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Holiday Meeting

Wednesday, December 21, 2005

Entertainment

Glenn Erath, local comedian, and radio personality

Come enjoy his unique brand of comedy while we celebrate the end of another year!

Location

Tom Ham's Lighthouse

Harbor View Room

2150 Harbor Island Drive

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6 pm- Social/Networking; 6:30 pm- Dinner; 7:30 pm

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Or: 858 558-4500 - No later than Friday, the 16th

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2005

Meeting held at the Holiday Inn in Murphy Canyon, prior to the General Meeting.

ATTENDING: Anne Hoppe, Don Woolley, Dave Ambler, Tony Nothdurft, Andy Karydes, Michael Hart, Lonie Cyr, Marv Sylakowski, Steve Martin, Jeff Safford, Sean Englert and Gary Chapman.

President's Report

Anne Hoppe opened the meeting at 5:15. Anne reported on the joint meeting at San Juan Capistrano with the Orange Co and San Bernardino/Riverside Chapters. There were about 20 from San Diego, Co attending and all seemed to have a good time.

Vice President's Report

Next meeting, December 21st, Christmas Party, will be held at Tom Hamm's Light House at the westerly end of Harbor Island. Glenn Erath will provide the entertainment. Mr. Erath plays the guitar and sings his own funny and satirical songs. He is good, so don't miss him.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund and Education Fund has a total of \$8,014. The Golf Tournament Income amount is not yet finalized but is estimated to be about \$3110. Checks in the amounts of \$500 for NSPFS relief fund & \$750 for Cal Poly Scholarship were written

Secretary's Report

A brief summary of previous meetings minutes was given. Gary asked for a clarification of the scholarship amounts reported in last month. The corrected amounts are Curt Brown, \$2000 and Dana Seguin, \$1000. The minutes were accepted as amended.

Education Committee

Mike Hart said the LS Review classes will be expanded to 18 weeks and will begin December 1 and end April 13. The enrolment fee is \$100. We expect at least 30 people to enroll. The LS Exam is scheduled for April 22, 2006. A lively discussion was held re: the difficulty of the State LS exam. Steve recommended a change in GPA required for Chapter scholarships from 3.5 to 3.0. He made a motion to do so at the General Meeting. It passed unanimously.

Membership Committee

Dave reported the 2005/06 Chapter Directory is ready for distribution and copies can be picked up at the General meetings.

Legislative Committee No report

JPPC Report

Lonie reported there are four new cases before the committee. The Committee will meet quarterly in 2006.

Chapter Representatives

Jeff gave a very good report of the State Chapter Meeting held in Sacramento on Nov. 5th. Cindy Richards from the State

Board reported they may be willing to provide some more past exam questions and they are planning publish a study guide. Crissy Wilson of the State CLSA gave a report about services available i.e.: liability, home owners and auto insurance, debt collection. The State office has published information Re: services and other items available. A copy will be included in the news letter.

The 2007 State CLSA Conference will be held in San Diego at the Rancho Bernardo Inn.

See enclosed meeting summary and Legislative Committee notes by Tony Nothdurft.

Unfinished Business None

New Business

ACSM has published a new set of standards for ALTA surveys. It is available on their web site.

Next Board Meeting – December 7, 2005 at DK Nasland's Office, 6:00 PM.

GENERAL MEETING – November 16, 2005

The November Meeting was held immediately following the Board Meeting. The Guest Speaker, Dr. Yehuda Bock of Scripps Institute at UCSD was introduced by V.P. Don. Dr. Bock is in charge of CRTN (California Real Time Network). CRTN provides GPS Base Stations for use by surveyors doing RTK surveys. San Diego County has 9 stations in operation and will have 21 stations in the near future. Eventually there will be CRTN stations through out the state.

CRTN Web Site is: <http://sopac.ucsd.edu/projects>

Presidents Report

Anne thanked Dr. Bock for his interesting presentation and presented him with a CLSA coffee mug.

She conducted the business portion of the meeting then did the raffle.

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

Amendments to the October Board meeting notes

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 very difficult. The pass rate for the national exam is about 50%. As CLSA members we need to help by continuing to offer LS Review Classes. It was also noted those who attended our Review Classes had a higher pass rate.

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 \$2000 and \$1000 respectively.

