



MALSCE News

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

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Register today for these Upcoming MALSCE Events

Spring 2016 PLS & SIT Refresher Courses

Friday, March 19, 2016

Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
180 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Registration: 7:45 AM

Program: 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

\$260 Members, \$310 Non-Members

The two-day 2016 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 2016. For those who are interested, there will be a Friday-only Convention registration option so you can plan to attend both days.

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

2016 MALSCE Convention to feature auction to benefit the MALSCE Education Trust

Keeping with tradition, the 2016 MALSCE Convention will feature an auction to raise funds for the [MALSCE Education Trust](#). This 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization was founded to enhance the profession of land surveying and civil engineering in Massachusetts by providing scholarship and education grants for the students of land surveying and civil engineering who are Massachusetts residents.

Thanks to the generosity of the University of Maine - Survey Engineering Technology Program, which donated 11 items, and the efforts of MALSCE Education Trust Trustee David Humphrey, PLS, Schofield Brothers LLC, the annual solicitation of auction items is off to a great start. Your support is still needed, so please join New England Reprographics and the MALSCE Cape Cod Chapter in donating an item for the auction.

The MALSCE Education Trust Benefit Auction/Cocktail Reception is scheduled to take place from 5:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, March 18. To donate an item, simply bring it to the registration desk at the convention by 12:00 PM on that Friday. If you wish to donate an item but cannot attend the convention, contact Rich Keenan at 617/305-4110.

2015-2016 MALSCE Proprietors' Council has 34 Members

Registration Deadline:
March 11, 2016

[Register Now](#)

2016 MALSCE Convention

Friday & Saturday

March 18-19, 2016

Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor
180 Water St, Plymouth, MA 02360

Saturday Lecturer:

Donald A. Wilson, PLS
Boundary Retracement Using
Modern Tools

Registration Fees:

Full Conference:

\$300 Members, \$375 Non-Members

Friday Only:

\$200 Members, \$250 Non-Members

Saturday Only:

\$200 Members, \$250 Non-Members

For more program details about the 2016 convention, view or download the [Convention Brochure](#).

Registration Deadline:

March 10, 2016

[Register Now](#)

Save the Date: 2016 ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys

Friday, May 13, 2016

Clark University MetroWest
Campus, 333 Turnpike Road,
Southborough, MA

Gary R. Kent, PS

*Director of Surveying, The
Schneider Corporation*

This program will be an in-depth review of the 2016 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys which became effective February 2016. In addition, the program will include important information on, and reasons for, the changes from the previous 2011 version. The program also takes a fresh look at the measurement standard - relative positional precision.

Now that the fiscal year 2016 dues renewal period has expired, the MALSCE Board of Directors is pleased to recognize the 34 companies that comprise the 2015-2016 MALSCE Proprietors' Council. A listing of these companies can be found on MALSCE's [website](#). This landing page is also where individuals and businesses are referred to when they contact MALSCE and its affiliate organization The Engineering Center Education Trust in search of a land surveyor.

MALSCE Updates

2016 MALSCE Plan Contest - Still Seeking Submissions!

The MALSCE Convention Committee invites you to enter the 2016 Plan Contest! Award-winning plans will be displayed at the 2016 MALSCE Convention and noted in the MALSCE member newsletter, MALSCE News. First place winners in each category will compete in the Plan of the Year competition, held during the convention. All awards will be presented at the Awards Luncheon on Saturday, March 19, 2016.

Plan Contest Rules:

- Each entry must be accompanied by an entry form and fee.
- Plans must be one sheet. (no multiple sheets or sets).
- No plans will be accepted after the deadline of March 4, 2016.
- Must be a plan of land in Massachusetts, dated between March 2014 and February 2016.
- Entries can be PDFs or hard copies of the drawings.
- One plan, per drafter, per category. Firms are allowed to enter plans in the same category by different drafters.
- Color submittal is allowed for non-registry plans.
- All entries will become the property of MALSCE.

Download an [entry form](#) to read the full contest rules and submission instructions.

Individual MALSCE Member Convention Advertisements

Look for future announcements regarding this seminar.

