



MALSCE News

A monthly Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers member newsletter - June 2018

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Affiliate Events

Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors

COGO in a Spreadsheet Workshop

Sign up today for this CALS-sponsored seminar, with featured presenters Dr. Tom Meyer, Kevin Franklin, and Kevin Nelson.

Wednesday, July 18, 2018
CCSU Institute for Technology and Business
New Britain, CT

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Help Wanted

Level Design Group

Level Design Group is a recognized, multi-faceted Civil Engineering and Survey company. We have an immediate

MALSCE Updates

MALSCE Board Takes the First Step in Adopting New Bylaws

During this year's annual spring MALSCE Board of Directors Meeting & Dinner, which was held on June 12th at O'Connor's Restaurant & Bar in Worcester, MA, amended MALSCE Bylaws were presented by MALSCE President Paul Foley, PLS, COO, Feldman Land Surveyors, and put forth for a vote. MALSCE members in attendance voted unanimously to approve what are essentially new bylaws, the first step in the proscribed process for amending the existing MALSCE bylaws. A second board review and vote are required before the amended MALSCE bylaws can be officially adopted. This bylaws review and vote will occur during

opening for a Survey Department Manager in our Plainville, MA office.

Responsibilities include planning, executing and directing/coordinating all aspects of survey office operations, including management of project managers, staff surveyors, technicians and field operations. Additionally, you will be involved in business development and sales in all areas of company services and coordination with senior management for company operations. We are looking for someone with a unique mix of technical depth and business acumen to foster and lead the growth of a major office location.

Candidates must have a MA Professional Land Surveyor license; current NCEES record is preferred and the ability to obtain a RI PLS license a plus. Candidates should also have 6+ years of progressive surveying and management experience, an associates degree or higher, as well as experience in the production of Existing Conditions Field Surveys, Boundary Surveys, ALTA Mortgage Surveys, and the field layout of commercial, industrial, and residential building foundations.

Level Design Group offers career advancement opportunities plus an excellent benefits package. For more information or to send resumes, please contact Sarah Campbell at scampbell@leveledg.com.

RJ O'Connell & Associates, Inc.

A well-established Land Surveying/Civil Engineering/ Land Planning firm located in Stoneham, MA is seeking experienced field crew members. The ideal candidate should have two to five years experience working in a two person field crew. RJOC employs top of the line instrumentation including Leica Robotic Total Stations, GPS receivers and Carlson data collectors. Candidates should enjoy

the fall MALSCE Board of Directors dinner meeting, which will be scheduled for a date in October. In the meantime, the bylaws will undergo a legal review.

To read more, [click here](#).

MALSCE Welcomes New Members - June 2018

Registered Members:

Stephen T. LaMonica

Massachusetts Trial Court - Land Court Department

MALSCE Proprietors' Council Luncheon

Members of the MALSCE Proprietors' Council gathered for a luncheon meeting on June 15 at the [Aldrich Center](#) in Boston. During this meeting, Proprietors' Council Chair Michael Feldman, President and CEO of Feldman Land Surveyors, moderate the discussion topic "Leading our Industry and Advising MALSCE." Council members discussed current and future MALSCE undertakings, some of the challenges confronting the land surveying profession, and business issues including the ability to accommodate flexible work schedules.

For more information about the MALSCE Proprietors' Council, [click here](#).

MALSCE Basic Error Theory for

working in a team environment with a desire to learn and develop their skills. Knowledge of Civil 3D and survey drafting would be beneficial, but is not required.

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No phone calls please.

The Engineering Corporation

Professional Land Surveyor (PLS)

TEC is a civil engineering consulting firm that is dedicated to our people as its most valuable asset. This is an exciting time to join our group, as we are looking to build our team and rapidly grow in size! Our growth has created an immediate opportunity for a Professional Land Surveyor within our Survey Mapping and Technology Team in our Andover, MA office.

Responsibilities

- Effectively interact with staff, clients, and other stakeholders to deliver project solutions.
- Perform utility and right-of-way research.
- Oversee the preparation of, and stamp, all survey plan production.
- Serve as a mentor to other team members.

Skills

- Verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Through responsible autonomy, manage individual tasks and assignments.
- Self-starter and motivator with attention to detail.

Opportunities

Technicians Seminar Held on June 15

The June 15 MALSCE Basic Error Theory for Technicians seminar was the tenth and final professional development program offering of fiscal year 2018. Presented by A. Richard Vannozi, MS, PLS, Assistant Professor, Civil Engineering Department, Wentworth Institute of Technology, this seminar was part of FY18 educational curriculum that included four seminars put on for the benefit of professional land surveyors, three seminars geared towards surveying technicians, Professional Land Surveyor and Surveyor-in-Training Refresher Courses, and the 2018 MALSCE Convention. 363 MALSCE members and nonmembers attended these programs.

