, have already recommended that the government reorganization be scaled back substantially.

Included on Schwarzenegger's hit list were boards that license and regulate doctors and nurses, set rules for accountants, administer seismic safety regulations, promote recycling and oversee building contractors, architects and engineers.

Although Schwarzenegger still plans to proceed with a reorganization of the umbrella agency that runs California's prison and parole system, his about-face on the larger reorganization signals a big win for consumer activists, unions and Democrats.

Those critics and others have called his plan an executive branch "power grab" that would harm consumers without saving the state much money.

"My initial reaction is that this thing was so clearly political and poorly thought out that this is a tactical retreat from a battle that the governor would look like a fool if he pursued," said Richard Holober, executive director of the Consumer Federation of California.

"He's gotten the accounting industry mad at him, the dentists mad at him. He's gotten all kinds of groups mad at him that otherwise wouldn't have a beef with the governor."

Robert Fellmeth, executive director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego and another staunch critic of Schwarzenegger's initial proposal, applauded the reversal.

"It's a good sign," he said. "One of the things you have to do when you're a public official is, after something is vetted, reconsider and change your mind if it doesn't stand up to scrutiny. Not every idea is a good one."

Ashley Snee, a Schwarzenegger spokeswoman, said the Republican governor is looking forward to getting the Little Hoover Commission's report next week.

"We've had eight hearings. He's heard from members of his Cabinet. We await the recommendations from Little Hoover," Snee said.

Under state law, a government reorganization such as the one Schwarzenegger was proposing must go to the commission for review.

The governor could then submit the plan to the Legislature and it would become law unless the Senate or the Assembly rejects it within 60 days.

Sources close to the governor said Schwarzenegger decided to pull back because witnesses at last month's Little Hoover hearings - both Holober and Fellmeth testified - raised some valid concerns.

Critics in the hearings said abolishing such regulatory and licensing entities as the California Medical Board, the Board of Registered Nursing and the Board of Accountancy would make it harder for consumers to get grievances investigated.

The move would also compromise public safety and make government more secretive, they argued.

Many of the 88 boards and commissions slated for elimination would have been folded into the governor's State and Consumer Services Agency, which is run by a governor's Cabinet appointee. Boards and commissions also have members appointed by legislators and are subject to state open-meetings laws that wouldn't apply to regulatory functions of the agency.

Schwarzenegger's proposed government reorganization was one of the first agenda items he identified in his initial State of the State speech a year ago. The move almost immediately set off political sparks.

"Every governor proposes moving boxes around to reorganize government," Schwarzenegger said at the time. "I don't want to move boxes around; I want to blow them up."

State government, he added, was a "mastodon frozen in time and about as responsive."

He soon created the California Performance Review Commission, a panel of 275 state workers who spent more than six months reviewing California government and issued a 2,500-page document with more than 1,000 recommendations.

The CPR, as it came to be called, predicted savings of up to \$32 billion over five years, but the Legislature's budget analyst put the potential benefit at less than half that amount. The administration later backed away from the projection.

Critics complained that the commission's work was done largely in secret, without input from some of the targeted boards and commissions but with direction from business interests objecting to what they say are regulatory excesses.

Schwarzenegger, while praising the commission's work in public, privately said it took on too much. In January, he called on the Legislature to implement just two aspects of the sweeping report - the prison system restructuring and the closing of boards and commissions.

Holober of the Consumer Federation said he is convinced that Schwarzenegger retreated in the face of criticism because he is already embroiled in controversy over his proposals to revamp education funding, overhaul employee pensions, redraw legislative districts and impose new spending controls.

"He doesn't want to get into all those fights over boards and commissions at the same time he's taking on a fight with organized labor, teachers, schoolchildren, retirees and others," he said. "I guess he's making a tactical retreat in hopes of restricting the numbers of enemies he has to make at one time."

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### **We are not out of the woods yet.**

- from Steve Martin - Here is a new Bill which will eliminate the Following Boards: Speech Pathology, Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Committee, Architects Board, Landscape Architects Advisory Committee, **Engineers Board**, Contractors Board, Cosmetology Board. – see attached PDF file or contact Steve for a complete copy of the strike-outs and additions to amend the Business and Professions Code.

Politics in Action.... It would probably be a good idea if members in Assembly Member Walters district give additional feedback on this Bill.

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### **ASSEMBLY BILL No. 1024**

Introduced by Assembly Member Walters  
February 22, 2005

AB 1024, as introduced, Walters. Professional vocations: abolition of boards and committees.

Existing law, within the Department of Consumer Affairs, creates various boards with appointed members, which are charged with the licensing and regulation of certain professions and vocations, including the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board, the Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Committee, the California Architects Board, the Landscape Architects Technical Committee, the

Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, the Contractors' State License Board, and the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. Existing law creates the Hearing Aid Dispensers Advisory Committee, which advises the Hearing Aid Dispensers Bureau of the department on related matters. Existing law, with respect to various other professions and vocations, provides for licensing and regulation of those professions and vocations directly by the Department of Consumer Affairs and staff appointed by the Director of Consumer Affairs.

This bill would abolish all of the above-referenced boards and the committee, and transfer their responsibilities and duties to the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.

State-mandated local program: no.

### **Unbelievable... And yet somehow inevitable.**

The author of this bill needs to hear from a CLSA member from his/her district right away and I guess we'd better get serious about our letter writing campaign. It's time to make this a coordinated effort between, us the architects and CELSOC. I know that Ralph Simoni is doing just that, but how come we didn't hear this news from Ralph?

