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Chapter Meeting

April 21, 2010

featuring

Robert Reese

Originally raised in upstate New York and schooled in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and having spent a year as an exchange student to an English public school in Surrey, Robert Reese started his surveying career in Colorado in 1983, when he graduated from the Advanced Surveying Curriculum at the Brinker School of Surveying, Denver Institute of Technology. Also in 1983, he was admitted to the Alpha Beta Kappa Honors Society, Colorado Alpha Chapter. Afterwards, he entered private practice with a local Colorado engineering company.

In 1984, Robert moved to California and began employment with a San Luis Obispo County engineering and surveying firm as a field surveyor, the same year he first joined the Central Coast Chapter of CLSA. In 1989, he earned his California license as Professional Land Surveyor 6208 and in 1990 became chief of surveys of his company.

*In 1998, Reese started his present business enterprise, **REESE Water & Land Surveying Services**, to fulfill a long-time desire to develop hydrographic and bathymetric surveying capabilities. In a solo capacity, he provides conventional and GPS control and engineering design surveys for engineering firms and agencies; contract field services for other surveyors; consulting expert, expert witness and forensic surveying services for attorneys; and various hydrographic services for a broad clientele, such as bathymetry, reservoir volumetric computations, sidescan imaging, with underwater inspection and imaging capabilities using a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV). As well, Robert continues to provide boundary surveying and consulting on various private projects.*

Mr. Reese's involvement with CLSA has included Central Coast Chapter Board Representative (1994-1999); Chapter President and Chapter Professional Practices Committee Chair (1994); Board Representative to the Association Executive Committee (1995, 1997, 1998-2000); Association Officer (2003-2007); Advanced Technologies Committee Chair (1998-1999, 2004-2005). Robert's current involvement with the Association is Professional Practices Committee Chair (2008-2010).

Robert and his wife Sharon reside in San Luis Obispo, where his office is. His son Eli and grandsons Ezra and Tyler live in nearby.

Topic

MONUMENTATION CONSERVATION

With the attrition rate of important surveying monumentation accelerating due to infrastructure replacement and installation, development and just simple ignorance, the discussion will surround anecdotal recounts of destruction and attempts (successful or not) to implement survey monument conservation measures outlined in the Land Surveyors Act §8771.

Also, discussion will cover current plans by the CLSA Professional Practices Committee to prepare informational handouts for use by the land surveying community, to help inform those who have a need to know about and support monument conservation, and those who have a duty to provide and implement monument conservation practices (project owners, public agencies, entities).

Location



Phil's BBQ and Event Center
3740 Sports Arena Blvd. suite 10
San Diego, CA 92110
619.814.0056
6 p.m. Social/Networking
6:30 p.m. Dinner
6:45 p.m. Program

Please RSVP through our CLSA San Diego Chapter website no later than
Thursday, April 15th

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

LSIT or Surveying Student - \$15

BBQ

**Best of Both – Baby Back Ribs & Chicken, Appetizer – Caesar Salad, Small Sides Fresh Cut Fries,
Sweet Baked Beans,
Fresh Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Macaroni Salad
Dessert – Brownies
Drinks – Ice Tea and Lemonade Station
Cash Bar – Full Bar**

Board Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010

Meeting held at Best Western Seven Seas, Mission Valley

Board and committee members present:

*Casey Lynch, President
Justin Pallamary, Vice President
Blake Torgersen, Treasurer
Paul Goebel, Secretary
Pat McMichael
David Johnson
Andy Karydes
Karen Koklich
Dave Ambler*

Casey opened the meeting at 5:10pm

Casey MOTIONED to approve the minutes, with several minor changes. SECONDED. Motion PASSED

Presidents Report – Casey

- Oceanside Survey Manual We have a liaison Committee, should contact Scott Smith.
- BLM Manual is shipping out.
- Weil & Drage Letter Dated March 12, 2010 regarding professional liability court of appeals decision. No vote or action.
- Send letter about Bylaws changes to general membership. They need 2 week notice.

Vice President's Report – Justin

Speakers will be:

- April-Robert Reese at Phil's Barbeque.
- May-LS Exam Decompression Session might be at the Boll Weevil
- Maybe Baseball game in June or July.
- Possibility of speaker on topic of OSHA or Prevailing wages.

