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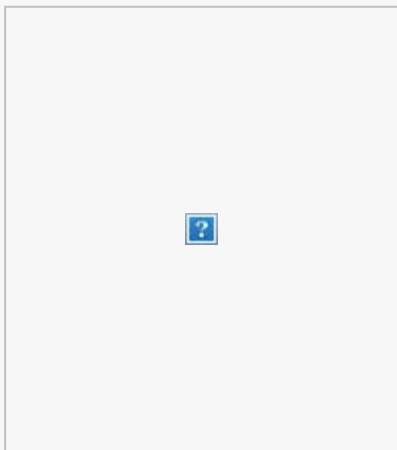
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Featured Article

Surveyor Spotlight

***Justin Matathia - Crew Chief
at Feldman Land Surveyors***



"Surveyor Spotlight" is an occasional feature article of MALSCE News. Our goal is to present thought-provoking questions

A Message from MALSCE President Sean Ewald

Now that *MALSCE News* has become a regular production, I hope you're all enjoying the ease of access to the variety of information provided. As always (cue the broken record!) we could use a minute of your time to provide a little feedback on how to make this newsletter better, including any ideas for future content or fixes for anything you don't like about it. If you have an idea for an article, that would be great, especially if you'd like to write it!

Our Association doesn't run by itself, but when enough of us chip in the workload is very minimal. Currently we need ideas for seminars, a representative for the NSPS Young Surveyors group, or any other idea that is near and dear to your heart. If you're able to give a little more time and energy and are interested in joining the leadership of our Association, now is a great time to attend a Board of Directors' meeting to sit in and see what you would like to offer. Next March, and the accompanying change in MALSCE leadership will be here before you know it and any volunteer is greatly appreciated!

Please contact any of us on the [Board](#) about any of these or any other topic. I hope this spring brings prosperity to all of our members!

that give our readers a candid insight into all levels of experience in our industry.

MALSCE: Justin, thanks for being our first interviewee! You've got an interesting story on how you chose a career in land surveying, tell us how you got started.

JM: I graduated Northeastern with a degree in finance. After working for a year as a financial analyst I knew it wasn't for me. A friend of mine had been with a surveying firm in Stoneham for about five years. Every day he would come home energized by his work. His days seemed a lot more interesting than mine. One day I played hooky and went out in the field with his team. From that point, I was excited to see where the land surveying profession could bring me.

MALSCE: After nine years in the industry, what do you think has been your biggest accomplishment so far?

JM: My greatest accomplishment has been taking on the role of a teacher and helping students develop a skill set to perform basic surveying tasks. During my first semester of the PLS Certificate Program at Wentworth, I was elected team leader and had the opportunity of coaching a team with no prior experience or survey education. I learned that in order to be an effective teacher it's important to be tuned into the students and their overall level of knowledge. Over the duration of three months the team went from having very little knowledge of surveying to independently performing a building and site layout in the field.

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**Register today for these
Upcoming MALSCE
Events**

MALSCE Updates

Invitation to the May Proprietors' Council Luncheon

All MALSCE members are invited to attend this MALSCE Proprietors' Council Luncheon taking place on **Friday, May 20, 2016 at 12:00 PM at the Aldrich Center, One Walnut Street, Boston, MA 02108.**

Hosted by chair Michael Feldman, Feldman Land Surveyors, this is the fourth and final Proprietors' Council Luncheon of this fiscal year.

Discussion topics include:

- Convention Review
- How is this year shaping up regarding business activity
- What are we doing about hiring? Summer Interns?
- CST Program
- Next Year's Convention Update
- ALTA 2016 Requirements - Any issues with these surveys since they were adopted?
- Any follow up questions about the SBA 504 Loan Program that was discussed last time?

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

**Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, May 18, 2016**

[Register Now](#)

Calibration Baseline Survey Respondents Needed

by Mark Violette, Central MA Chapter Chair

As you know, our state regulations, MassDOT, Land Court, and some clients require that our electronic distance measurement devices be checked using a Calibration Baseline (CBL). There are five CBLs in Massachusetts plus one established by the Norfolk County Engineers.

Last chance to register:
**2016 ALTA/NSPS Land
Title Surveys**

Friday, May 13, 2016

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

7:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Gary R. Kent, PS

The Schneider Corporation

This program will highlight the many changes in the 2016 Standards with a special emphasis on the most significant additions and modifications. The process of revision will also be explained.

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

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, May 11, 2016

[Register Now](#)

Advanced Topics in Land Boundary Surveying

Friday, June 10, 2016

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

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

A. Richard Vannozzi, MS, PLS

This seminar is intended for those practitioners whose daily practice includes making boundary decisions, particularly in areas where the written evidence is old and the physical evidence is scarce. Registered Professional Land Surveyors and those individuals who are working towards licensure and are involved in the boundary decision process on a daily basis should find this seminar useful.

