



MALSCE News

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

Business Solutions for Land Surveyors

Friday, September 23, 2016

Clark University
MetroWest Campus
333 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA

**Sean Bradley; David Ten Eyck;
Shawn P. Ford; Lorri Mahoney;
Thomas G. Nicholson;
Adam Page, Esq.; Bud Siciliano**

This one day seminar is broken into two parts, and is intended for land surveyors who wish to explore the business side of the profession. The first part will address general business, benefits, and taxes geared to the needs of small businesses. The second part discusses recent employee/employer rules and regulations and the increase in litigation surrounding wage and hour disputes. Seven professionals from a variety of areas will present and provide everyday business advice to the attendees.

Surveyor Spotlight

Michael A. Clifford, PLS
Principal-in-Charge, DGT Survey Group

MALSCE: Mike, thanks for taking the time to talk with us; it's great to have you as our latest interviewee. As many people know, you've been a supporter and board member of MALSCE for many years. What has kept you engaged for so long? When and why did you first become involved?

MAC: Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts with membership. I suppose I am now one of those "old-timers" that keeps showing up at seminars and conventions. Well, I've been a member of Eastern Mass. Chapter since the mid-80's, the very start of my career in surveying. The thought of not being involved in my profession's society never occurred to me. There are many benefits in active membership, but I'll admit that it is the camaraderie with colleagues (and competitors) that most engages me. As I like to say, MALSCE is my Knights of Columbus or Elks Lodge. Or maybe Order of Odd Fellows is more appropriate. Anyways, it is the best kind of social networking.

MALSCE: Similarly, what attracted you to a career in land surveying, and how did you grow that interest into creating your own successful firm?

MAC: My path to surveying was somewhat typical. I started out with an interest in the building industry that came from family background, briefly considered architecture as a direction...

[Read more...](#)

Renew your MALSCE membership today!

**Registration Deadline:
Friday, September 16, 2016**

For more information and to register online, click [here](#).

MALSCE Berkshire Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Rainbow Restaurant
109 First Street
Pittsfield, MA

Connecticut Valley Chapter members of MALSCE are welcome to attend. We will discuss our summer vacations, our survey highs and lows, and how much we miss Mary Ann.

For more information, click [here](#).

**Save the Date
Field to Finish Using UAVs**

Friday, October 21, 2016
Clark University
MetroWest Campus
333 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA

Tom Range
COO/Partner, Air-terra 3D LLC

Further details to come...

**Basic Boundary
Determination Principles
for Surveying Technicians**

Friday, December 16, 2016
Clark University
MetroWest Campus
333 Turnpike Road
Southborough, MA

A. Richard Vannozzi, MS, PLS

8:00 AM - 8:30 AM Registration;
8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Seminar

This one day seminar will introduce attendees to how research, boundary law and field work are synthesized by Land Surveyors to arrive at defensible boundary determinations. This seminar will also introduce basic rules of evidence and boundary

MALSCE leaders would like to thank all MALSCE dues paying members who have paid their fiscal year 2017 dues. Your timely payment helps ensure that MALSCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations.

Second notices of fiscal year 2017 dues invoices will be mailed out this week. Prompt payment of your dues invoice will ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCE has to offer through July 1, 2017. These benefits include membership in NSPS for a nominal fee, discounted registration fees for MALSCE programming, invitations to meetings where you can meet with your peers, opportunities to have input on legislative and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions, and email communications that keep you informed about your chosen profession.

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

 [Request a New Invoice](#)

MALSCE Updates

Join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council

Join the growing list of MALSCE members who 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. To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and 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 2016-2017 Sustaining Membership Program. Promote your company to over 400 MALSCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a sustaining

determination concepts essential to the boundary determination process. Special research topics such as unwritten transfers of land and ancient ways will also be discussed. Massachusetts specific issues that impact boundary determination such as water boundaries and Land Court will be touched upon. The instructor will also discuss the NSPS Body of Knowledge for Surveyors and the education, exam and experience requirements for Massachusetts licensing.

This seminar, which can be taken individually, is the second part of a two-part series for surveying technicians. Part I entitled "Introduction to Boundary Law and Research for Surveying Technicians" was offered on August 19, 2016. This seminar is not intended for practicing Land Surveyors nor is it intended to meet continuing education requirements for practicing Land Surveyors.

