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JOINT CHAPTER MEETING SAN DIEGO AND ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTERS

Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 13th, 2011

Guest Speaker



**CLSA
President-Elect
Frank R.
Lehmann**

Frank will be speaking with us to discuss his views and goals of this upcoming year.

Please join us for this fun and informative evening with our friends from the Orange County Chapter.

Location **El Adobe de Capistrano**

81891 Camino Capistrano
San Juan Capistrano, CA
www.eladobedecapistrano.com

6:00 p.m. Social/Networking
7:00 p.m. Dinner
Cost: \$30 (cash/check at door)

Please RSVP to Gayle Cade
email: gcade@fuscoe.com
phone: (949) 474-1960



Amtrak Pacific Surfliner Schedule

Northbound – #785

4:00p San Diego
4:35p Solana Beach
4:52p Oceanside
5:26p San Juan Capistrano

Southbound – #592

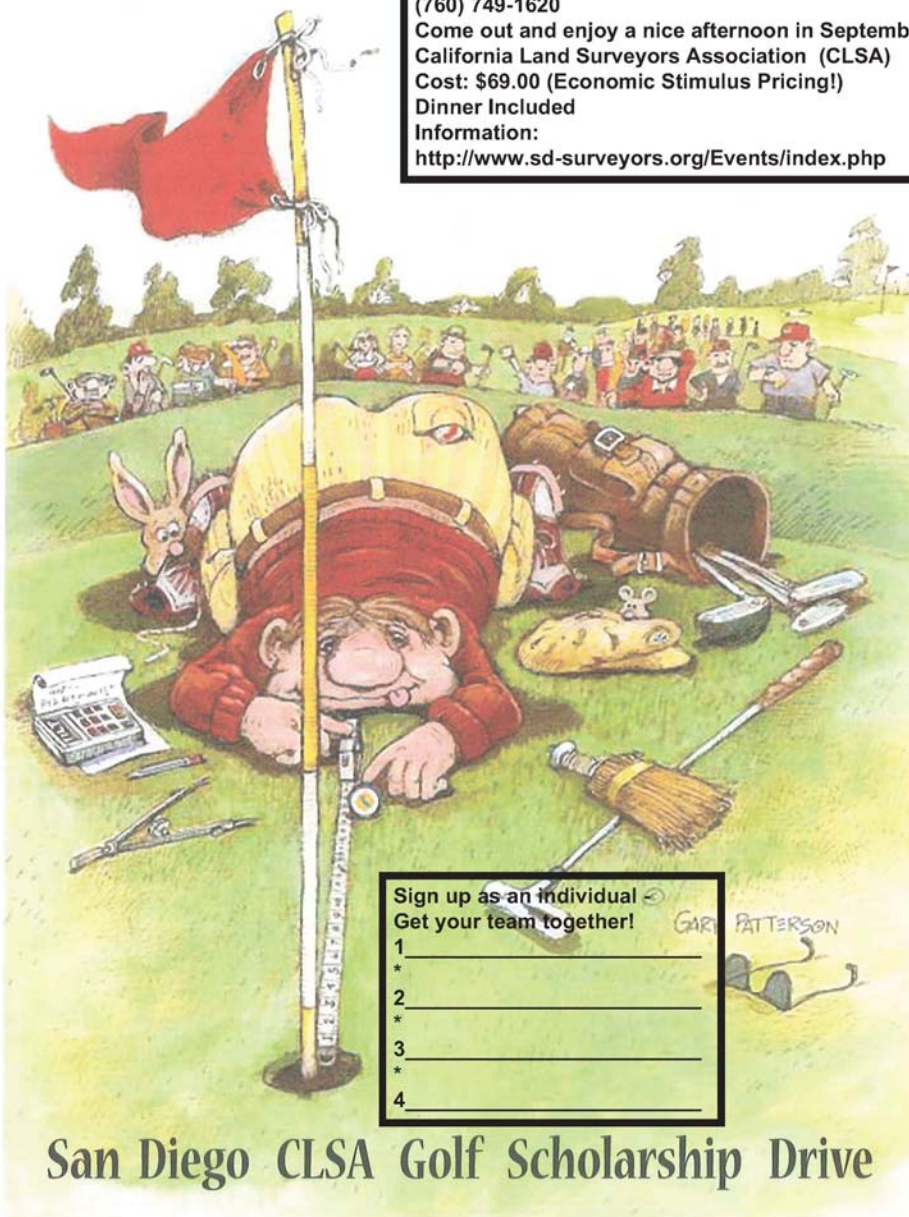
9:48p San Juan Capistrano
10:19p Oceanside
10:35p Solana Beach
11:15p San Diego

