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CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

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Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

One week early due to State Conference

Guest Speaker:

**Martin A. Pedersen, LS
President, NCEES**

National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying

The NCEES writes and scores the exams required for engineering and surveying licensure. They compile and publish the licensing requirements survey, as reported in 2005 by the licensing boards of the United States and its jurisdictions, provide exam information and study materials and publish Licensure Exchange, a bimonthly newsletter providing information, opinion, and ideas regarding the licensure of engineers and surveyors.

Location

Bali Hai Restaurant – Shelter Island Bamboo Room

2230 Shelter Island Drive
San Diego, CA 92106
619-222-1181
6 p.m. Social/Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Program

Leave your name with Lisa Mejia. Email is preferred: lmejia@hunsakersd.com
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Deluxe Cantonese Dinner - \$30

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Shrimp in Bali Hai Sauce and Vegetable Fried Rice
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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 15, 2006

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

ATTENDING: Don Woolley, Andy Karydes, Gary Chapman, Sean Englert, Tony Nothdurft, Dave Ambler, Anne Hoppe, Marv Sylakowski, Gary Hus, Mike Hart, and Jeff Safford.

President's Report

Don Woolley opened the meeting at 5:15.

Vice President's Report

The location of our next meeting will be on March 8th at Bali Hai on Shelter Island. Our guest speaker will be Martin Pederson of N.C.E.E.S. The meeting will be held one week earlier than usual, due to the annual state conference that will be held during our normal chapter meeting time. Our April meeting is tentatively scheduled at the Best Western in Mission Valley with our guest speakers being Phil Guirbino and Ross Carlson. The topic of discussion in April will be the County of San Diego RTK network.

Treasurer's Report

The General Fund has a total of \$8,982.64 and the Education Fund has a total of \$7,447.54 as of January 31st. We currently combined our two existing CD's that matured into one on February 20th. The total amount of the CD is \$37,454.30. A motion was passed to transfer \$3,500 to our current CD. Our goal is to eventually have the CD self sustain our annual donations for scholarships.

Secretary's Report - No report

Education Committee

Mike Hart said that the review classes currently have around 50 attendees. Vance is doing a great job at preparing the candidates for the upcoming exam. We are currently paid up with all of the LS Review class dues. It was noted that the County of San Diego had the highest number of candidates pass the exam last year! We hope to achieve that goal again this year. There was also discussion regarding potential Universities in the County that would be willing to add a surveying program in the future.

Membership Committee

Dave Ambler reported that all of the current invoices for annual dues have been mailed out.

Legislative Committee

No report

JPPC Report

No report. Meetings are now quarterly.

Chapter Representatives

Jeff Safford discussed the first quarterly meeting that was held in Santa Clara on February 4th. Some of the main agenda items were as follows:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of the November 2005 minutes.
- 3) 2005 Officers and Committee Reports.
- 4) Jas Arnolds Report on Executive Committee Meeting
- 5) Installation of 2006 Officers:
President – Robert Reese
VP – Jas Arnold
Treasurer – Steve Shambeck
Secretary – Jim Herrick
- 6) Division \ Committee Reports
 - A) Administrative Committee
 - B) Education Division
 - C) Legislative Committee
 - D) Membership Division
 - E) Conference Division
 - F) Chapter Reports
- 7) Resolutions
- 8) New Business

Some of the hot topics of discussion were:

- 1) LS Exam and grading
- 2) Current qualifications required to sit for the LS Exam.
- 3) Exam application issues and referrals.
- 4) Exam preparation and strategy for taking the LS Exam.
- 5) Releasing of 5 minute educational video "Operation Spotlight" that State C.L.S.A. is currently working on to advertise what a career in Land Surveying has to offer.
- 6) Committees were setup for assignments.
- 7) C.L.S.A. is backing Pat Tami as our top candidate for B.O.R.P.E.L.S Land Surveyor Advisor.
- 8) John Hart is working on an exam workbook that will be sponsored by C.L.S.A.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business

Bud Uzes the author of "Chaining the Land" recently passed away. Our condolences go out to his family and friends. Jeff Safford passed out the auction donation form. The auction will be held at the state conference in March to raise money for the scholarships.

Next Board Meeting – March 8, 2006 at Bali Hai on Shelter Island at 5 p.m.

GENERAL MEETING –

February 15, 2006

The February meeting was held at the Holiday Inn in Murphy Canyon. Mike Hart was our guest speaker. Mike's topic was "Mandatory Continuing Education – Where Do You Stand?" Currently 38 States require continuing education for Professional Land Surveyors. It was an interesting discussion in regards to whether or not California should consider continuing education in the future.