There have been many reports that access to some of the existing CBLs is difficult and impracticable, requiring police traffic details, safety training for airports, as well as the destruction of monuments. Sites located along high speed highways have related safety issues, along with associated costs for police details and signage. The Marlborough CBL, located in the median of I-290, is of particular concern from a traffic safety standpoint.

The Central MA Chapter has been discussing whether to establish a new Calibration Baseline in Central Massachusetts on Route 49 in Sturbridge. It is a requirement by NGS to have valid concerns to relocate a CBL in order to obtain certification of the baseline.

If you would kindly take the time to answer a few questions, it would help us determine whether or not to pursue this endeavor.

[Take the Survey](#)

Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House 2016

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, MALSCE, ACEC/MA, and BSCES members gathered at the Massachusetts State House for our Annual Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House along with leaders from other engineering and design-related associations.

The day's issue briefing sheets and additional resources are still available online, and it is never too late to reach out to your representatives.

[Read more...](#)

Spring 2016 NSPS Director Report

Rich Vannozzi, NSPS Director representing MALSCE, attended the NSPS National Meetings in Alexandria, VA, March 16-18, 2016 and submitted the following report...

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

**Registration Deadline:
Friday, June 3, 2016**

[Register Now](#)

***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](#).

Affiliated Programs

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

Surveying News

Online Renewal for Massachusetts PEs and PLSs Now Available

The Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors is pleased to announce that online renewal is now available.

To renew online, a licensee will need the license renewal which was mailed to his/her address of record. If a licensee does not receive his/her license renewal form by May 20, 2016, please contact the Board at 617-727-9957 or via email at engineerboard@state.ma.us to obtain one.

Instructions on how to renew online are available [here](#).

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Lyme Disease Legislation Language Moving Favorably Forward: Let State Senators Hear From You!

Please email or call your MA [State Senator](#) TODAY and ask them to keep the life-saving Lyme legislation moving forward. There are only 2 months left in this legislative session.

MALSCE is supporting legislation related to the long-term treatment of Lyme Disease that is actively under consideration in the Massachusetts Legislature. We are working with the Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force to support this language that is currently in the House's FY2017 Budget proposal and is also in two Lyme insurance bills, [H. 901](#) and [S. 502](#), An Act Relative to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage.

On March 19, 2016, H. 901 (now H. 4198) and S. 502 (now S. 2231) were reported favorably out of 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 arvannozi@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.

TECET Annual Golf Tournament

Monday, June 20, 2016

Shaker Hills Country Club
Harvard, MA

9:30 AM Registration
11:00 AM Shotgun start
(box lunch provided)
4:30 PM Reception
5:30 PM Dinner and Awards

Spring is officially here, so get your swing in gear! Register today for the 2016 TECET Golf Tournament! Help make this a great event while fostering the BSCES-sponsored The Engineering Education Trust's mission of supporting engineering through professional development, public awareness, and student outreach. This tournament features an 11:00 AM shotgun start, box lunch, contests, a reception, dinner, raffles, and awards. Register as an individual or as a group of up to four.

To register to sponsor or play, [click here](#).

Wentworth Civil Engineering Webinar

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Joint Committee on Financial Services. They have been assigned to the Committee on Health Care Financing. For these bills, this is the next step in the legislative process, unless we can get the amendment language in the legislature's final version of the FY2017 budget.

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NSPS Adopts UAS Position Statement

by A. Richard Vanzozi, MS, PLS

Within NSPS, there has been much conversation about the evolving regulations related to the UAS industry and advocating for the surveying and mapping industries needs to employ this technology. The NSPS Board voted to convert the ad-hoc committee on UAS to a permanent committee. The NSPS Board also adopted the following UAS Position Statement:

"Any aerial mapping that rises to the level of usage by surveyors, engineers, governmental agencies, etc. for determining contours on the earth's surface or the location of fixed works, requires ground survey control meeting current standards of practice. This would include UAS mapping; Existing aerial mapping is produced and identified through one or more of the recognized mapping standards, such as NMAS and ASPRS standards. Some of these standards may not be suitable for UAS mapping and new standards will undoubtedly need to be developed; It is in the surveyors' interest to take a lead role in working with governmental agencies in establishing policies of usage for UAS technology with respect to mapping. It is in the surveyors' interest to maintain involvement with UAS technology and become as educated as possible in its usage so that this will represent another tool in the surveyor toolbox."

NSPS's rationale for this decision is expanded on at the link below.

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Governor Baker Issues Executive Order, Files Legislation on

Webinar 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

Join Wentworth faculty and admissions in an overview of a civil engineering graduate program

[More Information](#)

Help Wanted:

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.

