



## **MALSCE News**

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

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***Have an idea for a  
MALSCE Seminar?  
Suggest a topic to the  
Professional Development  
Committee***

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 Survey Mathematics for Survey Technicians, Professional Land Surveyor and Surveyor-in-Training Refresher Courses, Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues VII, and the 2016 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Surveys. If you would like to recommend a topic and/or speaker for a full or half-day MALSCE Seminar, contact [MALSCE Past-President Rich Gosselin](#).

## **MALSCE Updates**

### **MALSCE Reaches Three-Year Membership High**

We are pleased to report that as we near the end of the fiscal year, MALSCE has a total of 426 members. This is the second year in a row that MALSCE membership has steadily increased.. A breakdown of these 426 members by type is as follows:

251 Registered	118 Associate
25 Out-of-State	18 Life
7 Honorary	7 Sustaining

It's worthy of note that that life membership increased by two this year with the addition of Mary Ellen Streeter and John A. Hammer. Also in the past year, 34 members opted to renew or join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council. Of the registered and associate members, 289 took advantage of the NSPS joint membership program and renewed their National dues through MALSCE.

### **Calibration Baseline Survey Results**

Last month's issue of *MALSCE News* saw the distribution of a survey, developed by Central MA Chapter President Mark Violette, intended to gather information on MALSCE members' use of Calibration Baselines (CBLs). We also sought to determine if setting a new baseline in Sturbridge would be beneficial.

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## Help Wanted:

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### Survey Coordinator

**Eversource**  
Westwood, MA

Job # R-001119

To Apply: <http://bit.ly/1UBjxm3>

Direct, plan and coordinate land survey work activity within assigned territory. Supervise, lead and coordinate diverse survey activities of staff and field crews and vendors while providing expert advice to project teams. Coordinate all Vendor activity including preparing RFPs, hiring from the approved vendor list, scheduling/reviewing/approving all deliverables.

#### Requirements

Two year degree or equivalent in combined education and experience. Minimum of eight (8) years of progressive field and office experience associated with all aspects of land surveying. Licensed Land Surveyor preferred. Valid driver's license required.

### Survey Technician

**Eversource**  
Berlin, CT

Job # R-001491

To Apply: <http://bit.ly/1UBjxm3>

Prepare boundary, topographic, as-built and other land plans, suitable for Town filing, assist in preparation of metes and bounds descriptions, perform record research and Survey calculations; assists on a field survey crew as necessary. Assists with the oversight of vendor work, including developing scope of services, QA/QC and assuring work is performed on-time and within budget. Liaison with engineering and surveying public; respond to right-of-way dimension and real estate questions.

The four percent of MALSCE members who responded to this survey indicated that many surveyors that regularly use CBLs have concerns with their local baseline. Traffic, safety, and accessibility seem particularly problematic, especially at baselines on major highways. In other places, accuracy is a concern.

70.6% of respondents indicated that they believe it would be beneficial to establish a CBL in Sturbridge, MA. Other respondents would like their concerns for accuracy addressed at other baselines, such as the one in Norfolk County.

## Surveying News

### MALSCE Legislative Update - June 9, 2016

**Lyme Disease: Legislative Alert - please contact Massachusetts legislators to support House amendment 729 in the FY2017 House budget. The Senate amendment language was changed at the last minute during Senate budget debate. We need your action on this language this week.**

[Read more...](#)

#### Continuing Professional Competency Committee

The next meeting of the MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs Continuing Professional Competency Committee is expected to be on June 14, 2016 at 8:30 AM. An agenda is expected to be posted on June 9 on the [Board of Registration's website](#).

#### Zoning Reform Debate:

On June 9, 2016, the Massachusetts Senate is schedule to begin debate on [S2144](#): *An Act promoting the planning and development of sustainable communities*. This is a comprehensive zoning reform bill. Senators have filed 63 amendments ahead of Thursday's debate on the bill, which attempts to rein in restrictive local zoning regulations and incentivize communities to plan for sustainable growth.

Additionally, the Ways and Means Committee has offered a re-drafted version of the bill [S2311](#) as an amendment. The Massachusetts Municipal Association is expressing serious reservations with the bill, including provisions that would mandate approval "by-right" of accessory apartments, high-density residential developments with an open space preservation component and multi-family housing districts. Meanwhile, the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance is working in coalition with the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors, the Massachusetts Municipal Lawyers Association and others to support the bill. It is not clear that the House of Representative plans to take the issue up before formal legislative sessions end next month.

### Requirements

A minimum of 6 years of progressive experience in the Land Surveying field. Associates degree or equivalent in combined education and experience required.

*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).*

## NSPS Certified Survey Technician (CST) Program

The NSPS Certified Survey Technician (CST) Program continues to grow nationally and has been successfully integrated into the credentialing, hiring and promotion systems of numerous public entities and private firms around the country. Those interested in learning more about how the program works and its benefits should first visit the MALSCE [resources page](#) where there are links to the NSPS website and the "[Program Book](#)".

Rich Vanzozi, NSPS director representing MALSCE, serves as the CST state coordinator, so if you are interested in more information, please email him at [arvanozzi@gmail.com](mailto:arvanozzi@gmail.com). Rich has taught CST Level I and Level II prep courses and has proctored both exams a number of times, and is more than happy to help any MALSCE members wishing to become CST's or organizations interested in integrating CST Program elements into their personnel credentialing systems.

### 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](mailto:rkeenan@engineers.org).

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### Questions or comments?

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