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## Chapter Meeting

June 16

Guest Speaker

**John Kalaap**

*Vice-President Lawyers Title*

John has over 8 years of experience in Title industry and understands the dynamics involved with Land Surveying and Engineering. John will discuss many questions related to the Land Surveying / Title Insurance field. A few of the discussion items will be:

What problems are surveyors liable for and which problems are title companies liable for?

What makes a deed "legal" in the eyes of title companies?

Does the deed have to be recorded?

What does title insurance actually insure?

How does Schedule B protect the surveyor?

What is the difference between CLTA and ALTA?

## Location

### **Chevy's Restaurant**

2730 Villa De La Valle

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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, June 10th

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 - \$20**

**LSIT or Surveying Student - \$15**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

April 21, 2010

Meeting held at Phils BBQ

### **Board and committee members present:**

*Casey Lynch, President  
Justin Pallamary, Vice President  
Blake Torgersen, Treasurer  
Paul Goebel, Secretary (Absent)  
Anne Hoppe  
Pat McMichael  
David Johnson  
Dave Viera  
Andy Karydes  
Karen Koklich  
Don Woolley*

Casey opened the meeting at 5:02pm

A MOTION to approve the minutes was made. SECONDED. Motion PASSED

### **Presidents Report – Casey**

- Casey discussed ACSM conference in Phoenix. Looking for feedback of attendees.
- Vote on bylaws tonight. Show of hands will bring finalized tally vote.
- Unpaid invoices? Trying to follow through with unpaid members.
- Weil & Drage Letter: Liability, Indemnification. Awaiting final responses from courts.
- Casey recognized a “Thank you” letter from student Matt Black.

### **Vice President’s Report – Justin**

Speakers will be:

- May: LS exam “de-compression” meeting. Boll Weevil in Clairemont.
- Padre’s game will either be scheduled for June or July, 2010.
- Variety of ideas being considered for future speakers. Please submit all recommended subjects and speakers to Justin Pallamary for scheduling.

### **Treasurer’s Report – Blake**

- General Fund: \$14,140.76, Education Fund: \$21,914.69, CD’s #1 – \$16601.26 #2 -\$33,202.53
- Local Education Fund was given \$1000 by Jaime Taynor. What is intent of money, can we use it for education needs, or specifically Local Scholarships? It was shared that the intent of the \$1000 generous donation by Jaime, was indeed intended for local scholarships only.
- MOTION by Blake to roll CD#1 (\$16,601.26 into a 24 month CD). SECONDED by Justin and PASSED.
- MOTION by Blake to add \$6000 into CD#1 (\$3000 from education fund and \$3000 from general fund, to roll into CD#1) SECONDED by Pat, and PASSED.
- Discussion regarding the Chapter hosting our April Meeting speaker, Robert Reese, and approved providing his accommodations while here in San Diego.

### **Secretary’s Report – Paul**

- Absent – No Report

### **Education Committee –**

- Andy Karydes visited the San Dieguito Academy. He handed out brochures & CD’s.
- Troy Johnson will be attending tonight’s meeting with his uncle Mike Caughey. We should recognize him for recipient of Vance Breshears scholarship.

### **Ad Hoc Committee-Sean**

- No report

### **GIS Committee - Karen**

- Final corrections are being done on GIS Website.
- Considered changing viewing ability from all users, to “members only”.
- Offered potential speaker Drew Decker (U.S.G.S. – Speaker)
- Mike Binge is unable to join committee, but someone else is being confirmed to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> spot of this GIS committee.
- Jimmy Elmore is working on some GIS pages, and these items should be done soon. Any comments of website, please send to Karen.
- Karen suggested to have a night dedicated to GIS for “Hands On.” This would be a great night to show people what to do, how to do it and the power GIS ability has.

- Annette Lockhart is the newest State Chairperson for GIS. Looking for volunteers for that committee.
- Jimmy Elmore is assisting ACSM and will report information to us.
- Suggested appreciation placard for Bruce Urquat and Dennis DeCellas (both with Caltrans for ongoing support for LS Review Series).