Professional Licensing Boards

On March 28, Governor Baker issued Executive Order 567 To Ensure Proper Review of the Regulation of Professional Licensing by Independent Boards. On April 8, he filed H4188 to provide oversight in state law.

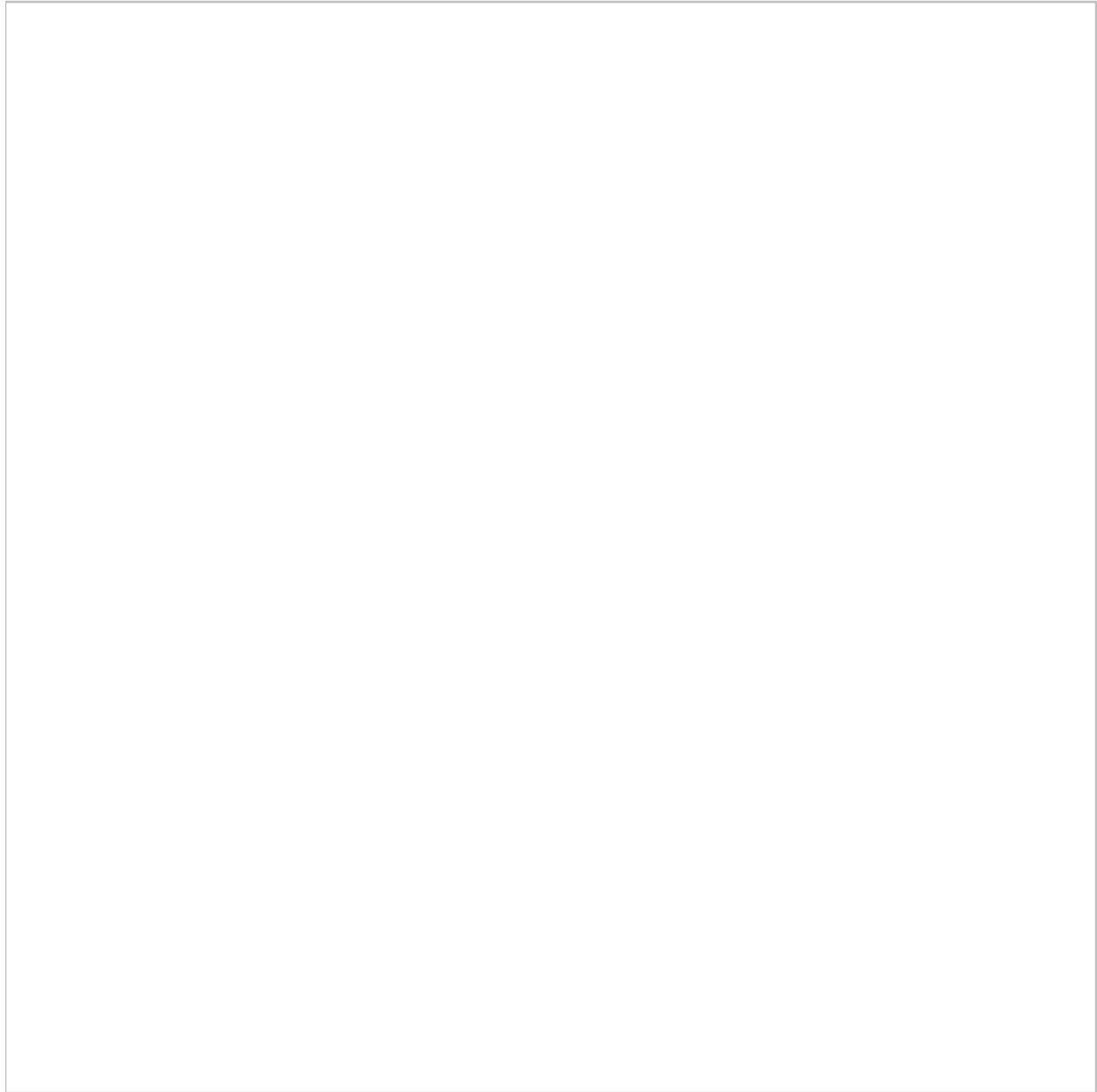
H. 4188 reflects Executive Order 567 and, when enacted and signed into law, would provide the same oversight. It was sent to the Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure on April 11. H. 4188 will be heard on May 10, 2016 at 1 PM.

In an April 8 letter to the Massachusetts legislature, Governor Baker noted that the bill "is required to bring the Commonwealth's oversight of State-sponsored professional licensing boards into compliance with a recent decision of the United States Supreme Court."

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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 keenan@engineers.org.

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Questions or comments?

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