



MALSCE News

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

February 2019

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Spring 2019 PLS and SIT Refresher Course

**Saturday, March 16, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
Leominster
Leominster, MA**

The second day of the 2019 MALSCE Convention features a day-long review course for Professional Land Surveyor and Surveyor in Training candidates who will be taking their exam in the spring. For those who are interested, there will be a Friday-only Convention registration option. PLS and SIT Refresher Course enrollment is limited so register today!

[Click here for more information on the PLS Refresher Course](#)

[Click here for more information on the SIT Refresher Course](#)

2019 Trig-Star Contest

Register Today!

2019 MALSCE & NESS Convention

Elevating Our Profession

**Friday and Saturday, March 15 and 16, 2019
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Leominster
Leominster, MA**

The 2019 MALSCE & North East Surveying Societies Convention is organized under the theme of "Elevating Our Profession". Hosted by the Berkshire and Connecticut Valley Chapters, the convention features in-depth business sessions, convention exhibits, Surveyor-In-Training and Professional Land Surveyor Refresher Courses, a plan contest, networking breaks, a benefit auction and more!

[Click here to see the Convention Flyer/Registration Form](#)

[Click here for the convention schedule](#)

[Click here to register online](#)

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Convention Sessions Include:
Friday:

**A Short Journey to the Moving
Center of the Earth -
The Evolution of the National Spatial
Reference System
MALSCE Guidelines for 3D**

The 2019 Trig-Star competition season has begun. [Click here](#) to learn how you can get involved.

Save the Date

Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House

Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Massachusetts State House
Boston, MA

Choose a Topic for an Upcoming Seminar

MALSCE is seeking to identify, develop and provide educational programs that are intended to address the professional development needs of its members. Recent seminars have addressed laser scanners, Flood Insurance and the FEMA Elevation Certificate, basic field theory, legal perspectives on land surveying, basic error theory, survey mathematics, and preparing for the Fundamentals of Surveying and Professional Land Surveyor Exams. If you would like to recommend a topic and/or speaker for a full or half-day MALSCE Seminar, contact [MALSCE Past-President Sean Ewald](#).

Affiliate Association Events

Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

Surveying Services Update
Board of Registration Panel -
The Future of Licensure and Land Surveying
Pulse of Business -
sponsored by the Proprietors' Council
Educators Panel -
A Collaborative Discussion of the Future of
Land Surveying Education
Drone Usage and Accuracy
Fun with Drones for Surveyors
New Survey Tools and LiDar
Limitation for Projects
North East Surveying Societies Panel Discussion

Saturday:
Leadership -"Anyone Could
Lead Perfect People"
Gary Kent, The Schneider Corporation

Registration Deadline is March 8, 2019
Full Convention and Single Day Rates Available

MALSCE Discounted Hotel Rate Cutoff Extended to February 22, 2019!

[Click here for information about booking a discounted room](#)

2019 MALSCE Plan Contest

Enter the 2019 MALSCE Plan Contest and have your plan displayed at the 2019 MALSCE & NESS Convention!

[Click here to learn more and enter](#)

Donate an item to the MALSCE Education Trust Auction

To donate an item, simply bring it to the registration desk at the convention by 12:00 PM on Friday, March 15. If you wish to donate an item, but cannot attend the convention, contact Rich Keenan: 617/305-4110 or rkeenan@engineers.org.

MALSCE News

MALSCE Welcomes New

General Membership Meeting
and Seminar
Thursday, February 21, 2019
The Radisson Hotel
Warwick, RI

[More info](#)

MALSCE News is Seeking Topical Articles

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Honorary Members



*From Left to Right: Denise Chicoine, Edward Englander, MALSCE President Paul Foley, and Donald Poole
Photo Credit: Sean Ewald*

MALSCE would like to congratulate attorneys Denise Chicoine and Edward Englander who were presented with Honorary Memberships at the 10th Annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying on January 25, 2019. Denise and Ed have been instrumental in the continued success of the annual Legal Perspectives seminars, gathering the attorneys to present on relevant legal issues and presenting themselves. Their firm Englander & Chicoine is also working to create a long overdue addendum to the MALSCE Law Book.

MALSCE Proprietors' Council

The MALSCE Proprietors' Council met on Friday, February 1st at The Aldrich Center at TEC. The meeting, moderated by MALSCE Proprietors' Council Chair Michael Feldman, Feldman Land Surveyors, covered many topics including recent and future business trends, the impact of scanning on the profession, as well as plans for the Proprietors' Council Roundtable at the convention. Be sure to attend future luncheons and learn more about the [Proprietors' Council](#) and the important work they do on behalf of MALSCE and the land surveying profession.

MALSCE Government Affairs Update - February 2019

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 that classified ad

[Click here](#) to learn about the leadership assignments in the Massachusetts Senate and House, Dig-Safe Bills updates, the law passed requiring Professional Engineers on Natural Gas Projects, and the January meeting of the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

NSPS News

NSPS Finds Surveyors Eligible for New Qualified Business Income Tax Deduction

Although the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was signed into law in late 2017, consultants and lawyers are still learning of new incentives beneficial to individuals and businesses alike. In response to a member inquiry, NSPS Government Affairs consultants, John M. Palatiello & Associates, Inc., provided an [analysis](#) finding that surveying firms operating as a pass-through (PT) entity would be eligible for a new 20% deduction on 'qualified business income' (QBI). This new deduction replaces the domestic production activities deduction (DPAD) which allowed up to a 9% deduction for businesses that mostly operated in the United States. Treasury has announced that it will include surveying with engineering services as firms eligible for the benefit.

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Questions or comments?

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