

# ***SURVEY NOTES***

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**CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER**  
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## ***Chapter Meeting*** **Friday, June 19**

### ***Padres Game***

**World Famous Texas Style BBQ provided by  
James Yaccino prior to the game.**

Our local chapter would like to invite everyone and their guests out for an evening at Petco Park downtown as the Padres take on the Oakland A's. James Yaccino has once again graciously offered to provide his famous Texas style BBQ prior to the game. We will be tailgating at the Petco tailgate lot. We would like to get a commitment from those of you who want to attend the game, as we need to buy the tickets in advance to receive group discount pricing. Reservations will be taken until June 15th.

### ***BBQ Location Game Location***

#### **Petco Tailgate Lot Petco Park**

**B2 - Tailgate Park Surface Lot 100 Park Blvd**  
Between 12th Avenue & 14th Street - and - San Diego, CA 92101  
K Street and Imperial Avenue 7:00 start of game  
San Diego, CA 92101  
5:30-6:30 p.m. (BBQ & Drinks)

Please RSVP through our CLSA San Diego Chapter website no later than Monday, June 15. Please indicate if you will be attending the BBQ, Game, or Both. 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.

*Those who do not make a reservation cannot be guaranteed a meal or ticket.*

#### ***BBQ AND TICKET TO THE GAME (per person) - \$24***

*Ticket to Game only (per person) - \$15*

*BBQ Only (per person) - \$12*

\*Tickets will be distributed at the tailgate lot

## **Executive Board Meeting**

May 20, 2009

Held at Giovanni's Restaurant

### **Board Members Present**

Pat McMichael, President  
Casey Lynch, Vice President  
Justin Pallamary, Treasurer  
Andy Karydes, Representative  
David Ambler, Representative  
David Viera, Alternate Representative

### **Other Committee Members Present**

Jack Gechter  
John Butcher  
David Johnson

### **Review and approval of previous minutes –**

- Amendment to last month's meeting minutes: Dave Ambler was in attendance.
- **MOTION** to approve made by Pat McMichael, Seconded and motion carried.

### **Presidents Report – Pat**

- CLSA Conference was a success!
- Chapter calendar-The board received a revised Chapter calendar, the calendar was amended to include the potential date for our Chapter Golf Tournament.
- Committee positions-tabled.
- LA County Surveyor-LA Chapter is asking all CLSA Chapters to remain patient while they work out the legal requirements at issue.
- Interest Surveys are being evaluated and those that have interests will be contacted by the membership committee chairperson. **We had 8% of the membership respond with interest in participating in Chapter functions or committees.**
- During the July board meeting the board will be hearing interest about forming a GIS Subcommittee.

### **Vice Presidents Report – Casey**

- **June:** Padre Game and Famous James Yaccino BBQ, Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **July:** Pat Tami, PLS "How not to be contacted by the Board and Question and Answers"
- **August:** Surveying Educator Honor Night for Ken Schumacher and Vance Breshears
- **September:** Joint Meeting with Orange County Chapter
- **October:** Introduction to the BLM Manual with Mike Hart, PLS, CFEDS.
- **November:** TBD
- **December:** Holiday Party

### **Treasurer's Report – Justin**

- General Fund: \$ **No Report** Education Fund: \$ **No Report**
- The Education CD's are now invested in a 1 year CD and a 2 year CD

### **Secretary's Report – Blake**

- No Report

### **Education Committee – Mike**

#### **LS Review Subcommittee – Mike/Jack**

- Looking forward to decompression session and feedback from all attending examinees.

#### **Education Foundation \ Scholarship Subcommittee – Tony \ Andy**

- A biography of Dana Sequin is being sent to the State CLSA Scholarship Committee for the benefit of those receiving the scholarship.
- Jack Getcher will be preparing a biography for Vance Breshears to also be sent to the State CLSA Scholarship Committee.

