

## **MALSCE News**

A monthly Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers member newsletter - December 2017

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## **Register Today!**

### **The Ninth Annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying**

Friday, January 26, 2018  
The Conference Center at  
Waltham Woods  
860 Winter Street  
Waltham, MA

#### **Featuring:**

Denise A. Chicoine,  
Jutta Deeney, Edward S.  
Englander, Robert S.  
Mangiaratti, Kathleen M.  
O'Donnell, Shannon F.  
Slaughter, Sydney F. Smithers

Don't miss the ninth installment of this popular seminar examining legal issues impacting the land surveying profession. The panel will address many topics that will enable you to create a more effective survey, which may help parties avoid litigation or prevail on disputed claims.

Register for this seminar before the **January 19, 2018** deadline! This event is \$200 for MALSCE Members and \$250 for Non-Members.

For more information or to register online, [click here](#). To download the event flyer and registration form, [click here](#).

## **President's Message**



Paul R. Foley, PLS, COO  
Feldman Land Surveyors

2017-2019 MALSCE President

And just like that, we're ready to round out 2017. Fortunately, it's been a busy year for our profession and our association.

We started the year as we usually do - preparing for our annual convention. As I had hoped, it was a great success. The Eastern MA Chapter, led by Joseph Vozzella, PLS, provided us with excellent session content and plenty of opportunity for networking and professional development. Our 2018 Convention is already taking shape, and will be brought to us by our Central MA Chapter. Convention committee co-chairs, Mark Violette, PLS (Central MA Chapter President) and Darren Hardy, PLS (MALSCE Vice President) have been hard at work, setting the theme of the convention and focusing on providing sessions that will be a draw for all levels of membership. Thank you to Mark, Darren and Central MA Chapter volunteers for their time and commitment!

[Read more...](#)

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## Save the Date!

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### 2018 MALSCE Annual Convention

Friday & Saturday,  
March 2-3, 2018  
DoubleTree by Hilton  
Leominster  
99 Erdman Way  
Leominster, MA

Save this date! More information is coming soon.

### Engineers and Land Surveyors Day

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
9:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Massachusetts State House,  
2nd Floor, Boston, MA  
[More info](#)

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## Upcoming MALSCE Seminars

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

February 16, 2018  
*Advanced Survey Math*  
Joseph McNichols, PLS,  
McNichols Surveying

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

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## Affiliate Association Events

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### New York State Association of

# MALSCE Updates

## 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 2018 dues. Your timely payment helps ensure that MALSCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations. It also guarantees you will continue to receive the numerous promotional benefits that MALSCE has to offer.

Third notices of dues invoices were mailed out on November 17, 2017 to all members who had not responded in the initial dues invoice mailings. The anticipated termination date for nonpayment of fiscal year 2018 MALSCE dues will be during the first week of January 2018.

If you have not paid your fiscal year 2018 dues and would like to receive another copy of your MALSCE dues invoice to do so, click the button below.

✉ [Request a New Invoice](#)

## Become a MALSCE Sustaining Member

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year, MALSCE is pleased to offer 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 and to enroll, [click here](#).

## Surveying News

### MALSCE President Paul Foley Testifies in Support of Massachusetts House Bill 1813

On Wednesday, December 6, 2017 MALSCE President Paul Foley testified before the Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Transportation in support of the Massachusetts House

## Professional Land

### Surveyors

59th Annual Surveyors  
Conference

Wednesday-Friday  
January 17-19, 2018  
Capital Center  
Albany, New York  
[More info](#)

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### Help Wanted

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Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. is an established civil engineering & land surveying firm that has been in business for over 30 years. We are seeking an experienced AutoCAD drafter/designer to work full-time in our Uxbridge or North Attleboro offices.

Candidates must be proficient in AutoCAD Land Development Desktop and Civil 3D with an understanding of Civil Engineering and Land Surveying applications. A minimum of 3 years of experience is preferred.

We offer an excellent compensation and benefits package including medical, dental, 401(k), vacation, and paid holidays.

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Andrews Survey & Engineering, Inc. is an established civil engineering & land surveying firm that has been in business for over 30 years. We have an immediate opening in our Uxbridge office for a Civil Engineer with 5+ years of experience in land development projects. Tasks shall include the preparation of plans and specifications for various types of development projects, specifically roadway layout and site planning; grading, drainage, and utility design; hydrologic & hydraulic calculations and reports; soil testing; septic system designs; state and local permitting; and night meetings for presentations to local boards and agencies.

Bill 1813, an act relative to public safety in excavation. To view a copy of Paul's testimony and to learn more about this proposed legislation and what you can do to support it, [click here](#).

## NSPS Updates

### NSPS Announces Guidelines for 2018 Awards Program

NSPS recently announced their guidelines and criteria for their 2018 awards program. All NSPS members are encouraged to participate by nominating themselves or their peers in the categories for which they are eligible by the **April 30, 2018** deadline. The categories of awards include: [Surveying Excellence](#) for members who have made an outstanding contribution to the surveying profession; [Earle J. Fennell Award](#) for distinguished educational contributions to the surveying and mapping profession; [Map/Plat Design Competition](#) of freehand and machine or computer drafted maps and plats completed after June 30, 2016; [Student Project of the Year](#) for projects done by undergraduate students enrolled in a surveying or related program.

### NSPS 2018 Elections

NSPS members should have received an email message containing a link through which to vote in the upcoming election of a new NSPS Vice President, as well as three proposed Bylaws changes. If you are an NSPS member and have not already done so, please remember to vote by the **5:00 PM (EST) on December 31** deadline.

### 2018 NSPS and AAGS Scholarship Program

Each year, through the National Society of Professional Surveyors Foundation, over \$30,000 dollars in scholarships funded by a variety of individuals, companies, and organizations are made available to encourage and support college education in geospatial sciences. These scholarships are a great opportunity for college students in surveying, mapping, geographic information systems, and geodetic science programs. The application deadline for these scholarships is **January 15, 2018**. For a listing of available scholarships and information on how to apply, [click here](#).

## Educational Programs

This position requires an excellent attitude and an ability to communicate effectively with clients, regulators, and office staff. This position offers a great opportunity for an individual who is eager to take on a larger role as an engineer, and to be entrusted with various levels of responsibility.

Candidates for this position shall possess excellent communication and writing skills, and be proficient in AutoCAD/Land Development Desktop/Civil 3D, HydroCAD, and Microsoft Office. PE license not required.

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*Including a help-wanted advertisement of up to 200 words in MALSCÉ News is a free MALSCÉ Proprietor's Council member benefit. The fee for all other MALSCÉ 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 MALSCÉ at [malsce@engineers.org](mailto:malsce@engineers.org).*

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## Bristol Community College Legal Aspects Online Course Spring 2018

Bristol Community College (BCC) will be offering an online course entitled, "Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying" for Spring 2018.

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. To obtain more detailed information on the course and how to enroll, [click here](#).

## MALSCÉ 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 MALSCÉ News.

While we cannot promise to print everything submitted, if you've written something you'd like to share with your fellow MALSCÉ members, forward it to [Rich Keenan](#).

MALSCÉ News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by Katya Gonzalez-Willette, Abbie Goodman, and Richard Keenan with thanks to MALSCÉ President Paul Foley. This newsletter highlights the program and activities of MALSCÉ 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 MALSCÉ members please forward it to Rich Keenan at [rkeenan@engineers.org](mailto:rkeenan@engineers.org).

### Questions or comments?

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