President's Report

Andy gave Mike the coveted CLSA coffee mug as a thanks for his presentation.

Don then discussed the executive board meeting notes. Don also announced that Teresa Contreras was awarded the Curtis Brown Scholarship and Marisol Serano was awarded the Dana Seguin Scholarship by Steve Martin at the Fresno conference.

New business

Don mentioned that there will be an upcoming Trig Star Day. This could be a great opportunity for our local chapter to get involved at a local university for the competition.

Jeff Safford was recently named as the C.E.A.C. Liaison.

Jas mentioned a current court case "Nerr vs. Mulden" where the court ruled that non-record monuments were held over record monuments in this case. The ruling is being appealed and is being scrutinized closely by the State Chapter as a ruling that could impact our profession.

Don asked for suggestions for raffle prizes to be donated by our chapter for the upcoming conference in Reno.

Robert McMillan is leaving CALTRANS in San Diego for a senior position with the CALTRANS headquarters office of surveys in Sacramento.

Les Carter is leaving the City of San Diego for a position in San Luis Obispo. Ron Dodds will be filling in for the next six months until it is determined who will permanently fill his position.

Roger Shermak was welcomed back as a member of CLSA.

Anne Hoppe mentioned that Bud Uzes recently passed away.

Don and Andy then conducted the raffle and the general meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by,

Sean Englert, PLS
Secretary

Education/Seminars/Workshops

Curt Brown Memorial Scholarship 2006 Recipient

Hi All,

Attached is a thank you letter from the Curt Brown Memorial Scholarship 2006 recipient, Teresa Contreras. She has worked a summer for Jas Arnold here in San Diego. I have also attached her application, should you wish to review her qualifications. Please do not reprint the entire application.

The Dana Seguin Memorial went to Marisol Serrano per Dr. Crossfield's recommendation. Here is what he said about her: "She is a good student with excellent people skills. She is co-chair of the scholarship search committee this year and is very deserving."

See attached files - Steve

LS Review Classes in progress. Much thanks to Vance Breshears, Mike Hart and all the instructors for their hard work!!

The classes are held at the Caltrans office in Old Town .

Remaining Schedule

Date	Topic
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

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. See attached PDF file or contact the Conference Registration Office at (707) 578-6016. **For the LS candidates** – don't miss the LS review sessions on March 15 and 16.

BOARD RELEASES 2005 CALIFORNIA STATE-SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYOR EXAMINATION

Based on concerns about the preparedness of candidates for the California State Specific Professional Land Surveying examination, the Board has decided to release the April 2005 examination for use as a study tool.

Candidates should be aware that the topics covered by the examination questions may vary each year. The topics are always based on the test plan. Different topics than those included on the April 2005 examination may be included on future examinations.

The release of this examination is a preliminary step. The Board is reviewing and considering other information to provide to the candidates to assist them in preparing for the examination. This will be an on-going process; therefore, please keep checking the Board's website for information.

Basic GPS Surveying Course - San Diego April 18-20. Offered by Surveyors Service Company - contact Cori Vernam @ 800-938-0606 or actsync@servco1.com .

Surveying and Real Property featuring Walter Robillard. April 6 & 7. **Ethics, Professionalism and the Boundary Specialist** April 5. Both in Las Vegas. Contact www.pesi.com or 800-843-7763.

TRIMBLE RTK TRAINING CLASS March 7 – 9. **TRIMBLE STATIC TRAINING CLASS** March 28 – 30. Both in Anaheim. BY Allen Instruments. Contact Dan McMahon: 760-271-4681.

The Premier Cal/OSHA Seminar March 22 Ontario, March 23 Anaheim. (800-275-2774).

PACIFIC LAND SEMINARS 2006 Workshop Schedule
- L.S.I.T. REVIEW WORKSHOP Tony Cuomo - Instructor

Mar. 17-19 - Santa Ana
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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

FRANCOIS D. "BUD" UZES (1934-2006)

It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our colleague Francois D. "Bud" Uzes. Bud passed away

unexpectedly February 7 of complications following a surgical procedure.

Bud was a life member of the Sacramento Chapter of CLSA, an author, and survey historian. He maintained a strong interest in all aspects of surveying history including techniques, education, instructions, laws and technology.