Education/Seminars/Workshops

LS Review Classes in progress. Vance started out with his usual no holds barred, no sympathy, no whining, but can do encouragement. Thanks, Vance!!



Vance and Mike Hart kick off the LS review class

-Photo Steve Martin

The 2006 CA-specific LS Exam is scheduled for Sa, 22Apr 2006 (the application filing deadline with the Board of Registration is Fr, 06Jan 2006). The CLSA/SD Chapter LS Review Class for this exam is scheduled for 19 sessions beginning Thursday, 01Dec 2005 (classes will be held every Thursday evening from 1830 to 2100 beginning Thurs, 01Dec 2005 EXCEPT FOR 22 and 29Dec 2005). See the class schedule and topic in the table below. The class will be held at the Caltrans office in Old Town (as it has been for the last 2000 years).

All exam candidates are highly encouraged to attend ALL the sessions in the review class. Registration will occur at the door - and payment may be made anytime during the first three (3) sessions. Checks should be made payable to "CLSA SD Chapter"; payment by cash is discouraged. The cost will be \$100 per person (Caltrans employees are exempted due to Caltrans providing the facility). No partial registration.

Mike Hart, LS
Chairman, Education Committee, SD Chapter/CLSA

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Date	Topic
01 Dec 2005	Introduction/Overview Study plan; test taking strategy
08 Dec 2005	Error Theory
15 Dec 2005	Photogrammetry
05 Jan 2006	State Plane Coordinates
12 Jan 2006	Review Handout Exam
19 Jan 2006	GPS & Geodesy
26 Jan 2006	Construction
02 Feb 2006	Subdivision Map Act
09 Feb 2006	Review Handout Exam
16 Feb 2006	Public Lands
23 Feb 2006	Public Lands
02 Mar 2006	Public Lands
09 Mar 2006	Review Handout Exam
16 Mar 2006	Boundary
23 Mar 2006	Boundary
30 Mar 2006	Legal Descriptions
06 Apr 2006	Legal Descriptions
13 Apr 2006	Review Handout Exam
20 Apr 2006	Mock ½ Exam

Advanced GPS Seminar - Anaheim, Jan 17-19. Offered by Trimble – contact training@gpstraining.com. Other GPS training see <http://www.gpstraining.com/courses.html>.

Administration And Enforcement Of The Wetlands - Jan 31, San Diego. **Law of Easements in California** - Feb. 2, San Diego. **The Fundamentals Of Construction Contracts: Understanding The Issues** - Feb 16, San Diego. Register online at: www.lorman.com (866) 352-9539.

OSHA Compliance 2006 Conference in San Diego Dec. 19. Call 800-601-4636 or 913-677-3200.

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PACIFIC LAND SEMINARS 2006 Workshop Schedule

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Jeremy Evans - Instructor
Jan. 27 - Portland, OR, Feb. 3 - Concord, Feb. 10 - Ontario

L.S.I.T. REVIEW WORKSHOP
Tony Cuomo - Instructor
Feb. 24- 25 -26 - Las Vegas, NV, Mar. 10 -11 -12 - Concord,
Mar. 17 - 18 - 19 - Santa Ana

L.S. REVIEW WORKSHOP - SERIES I
Paul Cuomo - John Pavlik - Instructors
Feb. 24 - 25 -26 - Santa Ana, March 10 - 11 - 12 - Concord

L.S. REVIEW WORKSHOP - SERIES II
Paul Cuomo - Steve Parrish - Instructors
Mar. 17 - 18 - 19 - Santa Ana, Mar. 31 - April 1 - 2 - Concord

CONTACT- PACIFIC LAND SEMINARS
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Geospatial Analysis and Technology – Seminars, courses and software training. Contact register@ucx.ucr.edu or call 951-827-4105. Web-site: www.UCRExtension.net/geo.

CSU Fresno Geomatics Engineering Dept. – Contact www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/ for program and on-line courses.

CSU Pomona Surveying Program -
http://www.csupomona.edu/%7Ece_surv/surveng/index.html.

Cuyamaca College - Surveying courses taught and organized by Ken Schumaker. www.cuyamaca.edu. Or 619-668-4040.