#### **Community college report – David Paul, Jaime, John Butcher**

- John Butcher reported that Cuyamacca College is currently preparing a grant for a trade surveying trade school for chainmen. The trade school would offer certificates for those graduating.
- Working on requesting a scholarship from CLSA
- Fall classes include Boundary Control and Legal Principles and AutoCAD 2009 with the emphasis on field to finish using sponsored Carlson Software.

- The program received an S6 fully robotic total station and 2 GPS systems from Trimble and also given a cellular GPS system.
- Received donations from Trimble, Allen Instruments, Servco, Rick Engineering, Dodds Land Surveying and RBF Consultants.

#### **Annual Golf Tournament**

- **Save the Date: September 11, 2009**
- **Look for new "Economic Stimulus Pricing" to keep our tournament alive and support our scholarships.**
- **MOTION** made Casey Lynch to approve up to allocate up to \$1000 for Golf Tournament deposits, Seconded and Motion carried.

#### **Membership Committee – Dave/Dave**

- Invoice status: 142 members paid to date.
- Membership invoicing is closed as of June 1, 2009.
- Please remember to never respond to Meghan, there is an issue please contact a board member or representative.
- Expense budget for coordinating with Meghan

#### **Legislative Committee – Anne**

- No Report

#### **JPPC Report – Lonie**

- Report sent via email: 1 new case and closed 3 of the current 5 cases

#### **Website Committee – Annie**

- Report sent via email: Guy is working a new FTP site for the LS Review Course, with 2 security levels, one for instructors and one for students. There will be no impact to our monthly cost, but a setup fee will be incurred.

#### **Workshop Committee – Don Woolley**

- No Report

#### **Chapter Reps – Andy, Marv, Don, Dave A., Anne**

- See a Chapter Representative if you have interest in the State Meetings.
- Discussion occurred regarding the topic of adding the State Meeting Minutes to our website or having them on the FTP site for review.

#### **New Business**

##### **Old/Unfinished Business**

- City of SD monument preservation
- Board to review proposed language for life time membership language addition to bylaws.
- Student subsidized meetings, student night, LSIT night

Oceanside monumentation policy

### **Education/Seminars/Workshops**

***(Seminar Locations are in San Diego unless otherwise noted)***

**Current Issues in Cell Tower Regulation and Zoning Rules** teleconf June 11. **Surface Parking Lots Development and Design** teleconf July 21. **Not in My Backyard (NIMBY): Overcoming Development Resistance** teleconf July 28. Contact [www.lorman.com](http://www.lorman.com) or (866) 352-9539.

**Helpful Tips for Intersection Design** June 12. **Road Rehabilitation: A Real Project Demonstration** July 24. For more info on these Autodesk web-casts contact <http://www.autodesk.com/roadswebcast1>.

**NGS Digital Leveling Workshops** Irvine Oct. 27-29. Limited class size. Contact Geodetic Advisor, Marti Ikehara [Marti.Ikehara@noaa.gov](mailto:Marti.Ikehara@noaa.gov)

**ESRI Survey and Engineering GIS Summit** July 11-14. Contact [www.esri.com/segsummit](http://www.esri.com/segsummit)

**49<sup>th</sup> Annual Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference** Jan 28-30 2010. Contact [www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference](http://www.csufresno.edu/geomatics/conference)

**Cuyamaca College** - Beginning and advanced Survey Classes, including Surveying CADD, 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>

### **Employment**

#### **Assistant Surveying Supervisor**

East Bay Municipal Utility District's Construction Division, part of the Engineering and Construction Department, (serving Alameda and Contra Costa counties) is seeking a highly qualified individual with exceptional technical, interpersonal and communication skills. Salary \$93,528 to \$108,276 Application materials due by 4:30 p.m., Friday, June 5, 2009. Apply on-line at [www.EBMUD.com](http://www.EBMUD.com)

### **Announcements**

## **California Land Surveyors Association**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Held on Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Oakland Airport, CA

Report by and in attendance from the San Diego Chapter:  
Dave Ambler, Anne Hoppe, Don Woolley, Gary Hus, Dave Viera

Note: This report covers items not included with the meeting Agenda with Addendum. If you would like a PDF copy of the Agenda with Addendum, please contact one of your Chapter Representatives.