Bud worked 33 years for California State Lands and at the time of his retirement he was head of the Boundary Determination Unit where he directed the activities of one of the largest professionally staffed surveying units in the state. In "retirement" he ran his own boundary consulting business, *Boundaries Unlimited*, for 18 years.

Bud was registered as a P.L.S. in five states and served six years as the first president of the Surveyors Historical Society. He authored *Chaining the Land*, as well as the *Illustrated Price Guide to Antique Surveying Instruments and Books*. Bud also was a contributing author to several editions of Curtis Brown's *Boundary Control and Legal Principles on the chapter Riparian and Littoral Owners*.

Bud was highly regarded as an expert in boundary location, water boundaries, U.S.P.L.S.S., historic boundary location and courtroom procedures. He worked as a consultant and expert witness in surveying and boundary disputes in over one hundred cases, including twice testifying in proceedings before Special Masters of the U.S. Supreme Court. One of the cases involved the California-Nevada state boundary that resulted from discrepancies he uncovered while researching for the first edition of his book *Chaining the Land*.

Bud greatly enjoyed passing on his knowledge and thoughts regarding surveying. To honor him, the California Land Surveyor's Association Educational Foundation has created a scholarship fund in Bud's name:

The Francois D. "Bud" Uzes Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Bud never really cared for flowers. Thus, the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, tax-deductible contributions be made to:

CLSA Education Foundation
c/o Francois D. "Bud" Uzes Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Santa Rosa, Ca 95405
Telephone: 707.578.6016

Francois D. "Bud" Uzes will be deeply missed by family and all of us that knew him.

- From the **Focal Point** a publication of the Sacramento area chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association. Jed DeGraff, Editor.

BUD UZES MEMORIAL GATHERING

A special memorial gathering has been planned after the closing ceremonies to honor renowned Surveyor and author, Bud Uzes. The CLSA Education Foundation has developed a Francois "Bud" Uzes Memorial Scholarship.

To donate to the fund, please make checks payable to "CLSA Education Foundation" and mail to: CLSA Central Office, PO Box 9098, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Win a Magnetic Locator!

Dear Surveying & Mapping Professional:

It is that time of year again! The Mt. Diablo Surveyors Historical Society is sponsoring our 5th annual magnetic metal locator raffle.

This year we are offering a raffle for one Schonstedt, Model# GA-92XTd Magnetic Locator (Serial # 219334) valued by the manufacturer at \$985.00.

The Winner will be determined by a random drawing held at 3:30 PM on March 14, 2006 at the conclusion of the Exhibitors Display at the 2006 CLSA Conference at the Silver Legacy Hotel and Casino, Reno, Nevada. Winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 and may be purchased from any MDSHS member or by mail. 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). Mail orders with your name, street address, email address and phone number using the form provided below should be sent to:

Mount Diablo Surveyors Historical Society
5042 Amethyst Court
San Jose, CA 95136-2601

Ticket stubs will be returned via U.S. Mail. Mailed entrees must be received by 5:00 pm, Friday, March 10, 2006. A receipt for tax purposes will also be provided if requested. In person ticket sales will be offered right up to the actual drawing held on March 14, 2006.

Please view the attached poster (in pdf format) for more info about the raffle or contact us at 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 (California corporation number C1835904) and is organized under IRS 501 (c) (3), (Federal # 8916806802). 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, We wish you good luck and hope that you are the winner. Just like our previous winners (see list below) you never know, plus you are helping a good cause!

Past Winners List

2002 - Mr. Larry Perkins - Schonstedt model# GA-52Cx
2002 - Mr. Rich Thompson -SubSurface (2002 picnic)
2003 - Mr. Robert Nielsen - Subsurface model# ML1D
2004 - Mr. Bill Hurdle - Schonstedt model# GA- 92XTd
2005 - Mr. Rick Skierka - Schonstedt model# GA-52Cx
2006 - YOUR NAME HERE! - Schonstedt model# GA- 92XTd

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- see attached PDF order form or contact Mt Diablo.

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION CONCERN

- sent in by Mike Pallamary

I am sending this email as the Executive Director of San Diegans for Sensible Land Use (www.sdslu.com).

As many of you know, I have been working for nearly two years with Vic Fargo and his family in securing the permit for a simple swimming pool in his back yard. Throughout this period, I have been in constant communication with the coastal commission. To our chagrin, several of the neighbors objected to the pool construction, which was legally permitted by the City of San Diego in April 2004, nearly two years ago. In order to address everyone's inquiries, my client voluntarily stopped construction for nearly one year in order to gather all the reports the city and the city attorney asked for. After my client expended considerable money on a variety of consultants, we resumed construction with the consent of city staff, the city attorney and coastal staff. Then, 15 months after the permit was issued, the coastal commission took up an appeal of the project based upon some gross and outlandish misrepresentations made by the neighbors and coastal staff. None of their assertions were based upon engineering or city codes. They were all based on falsehoods.

