

MALSCE News

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

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Last Day to Register!

Proprietor's Council Luncheon Meeting

Friday, November 18, 2016

Aldrich Center
The Engineering Center
One Walnut Street
Boston, MA 02108

Michael A. Feldman

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Discussion Topic: *Leading our Industry and Advising MALSCE*

Agenda items for this Proprietors' Council luncheon meeting include:

Year in Review - how is business?

- MALSCE Update from Sean Ewald or Paul Foley
- When staff members decide to leave and go to another firm that you know

Time is Running Out to Renew Your MALSCE Membership!

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.

Third notices of fiscal year 2017 dues invoices were mailed out on October 27, 2016 to all FY16 dues paying members who had not responded in the initial dues invoice mailings. The anticipated termination date for nonpayment of FY17 MALSCE dues will be during the first week of January 2017.

Prompt payment of your dues invoice will ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCE has to offer. 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 would like to receive another copy of your MALSCE dues invoice, click the button below.

[✉ Request a New Invoice](#)

MALSCE Education Trust Scholarships

Are you or someone you know studying land surveying or engineering? The MALSCE Education

- Next Year's Convention discussion - advertising, attendance, etc.
- When is the next downturn? What to do about it?

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

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

Upcoming Events

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 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.

For more information, [click](#)

Trust offers students scholarships every year for Massachusetts residents. They offer three types of scholarships annually:

- **Survey Certificate Program Scholarship:** A \$500 scholarship awarded to students that are enrolled in a valid/accredited Land Surveying Certificate Program.
 - [Application](#)
 - [Requirements](#)
- **Memorial Scholarship:** A scholarship awarded to a student presently enrolled full time (days) as an undergraduate in an accredited College, University, Junior College, Technical Institute or Community College and majoring in Land Surveying, Civil Engineering or Environmental Engineering.
 - [Application](#)
 - [Requirements](#)
- **UMAINE Scholarship:** The MALSCE (Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers) Education Trust will award a scholarship to a Massachusetts resident who is an incoming freshman (or transfer student) enrolled in the University of Maine Surveying Engineering Technology program (SET/SVT).
 - [Application](#)
 - [Requirements](#)

Applications are due February 15, 2017. For more information, please [click here](#).

Surveying News

Legislature Approves Zoning Changes, New Housing Program

By Benjamin Fierro III

(A version of this article appeared in the September 26, 2016 issue of Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly; it is appearing on MALSCE's webpage with the permission of the author, who authorized the inclusion of links to the applicable session laws. MALSCE is grateful to Benjamin Fierro III for his willingness to share this information with MALSCE.)

For more than a dozen years, a coalition of planners, municipal officials and environmentalists has been lobbying for an ambitious bill to rewrite the state's Zoning Act. This year, as in the past, their efforts were for naught. While rejecting a complete overhaul of the Zoning Act, state lawmakers did approve several targeted, but meaningful, amendments that will benefit property owners and developers. In addition, the Legislature passed an important amendment to the Smart Growth Zoning and Housing Production Law to encourage the production of so-called "starter homes."

Zoning Act (G.L. c. 40A, §7)

On August 4, Governor Baker signed into

[here](#).

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, December 7,
2016

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

-- Save the Date --

2017 MALSCE Annual Convention

Friday, March 24 -
Saturday, March 25, 2016
DoubleTree by Hilton
Leominster
99 Erdman Way
Leominster, MA 01453

Stay tuned for convention and
registration information!

Affiliate Association Events

Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

*RISPLS 46th Annual Meeting
& Conference*
Friday, November 18, 2016
Warwick, RI
For more info, call 401/294-
1262

New Hampshire Land Surveying Association

*NHLSA 47th Annual Meeting
& Equipment Show*
Thursay & Friday,
December 1-2, 2016
Concord, NH
[More Info](#)

Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

December Round Tables
Friday, December 16, 2016
Montpelier, VT
[More Info](#)

New York State Association of Professional Land

law [Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2016, An Act
Relative to Non-Conforming Structures](#). Drafted
by the Boston Bar Association, this amendment to the
Zoning Act legitimizes certain structures after a period
of continuous use.

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Updates from Massachusetts Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs - October 2016

October 11, 2016 PE and PLS (EN) Board of Registration Committee on Professional Competency (CPC) Meeting

At this meeting, the Committee on Professional
Competency (CPC) discussed potential language
related to mandating continuing education for license
renewal. At this point in time, the committee is
looking to recommend 18 Professional Development
Hours during each biennial registration renewal period
to maintain theoretical, technological and business
proficiency for one's scope of practice, unless exempt
under 5.10(7). The Committee also discussed the
merits of mandatory continuing education
requirements. The CPC plans to present its
recommendations to the full Board of Registration at its
November 17, 2016 meeting.