**Approval of Minutes**, *February 7, 2009 Board of Directors meeting*

*Minutes approved*

**President's Report**

*President Matt Vernon reported:*

- *All Chapters were asked to review CLSA's "Strategic Plan" and report back with comments by June 1, 2009.*
- *Past CLSA President Bob Hart is ill with a yet to be diagnosed condition. A card, signed by all in attendance, will be sent to Bob with all of our best wishes.*
- *Past California Surveyor Editor Phil Danskin's son recently passed away. A card offering condolences and signed by all in attendance will be sent to Phil.*

### **President-Elect's Report**

*Aaron Smith reported that he also attended the 2009 NALS Conference.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

*Frank Lehmann noted a few corrections that will be made to his written report; which will be included in the Board Meeting Minutes. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual report did not include proceeds from the CLSA Conference.*

### **Executive Director's Report**

*Dorothy Calegari reported:*

- *The Directors were asked to review CLSA's "Who's Who" list.*
- *The deadline for the Agenda Addendum will no longer be extended. Dorothy asked that those providing reports for the Agenda to try to keep them relatively short with minimal duplication of items from other reports.*
- *Dorothy asked that reports be provided as "Word" docs whenever possible.*

### **Central Office Report**

*Chrissie Wilson reported:*

- *The new CLSA website is close to completion. Members are encouraged to forward suggestions.*  
*The CLSA website Forum includes a new "Employment Hotline".*

### **Report on Executive Committee Meeting(s)/Actions - Secretary**

*Bill Hofferber reported:*

- *There will be a Scouting Jamboree July 26 through August 4.*
- *The Executive Committee has approved a draft letter outlying CLSA's concerns with the Los Angeles County Director of Public Works (a pre-1982 RCE) being the County Surveyor. The letter will be sent to all chapters.*
- *CLSA would like to lesson the burden on the Executive Committee with regards to spending and investment. A motion carried to obtain proposals from 2 investment firms.*

### **Bylaws Committee**

*The committee is asking that all chapters send a copy of their current bylaws if there has been a change within the last 2 years. Please include the date of the chapter's adoption.*

### **Nominating Committee**

*The Board approved the slate of officers for the year 2010 as follows:*

*President Elect - William Hofferber (Riverside/San Bernardino Chapter)  
Secretary - Frank Lehmann (Cascade Chapter)  
Treasurer - Thomas A. Taylor (East Bay Chapter)*

### **Education Foundation**

*Chairman Steve Martin requested donations for future CLSA conferences.*

### **Workshop Committee – Armand Marois**

- *A motion carried to grant a one time budget line item of \$1,000.00 for travel expenses for the members of the committee.*
- *A Condominium Discussion Panel workshop is unlikely due to lack of interest. A workshop covering Railroad Surveys might happen in September or October. The Committee might look into a workshop covering the recently updated BLM Manual.*

### **LS Exam Guide**

*A new Exam Guide is now available on the CLSA website members only section.*

### **OIT Liason**

*There will be a meeting on May 8.*

### **Public Awareness Committee.**

*This new committee, chaired by Frank Lehmann, is looking for members.*

### **Legislative Committee – Tom Taylor**

- *The Board held a straw vote disapproving proposed legislation that would require a Parcel Map **without a deed** for a Lot Line Adjustment.*

*The Board briefly discussed a proposed addition to the "LS Act" portion of the Business and Professions Code that would include a definition of the County Surveyor (currently included in the Government Code).*

### **Professional Practices Committee**

- *The Board approved a request for \$2000.00 for the publication of Right of Entry Informational Sheet for Land Surveyors.*
- *The committee is soliciting examples of Monumentation Preservation provisions used on plans, specifications and estimates.*

### **WFPS**

*The next meeting will be in June at Sparks Nevada.*

### **CSRC Liason – Steve Martin, Liason**

*Steve noted that the spring meeting will be held in San Diego. RSVP via email.*

### **CEAC Liason**

*The County Engineer's Association of California has revised their "Guide to the Preparation of Records of Survey and Corner Records".*

### **Publications Cal Surveyor – John Wilusz, Editor**

*John asked if committee chairs could provide input.*

### **2010 Conference Committee Report**

*Dorothy Calegari reported that the 2010 conference is scheduled for February 27 through March 3 at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada.*

### **New Business**

A motion carried to allow the Bylaws Committee to review a Student Chapter Application for Santiago Canyon College.