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**Thank
You!**

Friday, September 23, 2011
 Tee Time: 12 NOON
 Meadow Lake Golf Course, Escondido, Ca.
 (760) 749-1620
 Come out and enjoy a nice afternoon in September
 California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA)
 Cost: \$69.00 (Economic Stimulus Pricing!)
 Dinner Included
 Information:
<http://www.sd-surveyors.org/Events/index.php>



Sign up as an individual
 Get your team together! GARY PATTERSON

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San Diego CLSA Golf Scholarship Drive

JULY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The San Diego Chapter Board did not meet in July as we attended the BBQ and Padre game.

Blake Torgersen sent the final tally of Chapter Members to the state for confirmation of next years chapter representatives. The numbers are 114 chapter members listed, with approximately 30 were not State members as of our last review. This total if confirmed would give us 4 chapter reps.

Justin Pallamary replied, "For everyone who participated in the extra calls, extra push, extra needed nudge in reminding those certain members to sign up and pay their dues....Thank You!"

AUGUST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 17, 2011

Meeting held at Best Western Seven Seas – Mission Valley

Board Members Present:

Justin Pallamary, President

Blake Torgersen, Vice President

Paul Goebel, Treasurer

Tony Nothdurft, Secretary

Dave Ambler, Representative

Pat McMichael, Representative

Other Committee Members Present:

Karen Koklich, GIS Committee

John Butcher, Cuyamaca College Liaison

Jack Gechter, LS Review

David Paul Johnson, Ed. Committee Chair

Sean Englert

Greg Hopkins

Justin Pallamary opened the meeting at 5:10. The minutes from the July meeting were presented for approval. A **MOTION** was made to approve the minutes. The motion was **SECONDED**. **Motion PASSED**.

Presidents Report – Justin

Final membership totals sent to state association, waiting confirmation of 5 representatives.

List of the successful LS candidates is out with 7 to 8 from the San Diego area. **Motion** for the secretary to invite the newly

Licensed surveyors in the area to the November meeting compliments of the Chapter. **Motion PASSED**.

An impromptu LS exam appeals seminar was successfully conducted with a handful of candidates looking to appeal the exam. Good Luck candidates!

2012 slate of officers proposed by the Nomination committee.

President	Blake Torgersen
Vice President	Paul Goebel
Treasurer	Tony Nothdurft
Secretary	Steve Heise
Representative	Gary Hus 2 nd term
Representative	Pat McMichael 2 nd term
Representative	Anne Hoppe
Representative	Dave Ambler
Representative	Andy Karydas

Due to Joint meeting in Orange County in September, the board will propose to the Chapter a motion to:

- (1) temporarily suspend the rules regarding nominations and elections outlined in Section 6 of Article VI of the Bylaws.
- (2) Allow "nominations from the floor" to be submitted by fax between Friday, August 19th and Friday, August 26th.
- (3) Hold the election of 2012 Officers by absentee ballot only between Friday, August 26th and Friday, September 9th.

Reviewed communication and email schedules to allot sufficient time for all officers to conduct the Chapter business.

Vice Presidents Report – Blake

Padres BBQ event: Thanks to James Yaccino and Jack Gechter for putting on the BBQ.

39 people attended the BBQ, 33 attended the game. The Chapter had a net loss of \$120 on this event.

Today's meeting, Mike Pallamary – "The Curt Brown Chronicles".

September's meeting. 2nd **Tuesday**, Joint with Orange County at Sarduccis "State President Elect, Frank Lehmann" Chapter officers election to be conducted by absentee ballot.

October's meeting, Marti Ikehara "State of NGS".

Treasurer's Report – Paul

General Fund \$3673.29, Education Fund \$9270.97, Local Education Fund \$1374.50

Travel Reimbursement to reps done, need to bill State.

Reimbursement of \$308 to Dave Johnson for Golf tournament items. Approved.

AUGUST EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING continued**Secretary's Report – Tony**

No Report.

