

# ***SURVEY NOTES***

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

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### **Chapter Meeting** **Wednesday, Nov 16TH**

#### **Guest Speaker:** **Yehuda Bock, Ph.D**

**Director of the California Spatial Reference Center (CSRC) at Scripps Institution  
of Oceanography**

Dr. Bock, will provide an update of activities and projects the CSRC is involved with including the status and developments involving the San Diego County CRTN. CRTN being the collaborative effort between the scientific and the surveying communities focused on upgrading the Southern California Integrated GPS Network (SCIGN) to allow continuous access to high-rate data to support RTK surveys. This is San Diego County's version of the system that is already in place in Orange County.

#### **Location**

### **Holiday Inn Mission Valley Stadium**

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6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Program

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#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**October 5, 2005**

*Meeting held at DK Nasland's office.*

*ATTENDING: Anne Hoppe, Don Woolley, Gary Hus, Tony  
Nothdurft, DK Nasland, Lonie Cyr, Steve Martin, Marv  
Sylakowski, Gary Chapman and Sean Englert, Secretary Elect.*

## President's Report

Anne Hoppe opened the meeting at 6:00. Anne passed bank signature documents around for the 2006 officers to sign. The \$500 check approved, to help surveyors that were victims of Hurricane Katrina, at the last general meeting has been sent to NSPFS. A discussion was held re: the State Land Surveyors Exam. All of the board members present agreed, the State exam with less than 10% passing rate is much too difficult. The pass rate for the national exam is about 50%. As CLSA members we need to strongly recommend some changes.

## Vice President's Report

Next meeting, October 13th, will be held at Sarducci's in San Juan Capistrano. This will be a joint meeting with Orange County and the speaker will be Robert Reese, President Elect of the state CLSA. November's Meeting, on the 16<sup>th</sup>, will be at the Holiday Inn on Murphy Canyon Rd. Guest speaker will be Yehuda Bock, Director of the California Spatial Reference Center. The Christmas Dinner Party will be held at Tom Ham's at the westerly end of Harbor Island.

## Treasurer's Report

The General Fund and Education Fund has a total of \$9523. Andy said our smaller CD could be transferred into the large CD in January. A \$700 check was issued for entertainment at the annual Christmas Dinner Party. The Golf Tournament Income amount is not yet finalized but is estimated to be about \$3000.

## Secretary's Report

A brief summary of previous meetings minutes was given and the minutes were accepted as submitted.

## Education Committee

A discussion about increasing our chapter scholarship amounts resulted in motion by Tony to increase the Curt Brown and Dana Seguin scholarships by \$250 each. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. They will now be \$1500 and \$1000 respectively.

## Membership Committee

Dave reported that we now have 101 corporate members. We have enough members to qualify for one more Chapter Rep. The new 2005 roster should be ready by next meeting.

## Legislative Committee

No report

## JPPC Report

DK reported the Committee will meet quarterly in 2006.

## Chapter Representatives

The next State Chapter meeting will be held in Sacramento on November 5th. Marv, Mike, Tony and Steve are planning to attend. See attached State qly meeting notes.

## Unfinished Business

Web site was discussed.

## New Business

The deadline for submitting information to be published in the Chapter News Letter will be the second Saturday after the Board/General Meeting.

**Next Board Meeting** – November 16, 2005 will precede the general meeting at 5:00 PM at the Holiday Inn on Murphy Canyon Rd.

## **GENERAL MEETING – October 13, 2005**

*This was an enjoyable joint meeting with our friends in Orange County and Riverside/San Bernardino Chapters. The meeting was well attended by our Chapter and about 12 +/- attendees traveled by AMTRAK. The location was Sarducci's Capistrano Train Depot. The social hour and food was very good. The Guest Speaker, Mr. Robert Reese, PLS, CLSA President Elect, discussed his planned agenda for 2006*

## Presidents Report

Being no Chapter business to conduct President Anne thanked our hosts for a great time and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by,

E. Gary Chapman, PLS

## **Education/Seminars/Workshops**

**LS Review Classes** – in from Mike Hart - Vern has confirmed the reservation of the Caltrans room for the LS Review Class 2005-2006 with the expanded schedule proposed. See the list of dates below (including Vern's clarification - he's right, it is 30 March instead of 31). All I have for right now are the dates - I'll try to get a class schedule ready soon.