As can be seen by the included article, today we learned of the city attorney's thoughts on this matter. Sadly, city staff was hung out to dry in spite of the extraordinary effort they put into this project. As you can well imagine, because of the scrutiny placed on this project, they were exceptionally diligent in their analysis of this simple pool permit. As I have said many times, we may not always agree with city staff but once we do agree, their decisions are honored and we always proceed with the highest regard for each other's position. This is because the vast majority of city staff are conscientious and honorable people who honor their decisions. Their decisions are thoughtful and deliberated. Once we agree to move forward, we do and when we do, we always honor each other's position. This is what makes good government.

In light of yesterday's decision, the tables have been turned over and today there are no rules. Clearly, this is going to be a very interesting lawsuit. At the risk of jumping up and down on my soapbox, I ask your indulgence:

THE LESSON TO BE LEARNED HERE IS EVEN IF YOU HAVE A LEGAL AND VALIDLY ISSUED PERMIT FROM YEARS AGO, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION IS OF THE BELIEF AND OPINION THAT IT IS ABOVE THE LAW AND THAT IT CAN DO WHATEVER IT WANTS AND THAT THERE ARE NO TIME LIMITS ON WHEN IT CAN TAKE ACTION ON A PROJECT. YOUR HOME CAN BE PERMITTED AND BUILT AND THEY CAN TAKE IT AWAY FROM YOU IF THEY WANT.

ALSO KNOW THAT IF ONE OF YOUR PROJECTS HAS HISTORICALLY HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, DO NOT EXPECT THAT SUPPORT WILL BE HONORED IN THE FUTURE.

As my old friend Abraham Lincoln said:

"Let every American, every lover of liberty, every well wisher to his posterity, swear by the blood of the Revolution, never to violate in the least particular, the laws of the country; and never to tolerate their violation by others." --From the January 27, 1838 [Lyceum Address](#)

THE NEXT PROJECT TO BE REVOKED MAY BE YOUR OWN.

- Mike's view point is not necessarily shared by CLSA San Diego. See related article in the San Diego Union Tribune sent by Mike. The article would not format for the newsletter, but can be viewed on SignOnSanDiego.com. **Homeowner denied permit to build pool** by Terry Rodgers UNION-TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER February 10, 2006.

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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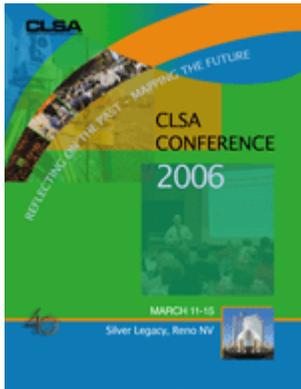
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CLSA CONFERENCE

March 11-15, 2006

The CLSA 2006 Conference is upon us. This year the Conference will be held at Silver Legacy Resort & Casino in Reno, Nevada. We hope we have included all necessary information regarding the conference, however, please feel free to contact the Conference Registration Office at (707) 578-6016 or email us if you have additional questions. For updated conference information, visit us on the web at: http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/reno_2006.html

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We hope you will join us to help celebrate CLSA's 40th Anniversary at the Conference on March 11-15, 2006



DON'T MISS THE ACTION AT THE AUCTION!

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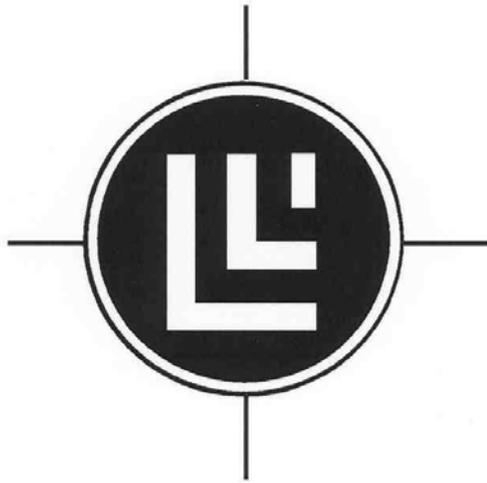
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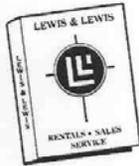
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