Suggest a Seminar Topic

Is there a land surveying topic that you would like MALSCE to feature in an upcoming seminar? If so, MALSCE Past-President Sean Ewald, PLS, Director of Land Surveying, BSC Group, Inc., would like to hear from you. Working in consultation with members of MALSCE's Executive Committee, Sean is leading the effort to develop a slate of fiscal year 2019 seminars that address the professional development needs of MALSCE members. If you have a seminar topic you would Sean to consider or are prepared to teach a half of full-day seminar for the benefit of survey technicians and/or professional land surveyors, please contact Sean via email at sewald@bscgroup.com.

Surveying News

- Quality control review of various survey project elements.
- Management of survey projects during research, field, and office plan production.
- Business development to assist with our projected growth.
- Personal growth and development.

Qualifications

- Massachusetts PLS (required)
- New Hampshire LLS (preferred)
- 5+ years of experience in: topographic mapping, boundary surveys, ALTA's, construction layout & as-builts

TEC offers excellent career growth, innovative perks, and a comprehensive benefits package. Check out our website for more information: www.theengineeringcorp.com

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.

Contact your Massachusetts Legislators and ask them to support our Dig Safe Bill (Now HB4420)

This bill is currently in the House Ways & Means Committee. Working in coalition with ACEC/MA and UCANE, we are also working to try to get this language attached to Environmental Bond Bill in the Senate or another larger piece of legislation expected to be completed by July 31, 2018, the end of the legislature's formal session this year. Reaching out to your state legislators now is key to letting them know that this is important for public safety, climate resiliency projects, your town and your professional practice.

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

Spending Policies Differences Point to Late Massachusetts Budget

Massachusetts will not have an annual budget in place when fiscal year 2019 starts Sunday and lawmakers are unlikely to vote on a compromise budget until next week, at the earliest, House Speaker Robert DeLeo predicted on Wednesday. Most states already have a budget in place for fiscal 2019, which begins on July 1. But in Massachusetts, where Governor Charlie Baker kicked off the latest budget cycle in January, it looks like the budget will be late as talks appear to be spilling into the new fiscal year and the Fourth of July holiday.

To read more, [click here](#).

Updates from the MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs - June 2018

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors met on June 21, 2018, and discussed a variety of issues.

To read more, [click here](#).

Other News

First *Point of Beginning* Marker to be set

Surveyors Historical Society

On Sunday, July 15, 2018, at 12:45 PM, a ceremony dedicating a new monument honoring Henry David Thoreau will take place at the Thoreau Farm Birthplace in Concord, MA. Henry David Thoreau was a Surveyor during his life, and this new monument recognizes his work as a Surveyor. The monument is the first to be set as part of the recently initiated "Point of Beginning" program which was developed as an expansion of the "Final Point" program sponsored by the National Society of Professional Surveyors Foundation. A "Final Point" marker was set at Thoreau's burial site in the Fall of 2017 in conjunction with the 2017 Surveyors Historical Society Annual Rendezvous.

The "Point of Beginning" event will take place at the Birthplace during the same

time that the Thoreau Society will be there for their annual picnic. The picnic is a "bring your own food" event; however, the Birthplace event will provide cake and lemonade for all. Thoreau's birthday is July 12 so this will be a birthday celebration as well.

In addition to Thoreau Society members, Surveyors, and members of the Surveyors Historical Society, other followers of Thoreau are cordially invited to attend.

MassDOT Highway Division Survey Section Invites Qualified Vendors to Submit Survey Equipment RFRs

MassDOT's Highway Division's Survey Section invites qualified vendors to submit Responses that will enable the department to purchase GNSS and conventional survey equipment including static/RTK GNSS receivers, robotic total stations, hand held data collectors/controllers, adjustment software, and related accessories.

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

Opportunity to provide feedback: Studying the impact of GPS on the surveying industry

NSPS

A random sample of NSPS members have or will be receiving an email invitation to participate in a brief questionnaire about the impact of GPS on the surveying industry in the United States. This survey is part of a broader economic impact assessment that RTI International is conducting in collaboration with the National Institute of Standards and Technology on the nation's precision, navigation, and timing services provided through the Global Positioning System (GPS). The study has two objectives: 1) to quantify the economic impact of GPS; and 2) to quantify the economic impact of an unexpected 30-day failure of the current GPS system.

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

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Questions or comments?

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