

# ***SURVEY NOTES***

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**CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**  
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**Chapter Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 21, 2009**

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Greg Hopkins, P.L.S.**  
**Jeff Strohming, P.E.**

**STATE OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

Greg and Jeff will lead the meeting with an informative session and round table discussion on the state of the City of San Diego Development Services Department.

**Location**  
**Best Western Seven Seas – Lord Jim Room**

411 Hotel Circle South  
San Diego, Ca. 92108  
(619) 291-1300  
6 p.m. Social/Networking  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Program

Please RSVP through our CLSA San Diego Chapter website no later than Thursday, November 13

The website address is <http://www.sd-surveyors.org>.

Please click on the "Dinner Reservations" button and fill in all of your reservation information there.

**If paying with a credit card, please remember to bring in a copy of your receipt for check in.**  
*Those who do not make a reservation cannot be guaranteed a meal.*

## **Dinner - \$26**

### **Western BBQ Buffet:**

Barbecue Beef Ribs, Barbecue Chicken, Corn on the Cob,  
Ranch Style Beans, Creamy Coleslaw, Potato Salad and cornbread.  
Dinner includes Coffee, Tea and Black Forest Cake.  
Price includes tax & tip

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## **EXECUTIVE BOARD YEAR END MINUTES**

December 17, 2008

*The Executive Board did not meet in December.*

*Business was conducted via Email throughout the month to allow time for the holidays.*

### **President's Report – Sean Englert**

- CLSA Conference 2009 (March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 1, 2009), Hilton San Diego Resort Mission Bay, San Diego, CA.
- Congratulations to Michelle Lucinda Thompson, LS 8567 and Steven Edward Strapac, LS 8566. Letters have been mailed inviting them to our January 2009 meeting.
- Paul Cuomo passed away on December 2, 2008. Our condolences go out to his family and friends throughout the surveying community. Emails have been circulated to membership regarding The Paul Cuomo Education Fund. A celebration of Paul's life will take place Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Newport Dunes in Newport Beach, CA.
- Greg Hopkins will be stepping down as Vice President for 2009 due to personal and family reasons, therefore, under Article VI, section 6 of the Chapter Bylaws, the Board approved by majority vote the following: Casey Lynch, Vice President, Justin Pallamary, Treasurer and Blake Torgerson, Secretary. All remaining Executive Board Members and roles will remain the same for 2009 as previously approved by Membership.
- Thank you San Diego Chapter for a great year. It was an honor being Chapter President in 2008!

### **Vice President's Report – Pat McMichael**

- No Report.

### **Treasurer's Report –Greg Hopkins**

**General Fund:           \$13,692.89**  
**Education Fund:       \$16,284.91**

- CD #2 was deposited into the Chapter Checking Account. The Board will make a decision in January as to how funds from CD#2 and CD#1 shall be allocated into higher yielding investments.

### **Secretary's Report – Casey Lynch**

- No Report

### **Education Committee – Mike Hart**

- **LS Review Sub-committee:** The LS Review is under way. Thank you Mike and Jack for all your hard work thus far. Also, thank you to all of the volunteers that have stepped up to help out his year.
- **Education Foundation/Scholarship Sub-committee:** The Paul Cuomo Education Fund has been setup and the Committee is interested in hearing any input from membership about contributing to this fund.
- The awardee of our Cal-Poly Scholarship will be asked to attend our January 2009 meeting and receive the scholarship from our chapter

### **Golf Tournament**

- ***David Johnson is soliciting members to volunteer in organizing next year's tournament!!!!!!!!!!***

### **Membership Committee – Dave Ambler**

- Membership totals are as follows:

Corporate	140
Corporate PE	2
Associate	16
Affiliate	34
Life	6

#### **Legislative Committee-Annie**

- All bills regarding issues supported or not supported by the CLSA have been vetoed by The Governor except for SB 1185 State Regulation Changes Qualifying Tentative and Vesting Tentative Maps.

#### **Nominating Committee-Andy and Sean**

- No Report

#### **JPPC Report-Lonie**

- No report.

#### **Website Committee-Annie**

- **Visa** and **MasterCard** Credit Card payments are now being accepted on our chapter website. If you choose to pay for a meeting via Credit Card on the website please remember to bring a copy of your receipt to the meeting to verify payment. Also please direct any questions or problems to the Website Committee.

#### **Chapter Representatives**

- No Report

#### **New Business**

- Several French students are looking for internships in San Diego County. If anyone is interested their information has been posted on our website.

#### **Old Business**

- Life Memberships

Jeff Safford posed the question whether or not a life time membership would apply to an applicant who has retired and chose to let their license expire rather than pay to have a retired license or keep it active.

## **GENERAL MEETING**

*December 17, 2009*

The November meeting was held at Tom Hamm's Lighthouse-Harbor View Room.