Treasurer's Report – Blake

- General Fund: \$8936.76 Education Fund: \$10,932, CD's #1 – \$16,601.26, #2 -\$33,202.53
- Will send out notices to those members past due on fees in Mid April.
- Motion to approve an education stipend for Dan Mcgrath. SECONDED, PASSED.
- CDs may be available with higher rates next time if we agree to an 18 month term.

Secretary's Report – Paul

- No report.

Education Committee – Dave Johnson

- Ad Hoc education committee will meet, but no time has been set yet.
- Golf tournament will be at Meadow Lake course
- Probably on a Friday, end of September or early October.
- Requests have been made for hot food.
- Dave will have a draft flyer by next meeting.

GIS Committee – Karen Koklich

- Mike Binge has joined the committee
- ESRI conference will have a CLSA booth, and we should staff it with chapter volunteers.

Membership Committee – Dave/Blake

- Committee should produce a list of members who are not current on payments for board members to call by phone.
- Membership has declined and we are at risk of losing reps at the state level.

Nominating Committee – Andy

- Recruiting effort is underway. Pat McMichael has joined the committee.

Legislative Committee – Anne

- Will meet next week.
- Meeting April 3 regarding proposed AB/SB list.

JPPC Report

- Will meet next week.

Website Committee – Annie

- No report

Chapter Reps –Dave A.

- Anne's seat is open for May

New Business

- Mt. Diablo historical society will make us an affiliate member.

Old/Unfinished Business

None.

MOTION to ADJOURN at 6:16pm

Respectfully submitted by Paul Goebel

General Meeting

March 15, 2010

Casey Lynch opened the meeting at 6:35pm and reviewed the executive meeting.

Justin Pallamary introduced evening topic, "Committee Night"

Several speakers spoke briefly about Committees.

Karen Koklich (GIS Committee)

- Introduced the relatively new committee, and members.
- Spoke about goals and interests of the committee chair.

Mike Butcher, Dave Ambler (Various Committees)

- JPCC general introduction and discussion.
- Legislative Committee history and discussion.

David Paul Johnson (Education Committee)

- Brief history of scholarships, etc.
- Current Involvement with local colleges.
- LS review.

Several questions were taken by the speakers during and after the presentation.

Following the presentation, raffle prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned.

Education/Seminars/Workshops

ScanStation C10 & Cyclone Road Show April 20 Orange County, April 21 San Diego, April 30 Las Vegas. Contact Cori Vernam at 800-938-0606 or coriv@servco1.com

FEMA's Critical Flood Plain Regulation teleconf April 16. **Air Rights in Development: Current Trends and Legal Concerns** teleconf April 19. **A Guide to Hybrid Coding** teleconf April 30. **A Primer on Right-of-Way** teleconf May 10. **Construction Lien Law** May 19 San Diego, June 25 Las Vegas. **Understanding the Development Approval Process** teleconf May 19. **Documentation and Proof of Construction Delay** teleconf May 21. **Public Contracts and Procurement** Santa Ana July 16. **Regulations Zoning Variances: Nonconforming Uses and Structures** webinar. **Infill Development Fundamentals** webinar. Discounts for multiple registrations. www.lorman.com (866) 352-9539.

Autodesk Virtual Event Roads and Highways, April 19. www.autodesk.com/roadsopportunity

Introduction to Digital Imaging webinar April 13 <http://www.microsoft.com/ultracam/en-us/WebEvents.aspx> **Basics in 3D Laser Scanning** webinar April 27 <http://www.advancingmeasurement.com/content/BasicsofLaserScanning> **Improving Road & Highway Design Workflows** webinar May 13 <http://usa.autodesk.com/adsk/servlet/oc/offer/form?siteID=123112&id=14506358>

ACSM/APLS Conference April 24-28, Phoenix. <http://www.acsm.net/conference.html>

Geospatial Infrastructure Solutions Conference April 25-29 Phoenix . <http://www.myrobust.com/websites/gita2010/index.php?p=2>

ASPRS Conference Opportunities for Emerging Geospatial Technologies. April 26-30 San Diego.
<http://www.asprs.org/SanDiego2010/index.html>

ESRI Conference July 12-16 San Diego. <http://www.esri.com/events/uc/>

Cuyamaca College - Cuyamaca College offers an Associate of Science in Surveying that includes courses in Plane Surveying and Advanced Surveying, using equipment used in the field today, Survey Drafting Technology, and Boundary Control and Legal Principles. Other requirements for the degree include Engineering Graphics, Trigonometry, Introductory Physics, and courses to fulfill general education. Instructors are all practicing and licensed professionals.