Save the Date: Advanced Boundary Law for Surveyors

Friday, June 10, 2016

Clark University MetroWest
Campus, 333 Tumpike Road,
Southborough, MA

A. Richard Vannozi, MS, PLS
*Thompson School of Applied
Science, University of New
Hampshire*

Look for future announcements regarding this seminar.

Affiliate Programs

NHLSA Spring Quarterly Business Meeting & Seminar

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Courtyard Marriott, Salon B
70 Constitution Avenue
Concord, NH

**Surveying in Floodplains: What
to Know about FEMA's Products
and Processes**
and
When Rick Met Moe

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

Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House

Tuesday May 10, 2016

Meeting at the Aldrich Center at
The Engineering Center
One Walnut Street, Boston, MA

Help Wanted:

Eversource Energy

As a member benefit, MALSCE Members are invited to take out a business card ad in the 2016 MALSCE Convention booklet. Grab some extra attention for your firm, event, or whatever you'd like. The convention is also continuing to seek sponsors for meals and breaks; see below for details.

Convention Booklet Advertising

Booklets including convention details and session handouts will be printed prior to the convention. All exhibiting organizations will be listed in the book. Advertisements must be submitted as black and white high resolution JPEG, TIFF or PDF files and received by March 8, 2016. All convention attendees will be given a booklet.

[Read more...](#)

MALSCE Professional Development Committee needs your help

The MALSCE Professional Development Committee seeks to identify, develop and provide educational programs that are intended to address the professional development needs of MALSCE members. Recent and upcoming PD Committee-sponsored programs include How to Fix a Boundary Line and How NOT to, Massachusetts' New 250 CMR, Professional Land Surveyor and Surveyor-in Training Refresher Courses, Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues VII, and 2016 ALTA Standards. The PD Committee, which is comprised of MALSCE member volunteers who take turns at managing the various committee-sponsored seminars, is looking for new members. If you are a MALSCE member and would like to serve on this essential MALSCE committee contact [MALSCE Past-President Rich Gosselin](#).

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Surveying News

2015-2016 Massachusetts Trig-Star Program is Still Seeking Volunteers

The 2015-2016 Massachusetts Trig-Star program is underway. 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. A donation from the MALSCE Education Trust has once again enabled MALSCE to become a Trig-Star Statewide Sponsor.

is looking for a Survey Coordinator reporting out of the Westwood, MA office to direct, plan and coordinate land survey work activity within the assigned territory. The qualified individual will supervise, lead and coordinate diverse survey activities of staff and vendors while providing expert advice to project teams. This individual will be considered the Subject Matter Expert (SME) and take the lead role on all survey tasks. This individual will attend project meetings, providing oversight on all Survey related tasks, proving to be an advocate for the department, providing the highest quality and integrity for daily tasks. Minimum of 8 years experience, Licensed Land Surveyor preferred. [Click here for more details.](#)

Hill-Engineers, Architects, Planners, Inc.

is seeking a registered land surveyor, experienced with property line retracement, division of land, and construction surveying, with capabilities in boundary research, computations, and AutoCAD drafting. The position involves managing survey projects, including marketing for new projects along with overseeing and completing current projects. We are looking for a client-focused professional, possessing an entrepreneurial spirit to help grow our business. The successful candidate will be an open-minded team player with strong communication skills.

Hill has provided a resource of consulting services to business and industry since 1949. The company has grown successfully, from a single person company to a corporation of 40 professionals. Hill is located in Dalton, MA in the heart of the scenic Berkshire Hills of western Massachusetts, renowned for world class cultural, environmental, and recreational activities. Our classic New England towns offer safe, affordable living with excellent school systems and educational opportunities. Hill offers a work environment that encourages inventiveness, resourcefulness, and continuous professional development. Become part of the largest A/E firm located in the beautiful Berkshires with over 60 years of experience in engineering, architecture and land surveying.

Trig-Star packets have been received and program test scores are due by Sunday, May 15, 2016. [Click here](#) to learn more about how you can help administer this program or contact State Trig-Star Coordinator Don Poole, Outermost Land Survey, Inc., at dpool@outermostlandsurvey.com or 508/255-0477.