Pat McMichael introduced entertainment, Joel Ward.

The December meeting was a great time to unwind and enjoy the Holidays. The buffet was excellent, cheers to the staff at Tom Hamm's Lighthouse. Joel Ward put on an excellent performance, not only entertaining us with great magic but also involving many throughout the crowd during his show.

Sean and Pat conducted a raffle of great donated items from Servco, Allen Instruments, Lewis and Lewis and Hunsaker and Associates, to name a few. Pat and Sean also presented chapter appreciation awards for those that commit their time to serve our chapter throughout the year.

Sean then gave a farewell speech and handed the gavel off to Pat McMichael, 2009 CLSA San Diego Chapter President.

The Meeting was then adjourned.

Submitted by:

Casey Lynch, PLS  
Secretary

## **Education/Seminars/Workshops**

(Seminar Locations are in San Diego unless otherwise noted)

**SD Chapter CA-Specific Land Survey Exam Review Series** Registration for the CLSA SD Chapter CA-Specific Land Survey Exam Review Series (LSR 2009) will open on Tuesday, 18 November 2009. The review series is composed of 17 sessions and will cover

topics that have historically been found to be pertinent to the LS Exam including statistics, photogrammetry, GPS and geodesy, State Plane Coordinates, Construction, Subdivision Map Act and PLS Act, Public Land Survey System, Boundary, and Legal Descriptions. Also included in the sessions will be discussions regarding test taking strategies, exam preparedness, study habits and plans, and periodic topic review.

The total cost of the 17 sessions is \$150 for confirmed members of any local chapter of CLSA and \$180 for non-members (The \$30 additional fee will then be applied towards membership in the San Diego Chapter). Payment may be made with credit card via the CLSA SD Chapter website (preferred) or at the door (cash or check only). If Credit Card payments are done, please provide a copy of the receipt on the first night. Class materials will be available for download via an ftp site; the address and login information will be provided after payment has been received.

Sessions will be held every Thursday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. PST beginning 04Dec 2008 and concluding on 16Apr 2009 EXCEPT for three days during the holiday period: 18Dec 2008, 25Dec 2008, and 01Jan 2009. The series will be held at the Caltrans D-11 office in Old Town San Diego located at 4050 Taylor Street, San Diego, CA 92110 (Lat 32°45'25" Lon -117°11'55"). Parking at the facility is adequate and free. Registrants are encouraged and should commit to attending ALL sessions. No partial registration is allowed.

**CLSA Conference 2009** Mark Your Calendar!! March 28 - April 1, 2009 Hilton San Diego Resort (Mission Bay)

**48<sup>th</sup> Annual 2009 Geomatics Engineering Conference** Calif State University Fresno. Jan. 22-24 2009. For latest updates and info contact [www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference](http://www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference)

**ACSM, MARLS, UCLS and WFPS conference 2009** Feb 20-23-2009 Salt Lake City, Utah. [conference@wfps.org](mailto:conference@wfps.org) or 707-578-1130.

**Form Based Zoning: An Alternative to Traditional Ordinances** teleconf Jan 13. **The Financial Consultant's Role on Your Construction Projects** teleconf Jan 8. **Wetland Regulation** Jan 8. **Not in My Backyard (NIMBY): Development Resistance** teleconf Jan 21. **Sustainable Development and Land Use: The Future is Here and it is Green** teleconf Feb 13. **Reclamation and Rehabilitation of Vacant Properties** teleconf Feb 18. **CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act** March 12. Contact [www.lorman.com](http://www.lorman.com) or (866) 352-9539.

**Top 12 Land Use Cases and Their Significance Today** teleconf Jan. 6. **Construction and Project Risk Management** teleconf Jan 15. **The Law of Real Estate Titles** teleconf Jan 26. Contact [customerservice@nbi-sems.com](mailto:customerservice@nbi-sems.com) 800-930-6182.

**Trimble 2009 Dimensions** Conference Feb. 23-25 Las Vegas. [2009dimensions@trimble-events.com](mailto:2009dimensions@trimble-events.com) (800) 719-3416

**Cuyamaca College** - Surveying courses taught and organized by Ken Schumaker. Also Surveying Drafting Technology, Boundary Control and Legal Principles. [www.cuyamaca.edu](http://www.cuyamaca.edu) Or 619-668-4040.

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**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)

**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.gisci.org/>

### **CLSA San Diego Survey Student Stipends**

The Stipend program's goals are to: provide funding for local students taking college level survey related classes. 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 must be current members of the San Diego Chapter of CLSA. Licensed Land Surveyors are ineligible. All applications are subject to approval by the executive board. Applicants need to mail in a copy of their grade (of a surveying class) to: CLSA San Diego, 5519 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Mail Box 261, San Diego, California 92117.

