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### **Featured Article**

#### ***Common Research Mistakes Surveyors Make (Title)***

by Knud E. Hermansen, PLS, PE,  
PhD, Esq.

Surveyors, as a general rule, stay clear of providing title opinions - rightfully so. Nevertheless, reasonably competent surveying services must rely on some fundamental knowledge of title opinions. A surveyor that is ignorant about the basis for a title opinion could fail to provide relevant information necessary for an attorney to provide a competent title opinion...

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## ***MALSCE News is a revamped monthly publication***

The Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers is pleased to release this revamped issue of *MALSCE News*. A reflection of MALSCCE's commitment to fostering the exchange of information amongst its members, *MALSCE News* will highlight the program and activities of MALSCCE and report 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 MALSCCE members, please click the button below.

[→ Contribute News](#)

## ***It is time to renew your MALSCCE membership***

On July 13, fiscal year 2016 dues invoices were mailed to all dues paying MALSCCE members.

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## Upcoming Events

### Save the dates for the 2016 MALSCE Convention

Hosted by the MALSCE Cape Cod Chapter

The 2016 MALSCE Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor in Plymouth, MA. Under the direction of Co-chairs Thadd Eldredge, Eldredge Surveying and Paul Foley, Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCE Convention Planning Committee is hard at work developing a two program event featuring in-depth business sessions, a convention exhibit and plenty of down time for networking with your peers.

For the latest news, [click here](#).

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## Chapter Reports

### Gosselin and Vozella elected chapter presidents

During the last fiscal year, the ranks of MALSCE chapter presidents welcomed two new members as David A. Gosselin, PLS, PSM, The Berkshire Design Group, and Joseph G. Vozella, PLS, Vozella Design Group, Inc., were elected president of the Connecticut Valley and Eastern Massachusetts

Prompt payment of your dues invoice will ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCE has to offer through July 1, 2016. These include membership in the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for a nominal fee; discounted registration fees for MALSCE-sponsored programs; invitations to meetings where you can meet with and learn from your peers; opportunities to have input on legislative and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions; and periodic 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:

[Request a New Invoice](#)

## MALSCE Updates

### New MALSCE Leaders Working to Ensure that MALSCE Continues to Benefit all Members

During the 2015 MALSCE Convention Awards Luncheon, the following volunteer leaders assumed their MALSCE office: President Sean M. Ewald, PLS, BSC Group, Inc., Vice President Paul R. Foley, PLS, Feldman Land Surveyors, Treasurer Kevin D. Arsenault, PLS, Green International Affiliates, Inc., Secretary Darren J. Hardy, PLS, WSP, and Past President Richard F. Gosselin, PLS, Spatial Data & Design. Since then, these leaders have taken steps to ensure that MALSCE is a vibrant association that delivers an array of member benefits, which include developing a fiscal year 2016 budget and strengthening essential committees, among other things.

[Contact an officer!](#)

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## Member News

### Cape Cod 2015 local Trig-Star Competition



Cape Cod Chapter Chair and Massachusetts Trig-Star Coordinator Donald Poole, Outermost Land Survey, presents the prize to 2015 Massachusetts Trig-Star Competition winner Alex Cooper, Nauset Regional High School.

To learn more about this program, [click here](#).

### Violette Named 2014 Surveyor of the Year



MALSCE is pleased to announce that during the 2015 Annual Convention, Mark E. Violette, PLS, Senior Project Manager, Nitsch

## Interested in Shared MALSCE Booth at REBA Fall Conference?

The Real Estate Bar Association of Massachusetts (REBA) is holding its 2015 Fall Conference on Monday, November 2, 2015 from 7:30 am - 2:45 pm at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Norwood. If you are interested in sharing a MALSCE booth, read more.

[Read more...](#)

## Volunteers needed to help plan the 2017 Surveyors Rendezvous

MALSCE leaders recently agreed to host the National Surveyors Historical Society's (NSHS) 2017 National Surveying Rendezvous in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's birth.

[Learn more...](#)

## Surveying News

### MA Board of Registration Committee on Mandatory Continuing Education

On January 13, the MA Board of Registration Committee on Mandatory Continuing Education released their mission statement. It begins:

"General Laws Chapter 13, Sector 45 authorizes the Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and

Engineering was named MALCE's 2014 Surveyor of the Year. This award goes out to Mark for his dedicated service to MALSCCE, especially as longstanding President of the Central Massachusetts Chapter.

[Learn more](#) about this award and see a list of past winners.

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## Join the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council

Under the leadership of its chair, [Michael A. Feldman](#), Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council membership grew by more than 25% this past year.

[Click here](#) to learn about the benefits of joining this group that is committed to helping MALSCCE grow and thrive.

## Become a MALSCCE Sustaining Member

MALSCCE is pleased to announce its 2015-2016 Sustaining Membership Program. Promote your company to over 400 MALSCCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a sustaining member today!

[Learn more...](#)

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## Help Wanted: Adjunct Professor

Wentworth Institute of

Professional Land Surveyors ("the Board") to establish continuing education requirements for licensees. As of this date, the Board has not imposed the requirement..."

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## MassDOT's GPS Network Now Available for Use

MassDOT is now granting public access to its CORS/Real-Time GPS Network. The MaCORS Network is administered by the Survey Section of the MassDOT Highway Division. Many sectors throughout the Commonwealth that utilize precise positioning applications will benefit from its availability.

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## Affiliate Association Events

### Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors

*Adverse Possession in Connecticut Seminar*  
September 11, 2015  
CCSU Institute for Technology and Business (ITBD)  
New Britain, CT  
[More Info](#)

### New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors

NYS-Specific LS Exam Fall Review Workshop  
September 11, 2015 - September 12, 2015  
Hyatt Place, 20 State Farm Place  
Malta, New York 12020  
[More Info](#)

### Vermont Society of Land Surveyors

Technology's Civil Engineering program is seeking a part-time adjunct instructor for the Fall 2015 semester (August 31 through December 15) to teach surveying labs. Teaching responsibilities include field labs and some classroom-based instruction for up to 4 2-hour labs per week.

The Instructor should be an experienced surveyor and familiar with Topcon total station and Carlson datalogging instruments.

Inquiries should be made to: Jack Duggan, Chair, Department of Civil Engineering and Technology, Wentworth Institute of Technology, [dugganj@wit.edu](mailto:dugganj@wit.edu), (617) 504-4329.

 Send to a Colleague

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*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 Will Ognibene at [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org).*

VSLs 51st Annual Conference

September 18, 2015

Killington Grand Resort and Conference Center,  
Killington, Vermont, 05751

[More Info](#)

## Educational Programs

### Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying

Sponsored by the MALSCE Education Trust

The MALSCE Education Trust is sponsoring Paul L. Gay, PLS, Esq. of SurveyLaw, Inc. to develop the course materials for a course entitled "Legal Aspects of Boundary Surveying" at Bristol Community College.

[Read more...](#)

### Wentworth Offers PLS Certificate Program --

Get Ready for Fall 2015

Wentworth Institute of Technology, (WIT) Professional Land Surveying Certificate Program: WIT offers courses to meet the needs of candidates preparing for the Principles and Practices of Land Surveying license exam.

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### Master's in Survey Engineering Online Program Now Available

University of Maine Offers Master's in Survey

## Engineering Online

Receive a master's degree in surveying engineering on-line, no time on campus required.

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### Questions or comments?

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