For additional information please contact Dr. Cyrus Saghafi at cyrus.saghafi@gcccd.edu or 619-660-4243..

College of the Canyons - Associate in Science Degree and Certificate of Achievement: Land Surveying. Contact www.canyons.edu or 661-362-3300.

Geospatial Analysis and Technology – Seminars, courses and software training. www.UCRExtension.net/geo 951-827-4105.

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

Santiago Canyon College Surveying and Mapping Program Associate degree and LSIT review certificate.
<http://www.sccollege.edu/Departments/CareerEd/Survey/Pages/SurveyDegreePrograms.aspx>

Rio Hondo College Surveying Mapping & Drawing Certificate of Achievement. Also offers a GIS program.
<http://www.riohondo.edu/>

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

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Dear CLSA Education Foundation,

Thank you for the generous scholarship I received from you at the 49th Annual Fresno State Geomatics Engineering Conference. I was very appreciative to learn that I was selected as the recipient of the Curtis M. Brown Memorial Scholarship. I was honored and privileged to receive this award as a part of Curtis M. Brown's legacy. The financial assistance you provided will be of great help to me in paying my educational expenses and allow me to concentrate more of my time on studying.

I also want to thank you for your generous donations over the years to myself and my fellow students. These scholarships mean a great deal, and they are extremely helpful in letting us pursue our degree in the field we love. You have been a huge support to this program and without your help, we would not be where we are today.

Thank you again for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,



Eric Albanese



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Announcements

UDC v. CH2M Hill (Request for Assistance Re: Letter Campaign to CA Supreme Court)

editor's note: the San Diego Chapter of CLSA and the State CLSA organization at this time do not necessarily share or endorse the views expressed on this issue.

Greetings Members and Fellow Professionals,

I hope this finds you all in good spirits.

Attached is a letter regarding a Court of Appeal case that could unfavorably affect design professionals practicing in the State of California. So to overturn the decision that was made by the Court of Appeal, a letting writing campaign is being started to convince the California Supreme Court to review the decision made.

If you have a moment, please review the letter. I think that you might find that this is a decision that needs to be overturned.

Time is of the essence, so please consider reviewing as soon as possible.

I was able to obtain attachments which consist of the original letter, a summary of the Court of Appeal Decision and a copy of the full decision given to me by Jean A. Weil, attorney at law.

In summary the Court of Appeal held that the design professional was required to defend the developer in a construction defect lawsuit notwithstanding the fact that the jury unanimously found that the design professional was not negligent in the performance of its professional services on the residential development project. This case has far reaching and adverse implications for design professionals.

So, if you have a moment, please review the material. I think you might find it quite interesting.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Lopez - L.S.I.T.

Newsletter Editor, CLSA Orange County Chapter

follow up sent by Richard:

Dear Architects, Engineers and Land Surveyors:

Attached please find the final letter brief to the Supreme Court in support of the Petition for Review and the letter brief in support of the Request for Depublication regarding the above-entitled matter. We also received 172 letters from the individual design professionals which we lodged with the Supreme Court. These briefs and letters were sent via FedEx to the Supreme Court for filing late last week. We also served the Court of Appeal, Superior Court and counsel for the litigants, UDC and CH2M Hill.

Thank you for your assistance and support. Thank you especially to those of you who wrote letters to the Supreme Court. I trust that your voice will make a difference! If you have not written a letter to the Supreme Court, it is not too late. We recently received additional letters which we will lodge with the Court this week. Please send your letter to our Laguna Hills' office below. You must send us your original letter with wet signature addressed to the Supreme Court in 13 point font. Our office will serve as the clearing house and ensure that the letters are properly served on the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal, the District Court and counsel for the litigants.