#### **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>

### **Announcements**

**Associate Land Surveyor**

Congratulations to John Montes de Oca, PLS who was recently appointed to the position of Associate Land Surveyor with the City of San Diego. For several years, John has worked admirably in the Development Services Dept as a Map Checker after being employed as a Surveyor for many years with the City of Chula Vista. John is very knowledgeable, easy going, has a good heart and kind nature, and will do well.

## **Victory in Burke v. California Coastal Commission**

December 01, 2008

Today, the California Court of Appeal held, [in a published opinion](#), that the California Coastal Commission lacked jurisdiction to deny a permit for a bluff boundary and safety fence erected long ago at the bottom of the bluffs at Torrance Beach. The fence was originally built at the base of the bluffs after several people died while trying to climb the unstable bluff faces. In 1988, the property owners entered into a settlement with the State under which the owners agreed to grant the public use of the sandy area at the toe of the bluff in return for the right to keep the fence to mark a new boundary between private and public property. Although the Fence had been in existence before the Coastal Commission was created, it never objected to the fence until 2005, at which time it demanded the owners apply for a permit. When they did, the Commission denied the permit. In today's opinion, the Court of Appeals held that the Commission never had jurisdiction to demand or deny a permit application because the fence was an integral part of the 1988 Settlement between the State and property owners and therefore outside the Commission's control.

Pallamary footnote: Fifth Amendment, United States Constitution:

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

( editors note ) - thanks to Mike Pallamary for this news. See attached PDF file for the Courts Disposition.

## **Sad news about a local Surveyor, Dale Landsberry**

I thought that I should pass along that one of our long time local surveyors has left us. Dale was a great guy, a talented surveyor and I am proud to have known him. He leaves behind his son Chad who is also a respected Land Surveyor in the town of Fallbrook. Our prayers go out to Chad and his family.

Jim Eyerman, PLS  
Eyerman Land Surveying Inc.

## **Paul Cuomo Memoriams**

Season's Greetings to all,

My name is Tony Cuomo. I am a Professional Land Surveyor in Southern California, and I am the oldest son of Paul Cuomo. I'm writing this message for two specific reasons.

Rich Lopez, our CLSA chapter newsletter editor has provided you with our flyer introducing the Paul Cuomo Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Cuomo Family greatly appreciates the efforts of the chapter in putting this idea together. We would especially like to thank Rich for working with us in getting the word out, and also the efforts of Chapter President Mike Simons for spearheading the idea and getting it off the drawing board and into reality.

As many of you are aware, my father's impact on the education of land surveyors has been tremendous over the last thirty years. As Mike said to me the other day, it's fair to say that my father's contributions have effected an entire generation of surveyors, not just here in California, but across the western United States. Thousands of men and woman have taken classes, seminars, and workshops taught directly by my father, either at a local Junior College course, at an event sponsored by a local C.L.S.A. Chapter, or at one run through Pacific Land Seminars.

I realize that hard times have hit our industry, and that money is tight. For this reason, we greatly appreciate your assistance in passing on the memorial scholarship fund information to your local organizations. The more people we reach with this information, the bigger the chance that we will achieve our goal in creating a lasting endowment that will insure scholarships in my father's name for decades to come.

Secondly, it was my father's express wish that upon his death we not grieve his passing but **celebrate his life**. My family has decided to do just that. Among the information you distribute to your members, please include that on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be throwing a party of sorts, a memorial celebration held in honor of my father's many triumphs and achievements. It will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at "The Newport Dunes", in Newport Beach, CA. Please encourage your members to get all the details and to RSVP through our website, [www.paulcuomo.com](http://www.paulcuomo.com)

My family and I sincerely thank you in advance for getting the word out about the scholarship fund and also about our memorial celebration. If any of you do get the opportunity to attend the celebration, please find the time to introduce yourself to me so I get the opportunity to thank you in person.

Best Wishes, Tony Cuomo, PLS 6042 and the Cuomo Family

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Greetings All,

My name is Rich Lopez and I am the newsletter editor for the Orange County Chapter of the CLSA. As you may know last Tuesday we lost one of our own, Mr. Paul Anthony Cuomo, LS 4136. After a courageous struggle, Paul passed away peaceful with his family by our side.

Paul was a well known surveyor throughout the state of California and had mentored, and touched many lives throughout his career.

As we all know, Paul was a big advocate for Land Surveying Education, so in his honor Tony and Tom Cuomo have set up a "Paul Cuomo Memorial Scholarship Fund" through the Orange County Chapter. This fund will help further the educational opportunities for our future surveyors.

I am forwarding all of you the flier for the scholarship fund in hopes that you can distribute it amongst your members to get the word out to those who may want to contribute to it.