Santiago College GIS/GPS Surveying Program - see 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

The 2006 Scholarship application is available at
<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/scholarsh.html>

Employment

Note: Employment ads will be placed for one month. If an extension is needed, please contact Allan Wake each month as needed. This will reduce the costs of the newsletter and keep ads current. Thanks.

Announcements

Jim Baker was taken from with us after fighting a valiant battle to overcome a serious illness. He was active with his Surveying business even though being very ill. Our condolences go to his family and colleagues.

Marv has a new position

Please note that I have moved on and am no longer with LMA. My new contact info is as follows:

Marvin J. Sylakowski, P.L.S.
Director of Survey REC Consultants Inc.
2442 Second Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101
(619) 232-9200 X31 (619) 232-9210 Fax

KLS Eng new email address
from klsengr@mscomm.com to klsengr@verizon.net.

City of Chula Vista Mons – from Robert M McMillan
- Cut & paste into your web browser:
<http://209.242.148.132/public/Client/PublicKiosk1/index.html?appconfig=SurveyMon>

Cascade County (Montana) Commissioners took the first step to phase out the elected job of Surveyor.

- In from Julie Eckman. See the following link for something that may be a disturbing trend (this was a part of the POB e-news): Planners performing as Surveyors.
<http://www.greatfallstribune.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051123/NEWS01/511230306/1002>

CLSA Central Office Report **October 2005 summary**

2006 CLSA CONFERENCE

The 2006 CLSA Conference will be held March 11-15, 2005 at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada. The Conference offers a substantially reduced room rate of \$65.00 per night for CLSA Conference attendees. A 1/2 page Conference ad will be emailed to all CLSA Chapters for publication in their newsletters. The Conference Exhibitor's Prospectus has been developed and distributed to potential exhibitors.

Additional Conference information, as it becomes available, will be posted on the CLSA website. Registration packages will be mailed in January and will also be available on the CLSA website.

PUBLICATIONS

CLSA 2005 publications, including the Complete Package, PLS/PE/BR and Subdivision Map Act with Index are now available, while the supply lasts, at 50% off the listed price. 2006 publications will be available on January 15, 2004.

CHAINING THE LAND, SECOND EDITION

The Central Office is working with Bud Uzes to publish the second edition of *Chaining the Land*. In September, Bud finalized the book and provided the Central Office with a completed copy. The book is currently being typeset after which we will proof and, upon final approval by Bud, we will go to press. Estimated release date will be January 2006.

CALIFORNIA LAW OF WATER RIGHTS

Larry Otter, PLS is reprinting "The California Law of Water Rights" by Wells Hutchins which was first published in 1956. To assist the reader, Larry has added three pages of definitions of legal words and phrases that are used throughout the book. In exchange for CLSA's assistance in promoting the book (e.g. website, magazine, newsletter & email advertising) Larry will offer CLSA members a \$10 discount (\$70 plus tax & shipping) plus pay a marketing fee of \$5 per book sold by CLSA.

Action Requested: Motion authorizing Dorothy Calegari, Executive Director, to enter into an agreement with Larry Otter, as outlined above. (*Motion Carried*)

CLSA SCHOLARSHIPS

The CLSA Education Foundation has requested CLSA provide written criteria for each of their scholarships. Attached are

criteria for the James E. Adams Memorial Scholarship, A.E. "Ed" Griffin Memorial Scholarship and the CLSA Past Presidents Scholarship.

Action Requested: Motion adopting the scholarship criteria. (Motion Carried)

GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAMS CLSA has in place, group insurance discounts for workers compensation, professional liability, office, home, auto, disability and long-term care. A packet was mailed to each licensed CLSA members, emailed to all members and posted on the CLSA website. The CLSA Central Office has received positive feedback from members taking advantage of this program. However, very few of our members are participating in the program. A lack of participation may lead to the cancellation of the benefit. Please help us promote this excellent program by providing information to your chapters.

MEMBER BENEFITS

In order to create added value, the CLSA Central Office is continuing to develop new benefits for CLSA members.

DHL Discount – Overnight Shipping

Members can now ship overnight with no weight limits, no billing hassles and low flat rates! ShipReady™, a unique service from DHL, enables members to prepurchase letters and packs at member savings of 25% or more.

ShipReady benefits include:

- **No Weight Limits** – Ship all you can safely fit in your ShipReady envelope or pack.
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- **Exclusive volume rates!** Order just 30 letters or packs and receive even greater discounts.