We will keep you posted as events unfold. Please call or email me or any of the lawyers from my firm copied on this email if you have any questions and they can walk you through the process.

Regards, Jean

Jean A. Weil

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- See attached PDF files regarding this concern

Land Surveyor Research and Resource Center website launched in California

For information contact Michael Pallamary at 858-454-4094

Michael J. Pallamary, President of La Jolla based Pallamary and Associates announced the launch of WWW.TIEPOINTS.COM. The web portal serves as a research and resource center for California Land Surveyors interesting in obtaining copies of recorded Subdivision maps, Record of Survey Maps, Corner Records and other land survey related records.

Under California law, Licensed Land Surveyors are required to file an 8-1/2 inch X 11 inch "Corner Record" whenever they set a boundary marker or when they establish a boundary corner providing there are no conflicts or, where the new survey is a retracement of a previously recorded map. The Record of Survey Map, the higher class of survey documents, is recorded whenever a surveyor retraces a metes and bounds deed or whenever the surveyor discovers a conflict with other maps or monuments. Under the state's subdivision map act, surveyors are also responsible for preparing Parcel Maps and Subdivision Maps along with other documents such as Encroachment Permits. According to Pallamary, "Although the practice of land surveying is governed by state law, there is no uniformity in the manner in which land surveys are indexed and filed. State law dictates the size and form of the maps along with general indexing, but does not control how the records are accessed or retrieved. With the advent of electronic imaging, various methods are being employed across the state. As an example, Corner Records are filed with the County Engineer/Surveyor while recorded documents such as ROS maps are stored differently. Consequently, some of the surveyor's records are available online while others require a physical visit to the County Surveyor or City Engineer's office. Many are not available online. In addition, a large number of counties maintain county surveyor/city survey notes in traditional bound field books and on microfiche, necessitating a manual inspection of the records. Needless to say, if land surveying records can be obtained online or through a similar process, considerable time and money can be saved. WWW.TIEPOINTS.COM provides a link to the municipality as well as developing the names of companies that will perform the manual research work."

WWW.TIEPOINTS.COM also serves as a link to municipal GIS files. In California, access to GIS data has historically been a thorny issue. A challenge in Santa Clara County led to a recent appellate court decision wherein the court ruled that public municipalities have to release their GIS data to the public for the cost of reproduction. (CFAC v. Santa Clara County, No. 1-06-CV-072630.) As a

result of the ruling, GIS data is now being released across the state. According to Pallamary, given the diversity of information available to the Professional Land Surveyor, "The land surveying community has expressed a need for a statewide resource center so that information retrieval methods can be documented and explained. With the launch of WWW.TIEPOINTS.COM , that need has been fulfilled. As part of our business model, we are offering firms the opportunity to sponsor a city or county webpage. Under this sponsorship program, the research specialist will provide a list of step by step instructions as to how to research survey records as well as how the material is indexed."

For further information visit WWW.TIEPOINTS.COM or email administrator@tiepoints.com

- here is a peek at the next POB feature editorial regarding TIEPOINTS:

http://www.pobonline.com/Articles/Column/BNP_GUID_9-5-2006_A_1000000000000766674



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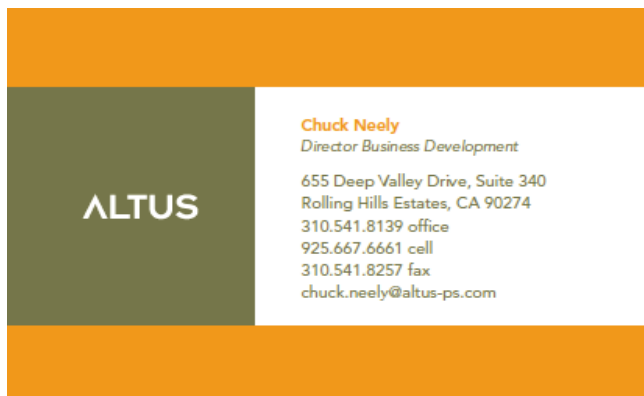
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