**Next Board Meeting**

July 25, 2009 in Oakland.

- thanks to Dave Viera for compiling the notes for the State Board meeting

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**CLSA ANGELS NIGHT  
FRIDAY NIGHT – JUNE 12, 2009  
ANGELS vs. SAN DIEGO PADRES**



I wanted to extend an invitation to our Angels Night. The game is with the Padres. I hope your members can attend. This is also a joint activity with the Riverside/San Bernardino chapter.

Thanks,  
David Hill  
President, CLSA Orange County Chapter

**FEATURING**

**THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL “JOEY TRAPS TRI TIP BBQ TAILGATE PARTY”**

TIME: Tailgate Party approximately 5:30 PM / Game Time 7:05 PM

Cost: \$25.00 per Ticket

Includes Ticket and all-you-can-eat / drink BBQ (Tri-tip, Chicken, Hot dogs, peanuts).

To reserve your tickets call or e-mail Joe Padilla at (714) 875-8079, [jpadillapls@yahoo.com](mailto:jpadillapls@yahoo.com)

Tickets will be distributed when payment is received.

This event sells out every year, don't be left out and get your order & payment in early!!!!

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April 27, 2009

Los Angeles Chapter, CLSA  
c/o Diane Wells, President  
2230 Hartford Avenue  
Fullerton, CA 92831

Dear Diane:

The Land surveying profession has faced many issues over the years on the federal, state and local levels. California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA), formed in 1966, has been assisting California Surveyors face these tough issues for more than 40 years. CLSA continues this tradition by addressing issues currently important to our members and the profession. Our role and approach to solving these challenges can vary greatly, depending on the particular issue. Sometimes the role is protective by working to enact new legislation or revise existing laws. Other times the course is one of education and outreach. There are occasions when our role includes a more proactive approach by initiating direct discussion with the stakeholders to negotiate meaningful solutions.

The Los Angeles Chapter recently brought an issue to light regarding the position of the County Surveyor in Los Angeles County. Los Angeles is a Chartered County that has consolidated the duties of the County Surveyors Office, among other offices, under the Public Works Director in conformance with Section 24304 of the Government Code. Historically, the Director has been a Licensed Civil Engineer authorized to practice land surveying (pre 1982). Recently, the County hired a new Public Works Director. The new Director is a Civil Engineer licensed post 1982 and, therefore, not authorized to practice land surveying.

On the face this issue and, the solution might seem quite simple. The County Surveyor needs to be a licensed Land Surveyor or Civil Engineer authorized to practice land surveying according to the provisions of the California Land Surveyors Act. Our initial research and interpretation of the government code indicates the issue is much more diverse and complex than it appears on the face. This is both a practice act and a title act issue.

CLSA has made this issue a priority on our agenda. With fifty-eight (58) Counties in California, the issue may be more widespread than was realized. This is not a local issue, but a statewide concern. While there are currently only a few Counties in this situation, there are many more that will face the same situation in the near future.

In a letter to all CLSA Chapters, I indicated that CLSA is taking steps to determine the full scope of the issue and the appropriate measures required to address it. I also asked that no action be taken by the Chapters until such time that a unified and appropriate course of action be determined. This letter is to update our members on the steps we are taking to address this issue.



Our first step was to identify how widespread the issue may be. We have compiled a list of Counties with the name and title of their respective County Surveyors. There are still a few Counties where the information has not been confirmed, however, what we are seeing is approximately five Counties where a post 1982 Engineer holds the Title of County Surveyor. Three of those have Deputy County Surveyors identified that are Licensed Land Surveyors. A pre-1982 Engineer holds the title in another nine Counties.