Education Committee – David Johnson**LS Review Class Subcommittee – Jack Gechter**

Sign ups for next year already coming in.
New format with test questions being passed out each class.
Certificates of completion will be distributed next year.
Location already reserved with Caltrans.

Workshop Committee – Don Woolley

Opportunity to provide Railroad Retracement workshop. Justin will investigate with Mike Hart.

Education Foundation \ Scholarship Subcommittee – Dave Ambler

[No report.](#)

Community College Report – John Butcher

.No Report

Ad Hoc Committee – Junior College Programs– David Johnson

Next meeting with Cuyamaca is this fall.

Annual Golf Tournament Subcommittee – David Johnson

Schedule Friday September 23, 2011 at Meadowlake, \$60
Looking for sponsors and donations. Donations coming in.
\$60 plus old / new DVD entrance fee.
Looking for volunteers!
Board member needs to be there to collect money and bring bank for change.
Option to pay online is available.

Nominating Committee – Pat McMichael, Andy Karydes

Nominations Submitted by Pat McMichael – see presidents report.

GIS Committee – Karen Koklich, Jimmy Elmore

Study Group – Working out final details with room at Cuyamaca. Now due to start this September.

Private Records Steering Committee – Casey Lynch, Karen Koklich

Sean Englert is stepping down as Chairman and Casey Lynch has agreed to take the lead.

Ad-Hoc Committee (Borpels) Approximate Corner Letter – Casey Lynch

Casey will contact Tony Cuomo regarding the Joint letter with Orange County.

Membership Committee – Blake Torgersen, Dave Ambler, Karen Koklich

Membership roster was submitted to State CLSA on July 30th. Total membership (counting only Corporate, CE Corporate and Life members) was 114. Approximately 30 of these were not current State members as of our last review in June.
Pending review and approval from State CLSA, this would qualify the chapter for 5 representatives (1 for every 20 members, or portion thereof). Verification from State CLSA is expected by the end of the week.
Blake has handed over the maintenance of the membership database to Karen.

Legislative Committee – Anne Hoppe

June 25, report pending.

Bylaws Committee –Dave Viera, Blake Torgersen

Bylaws have been updated on website.

Joint Professional Practices Committee – Mike Butcher

No Report.

Website Committee – Jack Gechter

Looking for itemization from Authorized .net in report of online payments.

Datum Committee- Paul Goebel, Mike Pallamary

No Report.

Newsletter Committee – Casey Lynch

Casey may need to step down. Would like someone to publish each month.

Chapter Representatives Report –

State CLSA is publishing a report that we will publish on the Chapter website after each meeting

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

July 2011 CLSA Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2011

Meeting not held in lieu of Padre Game

This month, the San Diego Chapter hosted our annual Padres Game & Barbecue event at Petco Park as the Padres took on the D'Backs. James Yaccino once again served his famous Texas style BBQ with Cori prior to the game. He prepared brisket, chicken and the famous Texas sausage that he had couriered in special for this event. Beverages were provided by Jack Gechter.



Tailgate Party & BBQ – 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Game (Padres vs. D'Backs) – 7:05 pm start time

The fun started at 5:00pm and after imbibing in the libations provided by Jack the stories ran wild with over 35 members in attendance along with their guest fans. By 7:00 the excitement of the game drew us in and alas the Padres could not cap a memorable evening as their sole all-star James Upton hit 2 home runs and the Padres lost 4 to 3.

August 2011 CLSA Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2011

Meeting held at Best Western Seven Seas, Mission Valley, SD

Justin Pallamary opened the meeting at 7:30 pm and welcomed the members and presented a review of the Chapter Board meeting. Also, due to the September meeting being the joint meeting in Orange County, which is also the meeting that we vote in the new Chapter Officers a call for a **Motion** was made to:

- (1) Temporarily suspend the rules regarding nominations and elections outlined in Section 6 of Article VI of the Bylaws.
- (2) Allow "nominations from the floor" to be submitted by fax between Friday, August 19th and Friday, August 26th.
- (3) Hold the election of 2012 Officers by absentee ballot only between Friday, August 26th and Friday, September 9th.

Motion Passed

New business was proposed by Steven Strapac a representative of the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), for support to create an apprentice program for non-union surveyors. This would allow non-union firms to hire non-union apprentices to work on prevailing wage projects through project labor agreements. Contact Justin for more information.

