

MALSCE News

A monthly Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers member newsletter.

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Upcoming Events

Surveyors Rendezvous 2017

September 13-16, 2017
Boxboro Regency Hotel & Conference Center,
Boxborough, MA

The 2017 Rendezvous, held by the Surveyors Historical Society, will be in and around Concord, MA and will focus on the surveying career of Henry David Thoreau. SHS membership is not required; everyone is welcome to this MALSCE-supported event!

[More info](#)

MALSCE - Berkshire & Connecticut Valley Chapter Meeting

President's Message



Paul R. Foley, PLS, COO

Feldman Land Surveyors
2017-2019 MALSCE President

As we come to the end of another fleeting summer I am pleased to report that it has been a busy season for the volunteer leaders of MALSCE.

In June we had our quarterly Proprietors' Council meeting, hearing from many firms in our association that their business is up across the board between 10 and 20 percent in comparison to last year. Other discussion topics were how to increase membership engagement and what the Proprietors' Council wants MALSCE to focus on to remain a productive and relevant association. Building on that discussion, I have reached out to chapter leaders and have offered to meet with each of them at their chapter meetings. I look forward to productive discussions on how we can work together and continue to build strength in our association.

We also held our first meeting with the 3D Standards Committee, which is charged with developing minimum standards for HDS/3D surveying services. All of the committee members were present and

Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2017
The BrewMaster's Tavern
Williamsburg, MA

For more information, including how to RSVP, click [here](#).

Upcoming MALSCCE Seminars

Save the dates for these upcoming MALSCCE seminars, which are scheduled to be held at Clark University's MetroWest Campus as follows:

September 22, 2017
Flood Insurance Issues - After the Elevation Certificate
Joseph Rossi, ANFI, CFM,
U.S. Flood Solutions, LLC, and
Choice Flood Insurance, LLC
Program announcement coming soon!

November 3, 2017
Basic Field Theory for Technicians - Mechanics of Measurement
Richard Vannozzi, MS,
PLS, Wentworth Institute of Technology

December 8, 2017
2020 Datums
Daniel Martin, PE, Louis Berger

February 16, 2018
Advanced Survey Math
Joseph McNichols, PLS

May 18, 2018
Basic Error Propagation for Technicians
Richard Vannozzi, MS,
PLS, Wentworth Institute of Technology

Affiliated Programs

NSPS Certified Survey Technician (CST) Program

The NSPS Certified Survey Technician (CST) Program continues to grow nationally and has been successfully integrated into the credentialing, hiring and promotion systems of

engaged in some excellent conversation with interesting ideas and framework for the standards already beginning to take shape. We look forward to the next meeting in September where the committee will start to form up a draft version of typical standards.

On Thursday August 27th, the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors voted (5-3) in favor of a motion that read "that the Board adopt the recommendations of the Continuing Professional Competency subcommittee subject to revision or comments on the committee's proposed draft regulations by the full Board." This is a major step forward on the path to requiring mandatory continuing education for professional land surveyors and professional engineers in Massachusetts. There are many more stages that will need to happen before continuing education becomes a requirement, but we are very pleased to see the positive action from the Board.

All the best,
Paul

MALSCCE Updates

Renew your MALSCCE membership today!

MALSCCE leaders would like to thank all MALSCCE dues-paying members who have paid their fiscal year 2018 dues. Your timely payment helps ensure that MALSCCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations.

Prompt payment of your dues invoice will ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCCE has to offer through July 1, 2018. These include membership in the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for a nominal fee; discounted registration fees for MALSCCE-sponsored programs; invitations to meetings where you can meet with and learn from your peers; opportunities to have input on legislative and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions; and periodic email communications that keep you informed about your chosen profession.

If you did not receive or retain your MALSCCE dues invoice, and would like to receive another copy, click the button below.

[Request a New Invoice](#)

Join the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council

Join the growing list of MALSCCE members who

numerous public entities and private firms around the country. Those interested in learning more about how the program works and its benefits should first visit the [MALSCE resources page](#) where there are links to the NSPS website and the "[Program Book](#)".

Rich Vanzozi, NSPS director representing MALSCE, serves as the CST state coordinator, so if you are interested in more information, please email him at arvannozi@gmail.com. Rich has taught CST Level I and Level II prep courses and has proctored both exams a number of times, and is more than happy to help any MALSCE members wishing to become CSTs or organizations interested in integrating CST Program elements into their personnel credentialing systems.