We contacted the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to request clarification on several issues specific to Los Angeles County and the consolidated title issue. The Board responded with a detailed letter that addressed each question. To summarize, it stated that although the County may consolidate the County Surveyor title, any individual acting in the capacity of the County Surveyor must be licensed as a professional Land Surveyor or specifically exempted and authorized to practice land surveying to be in conformance with the requirements of the California Professional Land Surveyors Act (LSA) and the Business & Professions Code (B&P). Although the Board response letter is quite clear, there is a question as to whether the County Charter or State statute takes precedence here. Therefore, CLSA is currently requesting further clarification from the Board as to the seniority, should a conflict exist between a Chartered County and State statute.

We have directed the CLSA Legislative Committee to research the specific role of a Deputy County Surveyor that is authorized by the LSA and B&P. We have also asked the Committee to research and identify methods to strengthen and clarify existing legislation or to propose new legislation to address the County Surveyor's title issue.

When we are confident we have gathered all the information and completed our research, I intend to open direct communication with the County of Los Angeles and work toward resolution of this important issue. I also anticipate opening a dialog with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC). It is apparent that we need to communicate to our County Supervisors, the public value of the County Surveyor. This dialog would provide educational opportunities and outreach to County Supervisors throughout the state on the valuable public protection the County Surveyor provides.

The good news is, this issue can be solved. Some Counties have actually come to the same conclusion and done the right thing by separating the title of County Surveyor and appointing a Professional Land Surveyor to hold the Office. We are methodically moving forward and I appreciate all the efforts and contributions of our members.

Sincerely,



Matthew J. Vernon, PLS  
President

CC: CLSA Chapter Presidents

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### ***2.5 Mile Error??? of the Four Corners Monument Update***

The award winning Sacramento Area Chapter June newsletter *Focal Point* (contact [focalpointeditor@gmail.com](mailto:focalpointeditor@gmail.com)) notes in an article *Four Corners* by William Stone, NGS, that "Recent media reports incorrectly stated that the location of the Four Corners survey monument – marking the point common to Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah – is in error by 2.5 miles." The article concludes that "instead of a 2.5-mile discrepancy, as reported in the initial news items, this offset is in fact only about 1800 feet, or less ..... and regardless of the technical nuances, we can confidently say that, considering the relatively primitive surveying technology of the day, the remote and difficult prevailing field conditions, and uncertainty in the survey's beginning coordinates for Ship Rock, Chandler Robbins' survey was a resounding success. He "nailed" the location of the Four Corners, to the best of his ability, using the tools and information available to him at the time."

Also is this update from Bill Stone of NGS:

I am Marti's counterpart in New Mexico, and I am taking the liberty of writing to you directly at this time because Marti is out of her office for several days.

I've just noticed that the May, 2009, issue of "Survey Notes" contains a brief item regarding recent reports about an error in the location of the Four Corners monument (where AZ, CO, NM, and UT) intersect. This brief item is based on numerous media reports (print, online, and broadcast) that contain several errors - technical and historical.

NGS has posted - on the NGS Web site - a document that attempts to promulgate the true story about the Four Corners monument.

Please take a look here: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/INFO/fourcorners.shtml> for this write-up. Our homepage is: <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov>.

Feel free to write back if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks very much for your assistance.

best regards, Bill Stone – NGS

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### Turko File on Surveyor's Right to Enter

– in from Justin Pallamary: Thought you would all be interested in this "Turko File", that was aired on TV last night, 6-8-09. I actually visited Mr. Turko's office first thing this morning, and gave him over 2 dozen of the pamphlets that CLSA has put together, stating the codes, as benefited to the property owners and their rights, as well as the Surveyor's Rights. (will see if they do a correction on their episode, or at least help clear up any confusion). Anyways, keep an eye out for it, as I wanted to make sure Mr. Turko is aware of the laws that govern us, and protecting the public. See - <http://www.kusi.com/features/turko/47276342.html>



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