Thank you for your time and may you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, **Richard J. Lopez** - *L.S.I.T.* Newsletter Editor, CLSA Orange County Chapter

### [THE PAUL CUOMO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND](#)



"The Paul Cuomo Memorial Scholarship Fund" has been established through the CLSA Orange County Chapter to further the educational opportunities for individuals pursuing a career in Land Surveying.

The funds will be utilized for educational programs and various scholarships as determined by the Cuomo Family in conjunction with the Orange County Chapter.

It is a depository of gifts and donations made in the name of Paul Cuomo. Anybody can contribute and any size gift is accepted and appreciated. The scholarship foundation is non-profit and all gifts and contributions are 100% tax deductible.\*

Please make checks payable to:  
"Paul Cuomo Memorial Scholarship Fund"  
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2832 Tigertail Drive  
Rossmoor, CA 90720  
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If you have questions or need additional information please contact Tony or Rachele Cuomo at [tony@pacificland.com](mailto:tony@pacificland.com), [rachele@pacificland.com](mailto:rachele@pacificland.com) or 562/795-1790.

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Please let everyone know that they should feel free to do whatever they would like to do to honor Paul's memory. The family understands that some folks might want to make their own contributions or develop a scholarship as they see fit. Please do not let this

effort compromise those plans. CLSA chapters might want to offer a scholarship independent of this effort. To be quite frank, it would be wonderful if there are many scholarships offered in Paul's name.

On behalf of the family, thank you for your thoughts and prayers. They are grateful for all they have been blessed with. If you are inclined, you can post additional thoughts on the CLSA forum at:  
<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/clsaforum/showthread.php?t=2485>

Paulie will be missed.

I hope you can join me and Paul Cuomo's family in remembering him. He was my closest friend and he was one who gave a great deal to the profession. I miss him dearly as do many others. I hope you can join us.

If you cannot make it, it sure would be great to honor Paul by making a contribution to his endowment fund. We would like him to be remembered. Needless to say, you can do both.

I have attached one of my favorite pictures. We were celebrating a brunch with Peg and Paul last fall before he started to get ill. The gals all smooched him. You should recognize Maureen in the back. The details are at:

[http://www.paulcuomo.com/html/memorial\\_event.html](http://www.paulcuomo.com/html/memorial_event.html)

- Mike Pallamary



## [The Paul Cuomo Memorial Educational Fund](#)

The Paul Cuomo Memorial Educational Fund is a depository of gifts and donations made in the name of Paul Cuomo. Only the interest earned will be used to fund educational programs and scholarships as determined by the Cuomo family or others as determined by the Cuomo family. The principal will remain in an interest earning account and will not be used. Anybody can contribute and any size gift is accepted. You can make other donations such as:



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- Memorial donations to recognize individuals who have passed away.
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[Donations made through the next five years will be matched dollar for dollar.](#)

Please make your check payable to:

"California State University Fresno"

Add note: "Paul Cuomo Memorial Educational Fund"

Please mail your checks to:

Tony Cuomo  
2832 Tigertail Dr.  
Rossmoor, CA 90720

Please visit [www.paulcuomo.com](http://www.paulcuomo.com) for additional information.

**Thank you for remembering Paul and his contributions to the surveying community.**



## **Employment**

**Employment sought** I'm very much interested in working as a land surveyor in the US. I'm a qualified engineer with 5 years experience in land surveying but also civil engineering. I know English perfectly. I worked for an American company Intermap for some time doing assigned tasks in Europe.

Could you let me know if any position suitable for me comes up?

Regards Pawel Debowski +48503997913 +353862521830 [pawel.biuro@interia.pl](mailto:pawel.biuro@interia.pl)

## **Newsletter**

Members are encouraged to receive email newsletters. Request an email copy only: [48wake@cox.net](mailto:48wake@cox.net)

Articles are encouraged for publication in the newsletter. Newsletter is distributed by the first Wed of the month. Send reports and articles to Allan Wake by the last Saturday of the month. Email to [48wake@cox.net](mailto:48wake@cox.net)

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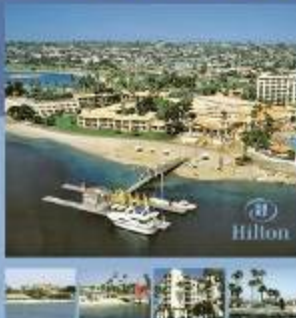
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# CLSA CONFERENCE 2009

March 28 - April 1



**Hilton San Diego Resort**  
(Mirrion Bay), San Diego, CA



Hotel Information:  
**Hilton San Diego Resort**  
Reservations: (800) 445-8667  
Cut-Off Date: February 25th  
Room Rate: \$159  
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### Featured Speakers Include:

- Mike Durkee, Esq.
- Gary Kent, PLS
- Dennis Moulard, PLS
- Steve Parrish, PLS
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from Professional Surveyor  
Magazine (Janet Jackson, GISP  
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