Vern - here's what I had in mind (And, thanks for working on this again (and again, and again....)!!!)

01, 08, 15 Dec 2005  
05, 12, 19, 26 Jan 2006  
02, 09, 16, 23 Feb 2006  
02, 09, 16, 23, 31 30 Mar 2006  
06, 13 Apr 2006

Vern, if you could let me know 100% go on these, then I can get a schedule and notice to CLSA newsletter. If there are any conflicts, we could just forego the session that week for a little break (or if there's an adjacent day that doesn't conflict, that would be an option, too).

Thanks again for working on this!!! - MH

- I have confirmation on the dates (I think you meant Mar 30 NOT 31). Put your classes together.  
It would be nice to get some new blood involved with the process. I know this is on your mind. I'll see if Caltrans has any volunteers, but I need some class titles, first.

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#### **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

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

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### **Announcements**

- from Andy - **Jim Meyers** (PLS 4307) underwent triple by-pass surgery. Details are thin, but I hear he is doing well. I worked under Jim for 10 years at Burkett & Wong Engineers and consider him a dear friend. I went to the hospital and saw Jim. He is doing well. He was up, walking around and may go home either this weekend or the beginning of next week. His spirits are high and well on the road to a full recovery

Andrew Karydes, PLS  
SDE, Inc.

We all wish Jim a speedy recovery

- from Steve: Enclosed in the newsletter are the proposed revisions to the **Curtis Brown Memorial Scholarship** which Steve spoke about on the San Juan trip. We need to get the Chapter to vote on these revisions.

**GPS Concern** - from Julie Eckman new PLS: For those of you who don't receive the POB e-magazine, see the link below for an article that they had included regarding an erroneous GPS entry. This took place near Coolidge, AZ which is halfway between Phoenix and Tucson and involved the Casa Grande Ruins Nat'l Monument.

[http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15376148&BRD=1817&PAG=461&dept\\_id=68561&rfi=6](http://www.zwire.com/site/news.cfm?newsid=15376148&BRD=1817&PAG=461&dept_id=68561&rfi=6)

Thanks Julie – this is good stuff!!

### **Coastal Commission Issue**

As I indicated sometime ago, I have been watching the CCC take steps to validate its unprecedented assertion that if a residence can be seen from the ocean, it falls under CCC jurisdiction. As you may also recall, what they have been doing is to discretely at the end of lengthy sessions in lands far, far away, flood the admin record with a series of findings regarding the fact that the CCC is adopting the findings necessary to build a record suggesting that what they are doing is okay.

At this pace, El Cajon will soon be subject to the CCC. The erosion of our coastline dims in comparison to the erosion of our property rights.

Yours, under what's left of the Constitution

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**Working in Traffic** - From Robert M McMillan D.O.T. - One of our guys got clipped by a car this afternoon... He's OK, just got sideswiped... He's one tough dude... He called his boss to let him know what had happened, and dusted himself off, and said they were going back to work... The boss ordered him to Urgent Care to get checked out...

Be careful!

- from Allan - I've heard that the highest fatality rate for Gov workers is Caltrans employees.

- Rob - I think surveyors are in the top 10 in work fatalities...

- Allan - got to have eyes in the back of your head and remember that traffic is like a herd of cattle - it has no mind of its own, must be watched and carefully directed at all times and can't be trusted to make the right decision on its own. Also don't get in a mental zone of false security when in traffic All the high rises and cones offer you absolutely no protection from a wandering, speedy, belligerent or drunk driver. A good cone pattern though will help guide traffic along smoothly. Some times I put a High-rise sign such as "Survey Party Ahead" upside down to get drivers attention!

### Newsletter

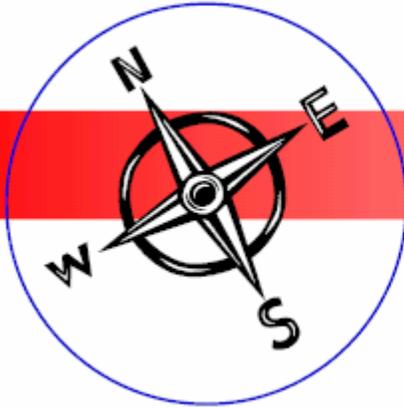
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## **California Land Surveyors Association San Diego Chapter**

### **Curtis Brown Memorial Scholarship Guidelines**

**Revised October 2005**

These guidelines will supersede any previous guidelines or criteria adopted by the San Diego Chapter. This document has been developed to help promote continuity and consistency in awarding said scholarship.

