



MALSCE News

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

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Upcoming Events

Business Issues Affecting Land Surveyors

Thursday, April 13, 2017

Clark University MetroWest
Campus
333 Turnpike Road (Route 9)
Southborough, MA
Registration: 8:00 AM
Seminar: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

\$200 Members; \$250 Non-
members

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.

A Message from the President, Sean Ewald

As my term as President of MALSCE comes to a close, it seems like an ideal time to reflect on our accomplishments over the last two years as well as to look forward to the future of the Association. I can honestly say that becoming involved in the leadership of MALSCE has been a truly rewarding experience, and one I will cherish for the rest of my career. I've made and strengthened many wonderful relationships with colleagues, competitors, and others in and around our profession that have widened my view of the world we live and work in.

I'm very proud of the expanded offerings we've put together on various professional development topics, and we've worked very hard to listen to you, the members, and give you what you want. The increased attendance leads me to believe we're moving in the right direction and we're always welcoming more input! The success of last year's Convention and the excitement building around this year's event has me very optimistic that positive momentum will continue to push us forward for many years to come.

Lastly, I turn to the future leadership of our organization. We have an excellent Board of Directors established, with Paul Foley moving from his role as Vice President to the President's seat. Paul has been instrumental in many of our recent successes, so I'm confident that we will not see any slowdown in our progress. And I would be remiss if I didn't mention the critical role that The Engineering Center plays in keeping us on the straight and narrow, particularly the contributions of Rich Keenan as our Association Manager. Rich is truly the glue that holds us together, and I encourage you all to thank him for his efforts.

Thank you all, and best wishes!
Sean Ewald
MALSCE President 2015-2017

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

Registration deadline:
Wednesday, April 5, 2017

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

Berkshire and CT Valley Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
The Brewmasters Tavern
4 North Main Street
Williamsburg, MA
Cocktails: 6:30 PM
Dinner: 7:00 PM

The next meeting will be held at the Brewmasters Tavern, 6:30 PM cocktails with dinner meeting at 7 PM. Our meeting agenda will be on merging the Connecticut Valley Chapter with the Berkshire Chapter. If you have a co-worker/employee who is interested in attending please bring her/him along even if they are not a MALSCE member. Please send an RSVP to Mark Annis (mdaajm@gmail.com) only if you plan to attend so we can provide the restaurant with a head count.

Help Wanted:

The **Town of Natick** is seeking a **Town Engineer** with seven years' experience as a Civil Engineer in a public works environment with a minimum of two years supervisory experience. This position supervises the Engineering Division at the Public Works. The employee will provide oversight review of plans and specifications for construction and other engineering projects for the Town. Please visit <http://natickma.gov/jobs.aspx> for more information on this great opportunity or to apply!

Bryant Associates, Inc. is currently seeking

2017 MALSCE Convention

Friday & Saturday, March 24-25, 2017
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Leominster
99 Erdman Way, Leominster, MA 01453

The 2017 MALSCE Convention features:

- **In-depth Business Sessions:** Topics include sessions on technical advances, business trends, legislation, legal matters impacting land surveying and civil engineering professions
- **Convention Exhibits**
- **Surveyor-in-Training and PLS Exam Refresher Courses:** [Register Here](#)
- **Networking, Benefit Auction, and more!**

Registration Fees:

Full Conference:

\$300 Members, \$375 Non-Members

Friday Only:

\$200 Members, \$250 Non-Members

Saturday Only:

\$100 Members, \$125 Non-Members

For more program details about the 2017 convention, view or download the [Convention Brochure](#).

For a schedule of events, please [click here](#).

Registration Deadline EXTENDED: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

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

MALSCE Updates

Donate to the MALSCE Convention Auction

Donate an item for the auction to benefit the MALSCE Education Trust. To donate an item, simply bring it to the registration desk at the convention by 12:00PM on Friday, March 24. If you wish to donate an item, but cannot attend the convention, contact Rich Keenan at 617/305-4110 or keenan@engineers.org

PLS/SIT Refresher Courses being offered on Saturday, March 25, 2017

Saturday, March 25, 2017

Instrument Operators to join our **Boston, MA** office.

Instrument Operator shall be familiar with Leica equipment and have experience with Carlson Software. Must be familiar performing surveys on detailed transportation projects including Highways and Rails. Must be able to communicate with clients and be organized and detail oriented.

Experience: Instrument Operator - no experience necessary, willing to train.

Top salaries commensurate with experience, full benefits. Bryant Associates does not sponsor Visas. Candidates must be eligible for employment in the United States of America. EEO/AA

Please send resumes to resumes@bryant-engrs.com / no phone calls please.