October 27, 2016 PE and PLS (EN) Board of Registration Meeting

The Board discussed these issues:

- Trade/Design Build Exemption in MGL c. 112,
s. 81R (a);
 - Division of Professional Licensure: No
single board can take on issuing
guidance on this. Nothing will be
happening on this issue.

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Volunteers Needed

DCAMM Design/Construction Focus Groups Scheduled for December - MALSCE Member Participation Needed

DCAMM Commissioner Carl Gladstone is asking
Engineering and Land Surveying firms to Participate
in the DCAMM Disparity Study by participating in a
Focus Group between **December 6 and December**

Surveyors

58th Annual Surveyors
Conference & Exhibit
Wednesday- Friday, January
18-20, 2017
Verona, NY
[More Info](#)

Join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council

The MALSCE Proprietors' Council has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to helping MALSCE grow and thrive under the leadership of its chair, [Michael A. Feldman](#), Feldman Land Surveyors. In addition to helping define the future direction of MALSCE, Proprietors' Council members have the opportunity to hear from clients and bounce ideas off of peers regarding staffing, business opportunities, marketing and sustainability in our industries. Join the growing list of MALSCE members who represent their company as a member of the MALSCE Proprietors' Council! To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and to join the council [click here](#).

Help Wanted:

BL Companies

BL Companies, an ENR Top 500 Architectural, Engineering, Environmental and Land Surveying Consulting Firm has an exciting career opportunity immediately available for a **Survey Project Manager** to join the firm's growing survey division in its **Meriden, Connecticut** office.

The selected candidate will have at least 8 years' experience and will be responsible for managing the successful delivery of survey projects. The position includes the preparation of proposals,

15, 2016.

As part of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance's (DCAMM) Disparity Study for the MBE/WBE Affirmative Marketing Program, NERA Economic Consulting will be holding a series of Design/Construction **FOCUS GROUPS** between **December 6 and December 15, 2016**.

Sign up for a Focus Group to share your insights regarding both the opportunities and the challenges involved in doing business in the design and construction market space. Business owners' comments will be kept strictly confidential according to established legal and policy standards. No information attributable to individual businesses or business owners will be included in the final report for the study.

Your assistance is very important to the success of this Disparity Study. Please share this [Focus Group Invitation](#) and [FAQ Document](#) with your team.

More information and submit questions on: www.mass.gov/dcam/disparsity. Reach DCAMM's Disparity Study team on this directly at 857-204-1244.

Future City New England Regional Competition seeks Two Land Surveying Judges for January 21 in Boston

NCEES is in the process of recruiting surveyor judges for the Future City Regional Competition. They have asked us to let MALSCE members know they need two judges for the NCEES Best Land Surveying Practices Award in the 2017 Future City Regional Competition. For more information about this competition, please [click here](#).

If you are interested in judging, please contact:

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Educational Programs

estimating project costs, managing project budgets, resource planning, and client contact. Excellent verbal and written communication skills along with organizational skills are required for this position. Professional license is not required but desirable.

This individual will work closely with BL's Survey Management team and will participate in overall operations of the department. The candidate will also participate in BL's leadership development programs and will have a unique opportunity to make a broad and significant contribution to BL's growth while advancing their leadership skills.

BL Companies offers an excellent benefits package and fosters a growth-oriented work environment. Please send resume to: Human Resources, BL Companies, 355 Research Parkway, Meriden, CT 06450, via fax to 203-630-2615 or e-mail resumes@blcompanies.com. EOE. Visit our website at www.blcompanies.com. An Employee Owned Company.

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.

Bristol Community College Legal Aspects Online Course For Spring 2017

Bristol Community College (BCC) will be offering an online course entitled, "Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying" for Spring 2017.

The course covers land surveyor ethics and professional responsibility, real property law, real and record evidence, conveyances, recording systems, legal aspects of boundary establishment, unwritten title, easements, prescription, water boundaries and surveying plans.

BCC needs to have enough students enrolled (e.g. 10-12) in order for the class to occur. Please contact the course instructor [Paul Gay](#) if you are interested.

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UMaine Offering Courses to Surveying Community starting January 17, 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 January 17, 2017. Please note that these classes 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).

- SVT 201 - Adjustment Computations
- SVT 331 - Photogrammetry
- SVT 352 - Practical Field Operations
- SVT 532 - Survey Strategies in Use of Lidar
- SVT 541 - Geodesy

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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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