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MAPPS/NSPS Surveying and Mapping Conference and "Capitol Hill Day"

by Rich Vannozi, *NSPS Director representing Massachusetts*

Below is a link to the upcoming conference which, among other things, includes "Capitol Hill Day" on Wednesday, March 16th. This is the second year that NSPS has co-sponsored this conference with MAPPS (Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors). With all MALSCE registered members, members of NSPS, this conference is an example of the types of opportunities and benefits that this relationship provides. The conference is long, but because of the way it is structured, attending for just those portions that interest you is easy. The first two days of the conference is made up predominately of workshops, briefings and liaison meetings with various government agencies.

[Read more...](#)

WHAT is MAPPS?

For those that are wondering what MAPPS is and why it is important, this [two minute video interview](#) of MAPPS past president Kass Green may just answer your questions.

External Affairs Update

- **Lyme Disease Legislation - still in committee, please contact your legislators:** MALSCE, ACEC/MA and BSCES support two Lyme insurance bills, H. 901 and S. 502, "An Act Relative to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage." [More Information](#)

- Governor's version of **FY2017 operating budget** was released on January 27, 2016. House Ways & Means is expected to issue its version of the budget in April, then Senate action, then conference committee, with a goal of completing the FY2017 budget before June 30, 2016.

- **MassDOT 5-year Capital Improvement Plan is expected to be released in a few weeks.**

- **Governor's version of capital budget expected in June 2016.**

Check us out at www.hillengineers.com. Send resumes to dharris@hillengineers.com.

Manager, Survey Unit

The Manager, Survey Unit at the **Massachusetts Port Authority** ensures accurate and proper survey documentation and recording of construction surveys, property boundaries and physical features of Massport lands and lands that effect Massport facilities.

EDUCATION:

High school diploma required, BS in surveying or civil engineering preferred. Ability to communicate matters of land title, matters of spatial orientation, matters concerning labor, and matters concerning budget (orally and written) in Standard English required.

EXPERIENCE:

10 - 15 years of land surveying experience with at least 5 years in a supervisor/management role required. Demonstrated ability to work with minimum supervision required. Demonstrated supervisory and communication skills required.

UNIQUE EXPERTISE/ CERTIFICATION/ REGISTRATIONS:

1. Current and valid drivers' license.
2. Massachusetts Registered Professional Land Surveyor license.
3. Working knowledge of 250 CMR requirements.
4. Working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
5. Ability to pass Massport security clearance and obtain a Massport Security Badge.
6. Ability to pass Massport airfield driving test and obtain Aerodrome Ramp, Apron, and Airfield License.
7. Ability to pass a Massport controlled substances test and background security check.
8. Experienced as a supervisor of a union shop (organized labor), desired.

[Click here](#) to apply, go to www.massport.com.

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.

Updates from Massachusetts Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs

From January-February 2016

At the February 2016 meeting, The Board discussed:

- Issues related to applicants' eligibility to sit for PE or PLS exam.
- What constitutes a failure of the 2-day Structural Exam.
- Issue of proving that a candidate has actually taken a course recommended by the board as needed to meet the education requirements:
- Issue of registering, under comity, a construction engineer licensed in another state.
- Request from MALSCE: Issue of course materials needed to prepare for the PLS exam. MALSCE has asked the Board to assist with a list of updated materials.

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2016 ALTA/NSPS Standards - effective February 23, 2016

For more information, please see the [NSPS web site link](#) on the new standard.

The Survey will be known as an ALTA/NSPS LAND TITLE SURVEY. The title has been revised to reflect the name: National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), which is the legal successor organization to the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM). All references to ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys must be changed to ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys.

MALSCE will be hosting a seminar on the new 2016 ALTA/NSPS Standards in May. Plan to attend to learn how these changes will effect you and your practice. Look for more information in upcoming issues of MALSCE News and read up on what's happening below.

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MALSCE Sustaining Members



MALSCE News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by William Ognibene, 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.

[→ Contribute News](#)

Questions or comments?

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