Action Requested: Motion authorizing Dorothy Calegari, Executive Director, to enter into an agreement with DHL to provide members with a discount on overnight shipping. (Motion Carried)

Merchant Services Discount

Members will pay .20 per transaction and 1.79% for swiped cards or 2.37% for keyed (phone/mail order) cards. No minimum requirement. CLSA will also be paid a marketing fee of .02% of the net amount of all sales.

Action Requested: Motion authorizing Dorothy Calegari, Executive Director, to enter into an agreement with Meridian Services to provide members a discount on merchant service and CLSA with a non-dues revenue source. (Motion Carried)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2005

The Committee met September 16, 2005 and reviewed and discussed 2005 legislation and potential topics for 2006. The **attached digest summary** report includes the disposition on all measures introduced during the first year of the 2005-06 biennial legislative session that California Advocates followed on behalf of the California Land Surveyors Association. Please note that legislation chaptered during the 2005 legislative

session becomes effective on January 1, 2006, unless the bill contains an urgency clause or a delayed operative date. Therefore, each bill must be consulted for details.

B&P 8753 Repealed (Temporary License) – SB228 filed October 7, 2005. See page 10 of **SB228**.

• **B&P 8761** – (Amended to be consistent with current practice and recent PE Act changes). **SB228** filed October 7, 2005 - See pages 10 and 11 of SB228 –.

• **SMA 66442**. (a) - (Required only signature, not seal); - **SB966** filed August 31, 2005 See page 10 of SB966.

• **SMA 66442.5** – (Surveyors statement – amended to be consistent with required information per section 66441). **SB966** filed August 31, 2005 See page 11 of SB966.

• **Public Resource Code – (CSRC proposal)** Orthometric heights and Geodetic coordinates. **SB966** filed August 31, 2005 See page 15-26 of SB966. **Sections 8801-8819** – Revisions/amendments to definitions. **Section 8850....** - The official geodetic datums and spatial reference network for use within the State of California shall be as defined by this chapter. **Section 8860....** Orthometric heights within the State of California that are based on North America Vertical Datum of 1988 and conforming to the provisions of this chapter shall be known as "California Orthometric Heights of 1988." Orthometric heights are commonly referred to as "elevations." **Section 8880....** Geodetic coordinates within the State of California that are based on North America Datum of 1988 and conforming to the provisions of this chapter shall be known as "California Geodetic Coordinates of 1983."

NSPS Governor Report:

A new set of 2005 ALTA/ACSM standards has been adopted by A.L.T.A. and NSPS and will go in to effect beginning January of 2006. Go to www.acsm.net to download new standards.

- thanks Tony, for the reports.

Newsletter

- Members are encouraged to receive email newsletters. To receive an email only newsletter contact Dave Viera at DViera@HunsakerSD.com.

- Articles are encouraged for publication in the newsletter. Send reports and articles to Allan Wake by Saturday before the first Wednesday of the month. Please email to awake@sandiego.gov and at 48wake@cox.net.

Advertising policy approved by the Board:

1) full page one time in newsletter \$150.00 charge. 10% discount one year paid in advance. 2.) ½ page one time in newsletter \$100.00. 3) Business card size ad one year in newsletter \$150.00. 4) Employment offers by a member free for 1 month. If an extension is needed, please contact Allan Wake email: 48wake@cox.net each month as needed.

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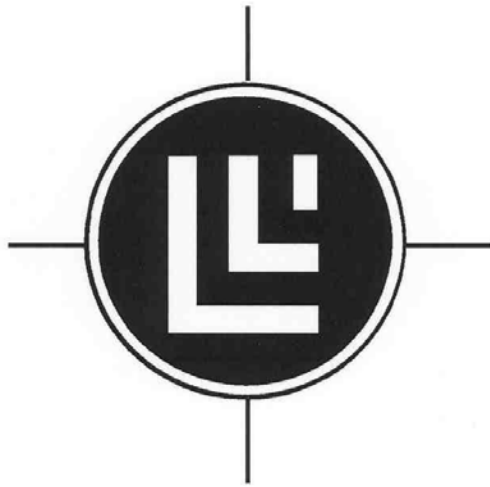
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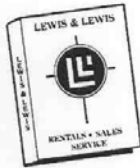
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