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BSC Group, Inc. is currently seeking Land Surveyors for a variety of positions throughout the firm:

Survey Specialist for our expanding **Yarmouth** office to provide survey support for our design and permitting professionals in both the public and private sectors. Candidate must possess experience in all aspects of data collection and construction layout surveys in the field utilizing robotic total

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Leominster, MA 01453
Registration: 7:45 AM
Program: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

\$260 Members, \$310 Non-Members

The two-day 2017 MALSCE Convention offers day-long review courses for Surveyor in Training and Professional Land Surveyor candidates who will be taking the Fundamentals of Surveying Exam or the Professional Land Surveyor Exam in Spring 2017. For those who are interested, there is a Friday-only Convention registration option so you can plan to attend both days.

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

Registration Deadline: March 17, 2017

To register online for the SIT course, [click here](#).

To register online for the PLS course, [click here](#).

Featured Article

Superior Court Affirms Burlington Conservation Commission's Denial of Order of Condition

On October 3, 2016, the Middlesex Superior Court (J.Wall) in Linda Richards, Trustee of Short Investment Trust v. Town of Burlington Conservation Commission, upheld an Order of Conditions Denial issued by the Burlington Conservation Commission. Judge Wall's decision contains some important findings regarding the delineation of a Bordering Land Subject to Flooding resource area. Alexander Weisheit, Associate Attorney with KP Law, P.C., summarizes the implications of this decision in the article entitled "Superior Court Affirms Burlington Conservation Commission's Denial of Order of Condition."

To read the article, [click here](#).

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Volunteers Needed

Trig-Star Program is Seeking Volunteers

stations, data collectors and GPS equipment, along with the ability to process the information in the office and prepare property line and existing conditions plans. GIS and AutoCAD Civil 3D skills desired, along with a minimum of four years of experience, good client relations and communication skills. SIT preferred and must be on track to obtain PLS. High school diploma, valid driver's license with clean driving record required.

Survey Project Manager/Survey Specialist

for our **Boston and/or Worcester** office -flexible position to perform a wide variety of tasks, including data collection, calculations, preparation of proposals and cost estimates, oversight of field crews, project management, and business development. Ideal candidate will hold a BS degree in a field directly related to surveying, minimum 8 years of experience, good client relations skills and effective communication skills. CAD skills are required, and candidates must be technology savvy. PLS preferred. BSC focuses on the right fit for our company culture, and a position can be tailored to the right individual.

Survey Technician/Instrument Operator for our **Worcester** office. Must have a minimum of 2 years' experience using total station & electronic data collector. Experience with Carlson and Civil 3D is a plus. Candidates must have high school diploma, valid driver's license with clean driving record, and good math skills.

BSC offers an excellent benefits package and competitive salary. Qualified candidates should send a cover letter with resume to:

Human Resources Department
BSC Group, Inc.
803 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02127-1601

Introduce students to Land Surveying by participating in Trig-Star. Trig-Star is a High School Trigonometry Skill Awards Program administered by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, MALSCE, and a local land surveyor or engineer. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you can help administer this program or contact State Trig-Star Coordinator, Jim Diorio at jdiorio@vhb.com or 617/607-2790.

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Surveying News

Governor Baker's H.68 to Reorganize Certain Licensing Board

On January 25, 2017 Governor Baker filed his version of the proposed FY2018 operating budget for \$40.5B, along with legislation eliminating the Department of Public Safety and creating a new office to take over some of its functions.

This reorganization bill is now **H.68, an Act to reorganize the Department of Public Safety.**

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Updates from MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs - January 2017

January 26, 2017 PE and PLS (EN) Board of Registration Meeting

The Board discussed these issues:

- Board Legal Counsel Sheila York gave an update on the status of the revisions to 250 CMR: they are still under review in the Division of Professional Licensure, but she demonstrated how the proposed changes are in compliance with Governor Baker's **Executive Order 562.**

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Other News

Fax: (617) 896-4301
E-Mail: info@bscgroup.com

No telephone calls, no recruiters, please. BSC Group is an EEO employer. Veterans, women, minorities and persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

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.

In Memory of Wayne Kelloway

MALSCE is saddened to report the recent passing of Wayne Kelloway, president of Eastern Topographics, on February 12, 2017. To view a copy of Wayne's obituary, [click here](#).

Those wishing to make a donation in his memory may donate to Lakes Region Conservation Trust, PO Box 766, Center Harbor, NH 03226, <http://lrct.org/>.

With Wayne's passing, Lakes Region Survey Services is not currently active, but their aerial mapping company, Eastern Topographics is continuing in his legacy.

MALSCE Sustaining Members: Carlson Software, Eastern Topographics, Golden Aerial Surveys, Keystone Precision Instruments, Maine Technical Source, Spiller's, Vortics Imaging, and Waypoint Technology Group

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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