#### **Annual Golf Tournament – David J.**

- Will be creating flyer before next month's meeting.
- Found good deal for golf balls and would like to remind people to find good deals with golf balls for mulligan balls.
- Requesting Donations (of any kind) for this year's golf tournament. Everyone is reminded to ask their friend, families etc, for gift of any sort. These gifts are for raffle prizes, for auction items etc. All proceeds go to our education fund account.
- Tournament will be at Meadowlake golf course (same place as last year). Will confirm date, but will be in end of September or early October. Stay tuned.

#### **Legislative Committee – Anne**

- Annie discussed some of the issues being talked about. 1965 Act. The LLA Act, extension to Jan. 2013. Bill 1913 (owners merging in single offer of conveyances)

#### **Bylaws – Sean, Dave V., Blake**

- Possibly end of bylaws committee, upon tally vote at regular meeting tonight.

#### **JPPC Report – Casey on behalf of committee**

- Michael Butcher is new Chairman.

#### **Website Committee – Annie**

- Reminder to board members to send their photos to her. Contact Anne for photo specifics (i.e. size, file size, type etc)

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

- Next State Board meeting is May 8th

#### **New Business**

- None

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

- Creating an LSIT Series. Consideration.

Motion to adjourn at 6:11 pm

Submitted by Justin S. Pallamary, Chapter Vice-President, on behalf of Paul Goebel's absence.

### **May 2010 CLSA General Meeting Minutes**

May 19, 2010

Meeting held at the Boll Weevil, 9330 Claremont Mesa Blvd., San Diego.

Casey Lynch opened the meeting at 6:40pm and reviewed the executive meeting.

Justin Pallamary introduced evening topic, "LS Exam Review Decompression"

Mike Hart led an interactive dialog based on a written outline. At least 12 recent exam takers and the remainder of the general attendance made many comments about the exam experience and the review course. Following is a general outline of the evening dialog:

- The comments about the review course were overwhelmingly very favorable.
- Most candidates liked the exam schedule – many favored adding several sessions at the beginning of the series during the month of November.
- The topics on the exam were all covered during the review course. There were no significant surprises.
- Some candidates preferred spending an entire session on geodesy, statistics, photogrammetry, SMA and LSA, respectively. These subjects account for a small percentage of the total exam points, however.
- Study groups were shown to be critically important.
- The FTP site is very useful, but could have materials posted prior to the respective session.
- Candidates were adequately briefed on the environmental aspects of the exam setting.
- The "mock exam" was challenging and simulated the actual exam in many respects.

Certificates of appreciation were presented to individuals who assisted with the review courses or worked as instructors

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

## Education

**Respecting Copyright Laws in Surveying & Land Development** Presented by CLSA. June 4 Ontario, June 18 Concord.  
[www.californiasurveyors.org](http://www.californiasurveyors.org)

**A Primer on Land Surveys** teleconf June 9. **ALTA Policy, Endorsements and Transaction Strategies with Title Insurance** teleconf June 14. **Managing Construction Projects** Pasadena June 22. **Construction Lien Law** June 25 Las Vegas. **Advanced CEQA: An Update of the Regulatory and Legal Aspects of the California Environmental Quality Act** San Diego July 9. **Current Issues in Development Impact Fees** teleconf July 15. **Public Contracts and Procurement** Santa Ana July 16. **Title Examination and Title Insurance** Sacramento July 22. **Webinars: Regulations Zoning Variances: Nonconforming Uses and Structures, Infill Development Fundamentals. Air Rights in Development: Current Trends and Legal Concerns. FEMA's Critical Flood Plain Regulation. Construction Contract Bid Errors. Construction Joint Ventures: Benefits and Pitfalls. Contractor's Dilemma of Dealing With Bad Plans and Specs. Pros and Cons of Cost-Plus vs. Fixed Price Contracts. The Construction Bidding Process Understanding the Federal Construction Bidding Process. Design Professionals' Exposure for Design Errors and Omissions. Liability Issues for Design Professionals. ALTA Policy, Endorsements and Transaction Strategies with Title Insurance. Current Issues in Real Estate Title and Title Insurance.** Discounts for multiple registrations. [www.lorman.com](http://www.lorman.com) (866) 352-9539.