Background: At the August 15, 2001 General Chapter Meeting a motion was passed to have the California Land Surveyors Association Education Foundation, herein referred as the **Foundation**, select the candidate for the Curtis Brown Memorial Scholarship. In return the San Diego Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association, herein referred as the **Chapter**, will be a contributing member each year to the Foundation fund. The amount of the donation will be determined at the January Chapter General Meeting.

The following will be the criteria for the Foundation to utilize in selecting scholarship recipients, and for Chapter to utilize in making recommendations to the Foundation.

- I. The name of the scholarship will be **The Curtis Brown Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the San Diego Chapter**, herein referred as the Scholarship. All documentation produced by the Foundation or Chapter will reflect this name.
- II. The current scholarship award is **\$2000.00**. \$1750 will come from the Chapter Education account and the additional \$250 will come from the Foundation. The Education Committee of the Chapter will review the scholarship every two years and provide a recommendation for any changes in the amount of the award. Any change will have to be approved by the membership at a monthly General meeting and notification of the change in writing will be provided to the Foundation prior to December 1 of the calendar year.
- III. Qualified Applicant will be currently enrolled in an accredited degree program in surveying/geomatics approved by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) in the United States of America.
- IV. Qualified Candidate will have a minimum GPA of 3.0 for overall college classes and a minimum GPA of 3.5 for major courses.
- V. Candidates will be selected by applying the following preferences as listed in order of importance.
  1. Dependent of a Chapter member in good standing. A member in good standing will be as defined in current Chapter Bylaws.
  2. A student member of the Chapter in good standing. A student member in good standing will be as defined in current Chapter Bylaws.
  3. A current or former resident of San Diego County.
  4. A student who most closely represents the ideals exemplified by Curtis M. Brown during his lifetime.
  5. If a candidate cannot found to meet the criteria listed above, the foundation will select someone as close to the criteria as possible.
- VI. Qualified Applicant will have completed a Foundation application in accordance with current Foundation guidelines and time frame.

VII. One or more Chapter Officers shall have the privilege of making recommendations for selecting recipients of this scholarship. If no Officer is available the Chapter President can designate one or more Chapter members to provide such recommendations. These recommendations shall not be legally enforceable. They shall be solely advisory, and the Foundation shall not be bound by them.

VIII. Once a student has been determined the winner, the Foundation will notify the Chapter President in writing or electronic communication. The Chapter President will then direct the Chapter Treasurer to forward funds for the scholarship amount and the Chapter's contribution to the Foundation.

The Chapter acknowledges and confirms that the Foundation owns the funds once deposited and has ultimate control, authority and discretion with regard to amounts contributed to the Foundation for inclusion in the Scholarship and income derived from those funds. Charitable distributions from the funds shall be made at such times, in such amounts, in such ways and for such purposes as the Foundation shall determine in its sole and independent discretion, within the scope of the charitable purposes set forth in these guidelines. There is no agreement written or oral, by which the Chapter may cause the Foundation to make a particular distribution from the fund, or by which the Chapter may direct the timing, amounts, or destination of distributions from the Fund.

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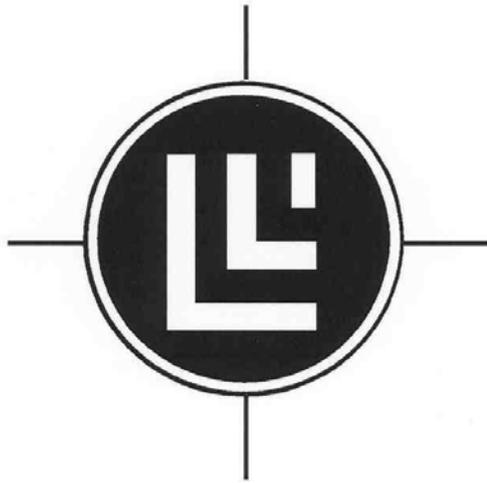
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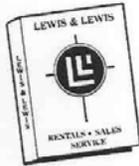

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