Jack Gechter was honored to introduce the evening speaker:

Michael J. Pallamary, PLS **"The Curt Brown Chronicles"**

Michael Pallamary is the president and owner of Pallamary & Associates located in La Jolla. He is also an executive board member of the Land Surveyors Advisory Council on Technical Standards (LSACTS), and a past president of the San Diego Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association. Michael discussed his latest book, "The Curt Brown Chronicles – The Writings and Lectures of Curtis M. Brown." Brown was one of the most influential surveyors of the 20th Century, best known for his textbooks "Evidence and Procedures for Boundary Location" and "Boundary Control and Legal Principles". Mike presented many personal experiences with Curt and conveyed not only the stories but the philosophy and ethics behind Curt's thinking on surveying.

Following the presentation, raffle prizes, including a signed volume of "The Curt Brown Chronicles" were awarded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Pacific Land Seminars LS and LSIT review seminars, advanced survey topics and various Surveying seminars such as Land Description Fundamentals, Advanced Land Descriptions, Fundamentals Of The U.S.P.L.S.S., Advanced Problems In The U.S.P.L.S.S, Boundary Control, Boundary Law. Lot Line Adjustments / Lot Line Agreements, Legal Research, Water Boundaries, Easements And Reversions, Resolving Conflicts Of Evidence, The Surveyor In Court, A.L.T.A. Surveys, Subdivision Mapping, Entitlements, Condominium Plans, G.P.S. Surveys, Photogrammetry For The Surveyor, Basic Geodesy, State Plane Coordinate Systems, Error Theory & Measurement Analysis, Ethics And Standard Of care. Excellent source for Surveying publications. WWW.PACIFICLAND.COM
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Subdivision Map Act Class – A One Day Seminar: San Diego Nov.17 2011, Burbank Oct. 27 2011. Latest land use law news alerts. www.landusenavigators.com

Webinars: [Introduction to California Subdivision Law](#). Current Issues in Development Impact Fees. A Primer on Land Surveys. A Primer on Right-of-Way. Conservation Easement Tax Incentives. Regulations Zoning Variances: Nonconforming Uses and Structures. [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](#). [Understanding the Development Approval Process](#). [Design Professionals' Exposure for Design Errors and Omissions](#). [Liability Issues for Design Professionals](#). [ALTA Policy, Endorsements and Transaction Strategies with Title Insurance](#). [Curing Title Exceptions](#). [Current Issues in Real Estate Title and Title Insurance](#). [Infill Development Fundamentals](#). Discounts for multiple registrations. www.lorman.com (866) 352-9539.

Trimble SurveySense webinars www.trimble.com/surveysense

Autodesk webinars: Part 1: 3D Laser Scanning Technology Overview. Part 2: Road & Highway Corridor Study. Part 3: Improving Road & Highway Design Workflows. http://offers.autodesk.com/10/171025/email/may_fup.php

Basics In 3D Laser Scanning <http://www.faro.com/site/resources/details/752> Applying 3D Laser Scanning To Bim (Building Information Modeling) <http://www.faro.com/site/resources/details/905>

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. GIS program. <http://www.riohondo.edu/>

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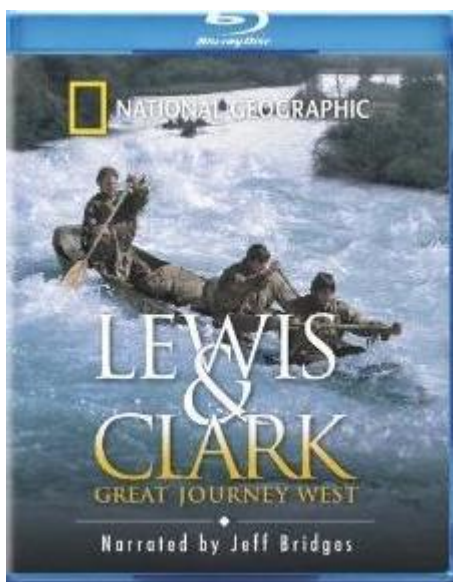
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Movie of the Month



Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West (Blu-ray)

Narrated by Jeff Bridges

Amazon Price: \$26.99

What Else...

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.