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

**AZ/CA Easements: Rights of Way and Other Encumbrances** San Diego Sept 10, Phoenix Sept 9. **CA Deeds, Descriptions and the Law** featuring Walter Robillard Oct. 14 Burbank, Oct 15 Anaheim <http://www.pesilaw.com/search/search.asp>

**Trimble SurveySense webinars** [www.trimble.com/surveysense](http://www.trimble.com/surveysense)

**Autodesk webinars: Visualizing Civil Designs with the Power of BIM** June 10.  
[http://offers.autodesk.com/10/171025/email/june\\_invite.php](http://offers.autodesk.com/10/171025/email/june_invite.php) . **Part 1: 3D Laser Scanning Technology Overview. Part 2: Road & Highway Corridor Study. Part 3: Improving Road & Highway Design Workflows**  
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For additional information please contact Dr. Cyrus Saghafi at [cyrus.saghafi@gcccd.edu](mailto: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](http://www.canyons.edu) or 661-362-3300.

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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 Canyon College Surveying and Mapping Program** Associate degree and LSIT review certificate.  
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### **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.

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### **Respecting Copyright Laws in Surveying & Land Development**

#### **SCOPE OF SEMINAR**

What Is Intellectual Property And Do Land Surveyors Have It?

How Can You Ensure Your Work Is Protected?

What Impact Does the Recent Case of McIntosh v. Northern California Universal Enterprises, et al. Have On Your Business?

- A Review of the Issues Involved In McIntosh
- How Damages Were Assessed
- Why the Large Jury Award?

What Do You Do If You Are Sued for Infringement?

An open forum will also be provided for question and answers.

Each of the above general topics will be discussed and broken down into their component parts for a detailed survey on the impact copyrights and other intellectual property has on your business. From this seminar, you will better be able to determine when you may be infringing someone else's work, whether you have your own work that can be protected, and what you can do to protect your own intellectual property. It is recommended that the published opinion be read in advance of the seminar so that the attendees are familiar with the various issues we will be discussing.

## Announcements

### 2010 WHO'S WHO

The CLSA 2010 Roster of State Officers, Chapter Officers and Committees can be accessed on our members only section of the website or on the CLSA State organization web site.

### LinkedIn Land Surveying Category

- from Mike Pallamary

Dear Fellow Surveying Professional,

I am hoping that everyone is taking advantage of the opportunities afforded us through contemporary networking tools such as LinkedIn ( <http://www.linkedin.com/> ) Given the diversity of social and business networking sites available to the general population, I have found that LinkedIn is the best option for business and Land Surveying. Unfortunately, as with many of these services, they do not provide an adequate category for Land Surveyors. At best, we are cast under the shadow of the Civil Engineer or worse, under the ever nebulous, architecture/engineering community. Thanks to the brilliant efforts of J. Anthony Cavell ( <http://www.linkedin.com/in/janthonycavell> ), he has advanced a campaign to create a unique industry category for us. Please note that LinkedIn categorizes professions by industry and not occupation. Thus as opposed to us being identified as "Land Surveyor(s)" our industry is "Land Surveying." Given Anthony's motivational efforts, I am doing my best to assist him and if we are to succeed, we need your help. If you have not taken the opportunity to sign up with LinkedIn, I would encourage you to do so. Our able secretary Blake Torgersen has done an excellent job of utilizing this service. You will also find other related groups on LinkedIn.

Once you are signed up, please go to the new industry link where you can suggest that LinkedIn create a new industry. It is that simple. I should add that unlike a lot of other social media, I find a lot of the dialogue on the LinkedIn site to be more substantive and worthy of review.

As always, thanks everyone for your time and contributions to the land surveying community. The Link is:  
<http://www.linkedin.com/myprofile?industrySuggest> LAND SURVEYING

Stay well all.

### Russ Forsberg

in from Jack Gechter - I just wanted to take a moment to thank Rob McMillan (and your colleagues) for the recent article in the *California Surveyor Magazine (Spring 2010 Issue #161)* that features *Russ Forsberg-LS 4213* and *The Description Writer's Toolbox*.

I was fortunate to sit in Russ's LS Review Legal Description classes in the 1990's. The man is a Class Act and it sure was nice to read the article that you guys n gals put together for CLSA. For those of you that did not receive the recent California Surveyor Magazine (Spring 2010 Issue #161), you can check it out when it gets posted to the state CLSA Website.

<http://www.californiasurveyors.org/>

*Semper Fi,  
Jack...*

### How to Put Your Survey Shop on the Map

See article in Pangea newsletter on how to place your business on Google Maps:

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