Affiliate Association Events

Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

RISPLS General Membership Meeting & Seminar
September 21, 2017
The Radisson Hotel
Warwick, RI
[More Info](#)

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

VSLS Fall Conference 2017
September 21 & 22, 2017
Stoweflake Resort & Conference Center
Stowe, VT
[More Info](#)

Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors

50th Annual Meeting / North East Surveying Societies Conference
Friday & Saturday, November 3-4, 2017
Sheraton Hotel, Rocky Hill, CT
[More info](#)

represent their company as a member of the MALSCE Proprietors' Council. Under the leadership of its chair, Michael A. Feldman, Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCE Proprietors' Council has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to helping MALSCE grow and thrive, Proprietors' Council members have the opportunity to work with leaders from across the Commonwealth to help define the direction of MALSCE. There are also opportunities to hear from clients and bounce ideas off of peers regarding staffing, business opportunities, marketing and sustainability in our industries. To learn more about the Proprietors' Council, [click here](#). To join the council, [click here](#).

Become a MALSCE Sustaining Member

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year, MALSCE is pleased to announce its 2017-2018 Sustaining Membership Program. Promote your company to over 400 MALSCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a sustaining member today! For \$500, your company can become a sustaining member for a 12-month period, which begins on the date that your Sustaining Membership payment is received. To learn more about the program and its promotional benefits, [click here](#). To enroll in this program, [click here](#).

MALSCE News is Seeking Topical Articles

Did you have a particularly challenging project? Have a technical matter to discuss? Do you have a perspective on the profession you'd like to share? Your colleagues are waiting to learn from your experience. Submit an article for publication in *MALSCE News*.

MALSCE is seeking topical articles for publication in future issues of *MALSCE News*. While we cannot promise to print everything submitted, if you've written something you'd like to share with your fellow MALSCE members, forward it to Rich Keenan at keenan@engineers.org.

[Submit an Article](#)

Choose a Topic for an Upcoming Seminar

MALSCE is seeking to identify, develop and provide educational programs that are intended to address the professional development needs of its members. Recent programs include the FEMA Elevation Certificate, surveying with UASs and UAVs, boundary law and basic boundary determination principles, legal perspectives on land surveying issues, and preparing for the Fundamentals of

Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

RISPLS Annual Convention
Friday, November 17, 2017
More info to come!

Help Wanted

Including a help-wanted advertisement of up to 200 words in MALSCE News is a free MALSCE Proprietor's Council member benefit. The fee for all other MALSCE members and non-members is \$150. If your company has a job opening that it would like to promote, please forward a brief job description (i.e., less than 200 words), which can include a hyperlink to a more detailed job overview and application process, to MALSCE at malsce@engineers.org.

Surveying and Professional Land Surveyor Exams. If you would like to recommend a topic and/or speaker for a full or half-day MALSCE Seminar, contact [MALSCE Past-President Sean Ewald](#).

Surveying News

Updates from MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLs - August 2017

For a summary of issues discussed at the August 2017 MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLs meeting, click [here](#).

Educational Programs

UMaine Offering Courses to Surveying Community starting August 28, 2017

The University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology (SVT) invites the New England surveying community to take any of the online classes listed below starting on August 28, 2017. All nine classes can count toward a BS in SVT. The 500+ courses count toward a Professional Science Masters Degree (PSM) in Surveying Engineering. Please note that each class will only be offered if it has a guaranteed interest level. If you are interested in enrolling, please email Ray Hintz (Raymond.hintz@umit.maine.edu).

CET 101 - Plane Surveying
SVT 121 - AutoCad I
SVT 110 - Instrumentation and Data Collection
SVT 322 - Preparing Effective Property Descriptions
SVT 341 - Advanced Surveying
SVT 418 - Fundamentals of Surveying exam review
SVT 437 - Practical GPS
SVT 501 - Advanced Adjustment Computations
SVT 511 - Geodetic Aspects of the US Public Land Survey System

[Read more](#)

MALSCE News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by Ruthi Burgess, Abbie Goodman, and Richard Keenan with thanks to MALSCE President Paul Foley. This newsletter highlights the program and activities of MALSCE and reports on national and local matters of interest to land surveyors and civil engineers. While we cannot promise to print all news items that we receive, if you have one to share with your fellow MALSCE members please forward it to Rich Keenan at rkeenan@engineers.org.

Questions or comments?

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