- I sent Ms. Walters an email this morning, using Nolte's San Diego address so that it might actually be read before it is tossed.

- As you can see from the transcription below, I took the short letter intended for newspapers and added a couple things to it, figuring brevity was a good idea.

- Mimi needs to hear from her constituents. She represents Oceanside, San Diego, etc. We have strong numbers down there so let's mobilize.

This is so obviously a back-door effort on the part of Arnold and his allies. I wonder if a similar bill is coming to life in the senate? What does Ralph say?

Dear Assembly Member Walters,

As a California Land Surveyor, I feel your plan for elimination of certain licensing boards as identified in Assembly Bill 1024 is far off base. My particular regulatory board, the California



Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, performs an important function that would be sorely missed both by the public and by the professionals it regulates.

Land Surveyors perpetuate property boundaries and make measurements taking into account crustal motion and earth subsidence. We interpret antiquated deeds and combat the constant loss of property monuments in the field from construction and the elements. We use satellite and laser technology to make measurements and apply knowledge of local, state and federal laws governing boundaries. A survey license demonstrates that property law, higher mathematics and knowledge of measurement techniques have been mastered.

Too much streamlining of our licensing process would endanger the public and basic property rights. Our board, which is self-funded through license renewal fees, ensures the integrity of the survey license by rigorous testing and by overseeing complaints of incompetence and negligence. Input from the public and from the professionals via the board's regular public meetings is an important part of this process. A bureau cannot possibly adequately oversee these concerns.

I would expect you, as a Republican representative, to recognize the sanctity of property rights and to realize the jeopardy in which you place those rights by taking away the safeguards that the BPELS provides.

I sincerely hope that you reconsider the bill at least insofar as to remove the BPELS from the list of regulatory boards to be eliminated.

Sincerely, Carl R. C.de Baca  
Professional Land Surveyor and Registered Republican  
-from Dorothy Calegari, Executive Director CLSA :

**I have spoken with the legislative aide for Assembly member Walters and have been advised that they are not pursuing this bill.**

First, recognize that this is a serious problem and that it is happening quite quickly. We must get together on this issue and prepare to combat it, with an aggressive letter writing campaign. We have no time to lose!

Governor Schwarzenegger submitted a reorganization plan to the Little Hoover Commission on January 6, 2005 that calls for the elimination of 88 boards and commissions including the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). CLSA has taken action by writing an opposition letter to the Little Hoover Commission. With the assistance of CLSA's legislative advocate, we are also reaching out to form alliances with other organizations which will be affected by the Governor's plan.

Read more...  
<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/cprlegalert.html>

- As President of CLSA, I would like to express my gratitude to the members who took the time to send letters supporting CLSA's position. Your efforts cannot be understated. I also want to stress that we are not out of the woods on this issue. According to the article in the Sacramento Bee, the Governor plans to give his proposal further review and BPELS is due for Sunset Review in 2006, which the Governor has to approve.  
**We must keep vigilant.**

Again thanks to the members.

Armand A. Marois  
CLSA President

*Moving on ~~~*

- At the Feb. CLSA Board meeting last weekend it was announced that there are still discounted copies of these two books available on a first come, first serve basis. I purchased a copy of the 5th edition of **Boundary Control & Legal Principles** for the \$78 (List \$120) price. If you know of anyone looking for Surveying books, pass this along. - Steve

P.S. CLSA agreed, in principle, to look in to publishing the 2nd edition of "**Chaining the Land**" by Bud Uzes which includes about 50% new material. The 1st edition has been out of print for a couple of years. So look for that in the future. - see attached PDF file or contact the State CLSA office.

- New County Surveyor **Bruce Marquis!** Recovering from poison oak - **Tony Nothdurft** and all the clients he shook hands with. And **Dave Ambler** is recovering nicely from heart surgery as he starts his training for the Big Island Iron Man!

**- Win a Schonstedt Magnetic Locator!**

Dear Surveying & Mapping Professional:

It is that time of year again! The Mt. Diablo Surveyors Historical Society is sponsoring a raffle for one Schonstedt, model# GA-52Cx Magnetic Locator (Serial # 194473) valued by the manufacturer at \$860.00.

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Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and may be purchased by mail or at the MDSHS booth at the conference. If you are interested in supporting our organization and feel lucky, checks should be made payable to "Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society" or "M.D.S.H.S" (Sorry, we cannot accept credit cards at this time.), or well- hidden cash (however MDSHS cannot be responsible for lost cash) and mailed along with your name, address email address and daytime telephone number to:

Ticket stubs along with a receipt, if requested, will be returned by U.S. Mail. Mailed entrees must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 11, 2005. In person ticket sales will be offered

right up to the actual drawing held on March 23, 2005. For more information about the raffle, please contact us at [mailbox@mdshs.org](mailto:mailbox@mdshs.org)

Proceeds of the raffle will be used in support of the goals of the Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society to: "Collect, Preserve, and Display Artifacts of the Land Surveying Profession".

The Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society is a nonprofit public benefit tax-exempt corporation registered with the California Secretary of State's office. Any donations of monies, grants, or artifacts are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting our organization. If you decide to purchase tickets, I wish you good luck and I hope that you are the winner. Just like our previous winners you never know, plus you are helping a good cause!

Sincerely,

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