For more information, [click here](#).

**Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

To register online, [click here](#).

Affiliate Association Events

Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

September General Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 2016
Warwick, RI

For more info, call 401/294-1262.

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

VSLS Fall Conference 2016

Thursday, September 15 - Friday,
September 16, 2016

Killington, VT

[More Info](#)

New Hampshire Land Surveyor Association

NHLSA Fall Quarterly Business Meeting & Seminar

member today! For \$400, your company can become a sustaining member for MALSCÉ's 2017 fiscal year and the enrollment period for the 2017-2018 Sustaining Membership Programs, which extends into the fall of 2017. To learn about the promotional benefits that sustaining members receive and to enroll in this program [click here](#).

Surveying News

2016 End of Legislative Session Update

The Massachusetts Legislature concluded its formal session late on the night of July 31 and into the morning of August 1, passing a number of budget overrides as well as key bills on topics that included energy, economic development and ride hailing. Among the bills are several of interest to our members. In August, Governor Baker signed many bills into law. [This report](#) gives the relevant Session Laws.

Lyme Disease Insurance Mandate is Now Law

The Legislature successfully overrode Gov. Charlie Baker's veto of HB 4491 allowing for mandated health insurance coverage for long-term Lyme disease treatment. **This was a victory for MALSCÉ and the land surveying community.** We have found that land surveyors and engineers working in the field are among the jobs where the rate of Lyme disease is higher than the average worker. This is now [Chapter 183 of the Acts of 2016](#).

Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors

The Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and of Land Surveyors held a public hearing on Thursday, July 28, 2016 to consider proposed amendments to its regulations, at 250 CMR 2.00 - 7.00.

Abbie Goodman for The Engineering Center Education Trust (TECET), ACEC/MA and MALSCÉ testified in support of these changes, which were technical corrections to the most recent version of 250 CMR. [Link to current and proposed regulations](#). No one else testified in person at the hearing. The Board of Registration did not meet in August. Their next posted meeting is listed for September 22, 2016. The Board's Committee on Professional

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
Gilford, NH

[More Info](#)

Surveyors Historical Society

*Surveyors Historical Society
Rendezvous 2016*

Wednesday, September 28 - Friday,
September 30, 2016

Lake George, NY

[More Info](#)

New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

*NYS-Specific LS Exam Fall Review
Workshop*

Friday, September 30 - Saturday,
October 1st, 2016

Malta, NY

[More Info](#)

Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors

CALS 49th Annual Meeting

Friday, November 4, 2016

Portland, CT

For more info, call 860/536-1990.

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

December Round Tables

Friday, December 16, 2016

Montpelier, VT

[More Info](#)

Help Wanted:

For a limited period of time, including a help-wanted advertisement in MALSCE News is being offered as a free MALSCE member benefit. 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/application process, to MALSCE at malsce@engineers.org.

Competency does not yet have another meeting scheduled.

Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito are seeking diverse candidates to serve on state Boards and Commissions

Their office recently contacted **The Engineering Center Education Trust** about these openings:

- Massachusetts [Designer Selection Board Seeks PE- Structural for Board](#)
- Massachusetts [Board of Building Regulations and Standards Seeks Structural Engineer for Board](#)
- Follow the links above for the job descriptions and directions.

Educational Programs

TECET Seminar: Learn to Love Networking

Friday, September 16, 2016

Aldrich Center @ The Engineering Center
One Walnut St, Boston, MA

**Doug Reed, PE
President, FosterGrowth**

8:00 AM Registration & Breakfast;

8:15 AM - 9:45 AM Seminar

People do business with people they know, like, and trust. Learn to Love Networking at this short session.

Learning Objectives:

- How to ease yourself into networking
- How to use the other person to choose conversation starting subjects
- What not to do when forming a new relationship
- How to end a conversation and move on while leaving a good impression

For more information and to register, click [here](#).

MALSCE Sustaining Members



MALSCE News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by Anita Lum, Abbie Goodman, and Richard Keenan with thanks to MALSCE President Sean Ewald. 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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