Newsletter

Members can only receive newsletters via email.
Request an email copy only:
clynch@burkett-wong.com

Notices, original articles and other relevant information are encouraged for publication in the newsletter. There are many interesting and pertinent articles in other publications. Mention of articles is encouraged, but please provide your remarks, summary in a Word doc format and a link to the article, rather than copying the whole article. PDF or JPEG format sized to approx 300 KB or less is best for graphics. Large reference files may have to be forwarded separately. Newsletter is distributed by the first Wed of the month. Send items to Casey Lynch at clynch@burkett-wong.com by the last Saturday of the month.

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* **New Lower Advertising Rates Ending April 2011** *
Advertising policy approved by the Board:

The **new rates** are: 1) full page one time in newsletter \$80.00. One year paid in advance \$650.00. 2.) ½ page one time in newsletter \$55.00. One year paid in advance \$400.00. 3) Business card size ad one year in newsletter \$80.00. 4) Employment offers by a member free for 1 month, extended if needed. 5) One time use of front page in newsletter \$50.00 in addition to ad cost.

Contact Newsletter Editor Casey Lynch clynch@burkett-wong.com for newsletter advertising. 5) Web-site banner \$100.00. Other Web-site advertising charges to be determined. For web-site advertising contact Website Coordinator:

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- Surveying Education
- Help Generate Scholarships for Land Surveying Students

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- Sell Your Items Through the CLSA Auction Site and 10% of Your Sale Will Be Donated to the Education Foundation

Bid

- Purchase Items Through the CLSA Auction Site to Help Generate Proceeds for the Education Foundation



Go to <http://auction.surveypath.org/index.php>
or go to www.californiasurveyors.org and click on Education Foundation

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The following workshop has been scheduled:

Research, Recovery, Remonumentation, Recordation & Double Monumentation
Speaker: Steve Parrish, PLS

The workshop will be held:
September 16th - Ontario, CA
September 23rd - Concord, CA



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CLSA, along with other surveying associations and representatives of a wide variety of other industries, has joined the Coalition to Save Our GPS. The Coalition was formed to resolve a serious threat to the reliability and viability of the Global Positioning System (GPS). To safeguard GPS, the Coalition seeks a number of remedies from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), which recently granted a waiver to a company called LightSquared that allows them to repurpose the satellite spectrum immediately neighboring that of the GPS. LightSquared plans to transmit ground-based radio signals that would be one billion or more times more powerful as received on earth than GPS's low-powered satellite-based signals, potentially causing severe interference impacting millions of GPS receivers - including those used by the land surveying community.

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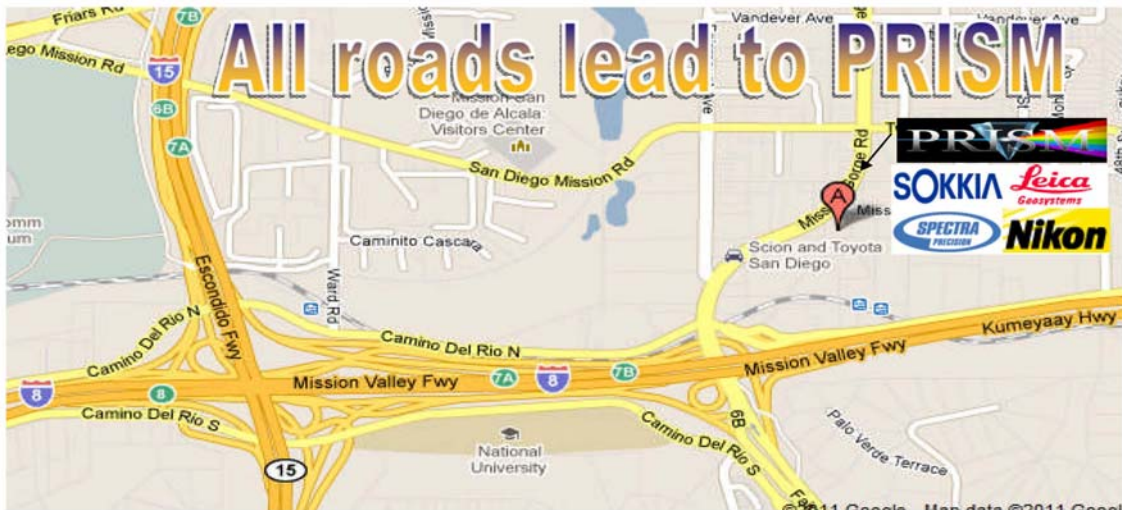


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