

## **MALSCE News**

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

November 2015

### **In This Issue**

[Upcoming Events](#)

[Help Wanted](#)

[MALSCE Updates](#)

[Surveying News](#)

### **Featured Article**

#### ***Common Research Mistakes Surveyors Make (Road Records)***

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

The third of five common mistakes often made by surveyors when researching the records is the failure to research the road records.

Surveyors often omit searching for road records even though their property is bounded by a public road. Even if a search of road records is conducted, a surveyor will often fail to find the appropriate road records.

Road records are particularly difficult records to research for three reasons...

[Read more...](#)

---

**Save the dates for these  
Upcoming MALSCE  
Events**

---

**Legal Perspectives on  
Land Surveying Issues**

## **MALSCE Updates**

### **Time is running out to renew your MALSCE membership**

If you have not already done so, time is running out to renew your MALSCE membership for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. On October 28th, third and final dues invoices were mailed to all dues paying MALSCE members who have not responded to the first and second dues invoice mailings.

Members who fail to pay their FY16 MALSCE dues by the end of the six-month membership renewal period, which is December 31, 2015, will be dropped from the list of active members. Having your membership terminated in this fashion means that you will not continue to receive the numerous member benefits that MALSCE has to offer. These include ability to: 1) join National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for a nominal fee; 2) attend MALSCE programs for a discounted price; 3) exchange ideas with your peers and to have input on important legislative and regulatory matters; and 4) receive 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, contact Will Ognibene at [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org).

### **MALSCE Proprietors' Council Members Gather for October 23rd**

## VII

**Friday, January 29, 2016**

The Conference Center at Waltham Woods, Waltham, MA  
**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

This popular day long program will once again feature a panel of distinguished attorneys examining the latest legal issues impacting the land surveying profession. Check the [events listings](#) on the MALSCE website and future issues of *MALSCE News* for information about this and other upcoming MALSCE events.

## Survey Mathematics for Survey Technicians

**Friday, February 19, 2016**

Clark University, Metrowest Campus, 333 Turnpike Road, Southborough, MA  
**8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

### Featuring:

Joseph M. McNichols, PLS,  
McNichols Surveying

## 2016 MALSCE Convention

The 2016 MALSCE Convention, hosted by the Cape Cod Chapter, will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2016 at [Hotel 1620 at Plymouth Harbor](#) (formerly the Raddison Hotel Plymouth Harbor) in Plymouth, MA. Under the direction of its chair [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 about the 2016 MALSCE convention, [click here](#).

## Affiliate Association Events

## Mobile Data Workflows Using Collector for ArcGIS

## Luncheon

On Friday, October 23rd, MALSCE Proprietors' Council members held their second luncheon meeting of the current fiscal year at the [Aldrich Center](#), which is located at The Engineering Center in Boston. Proprietors' Council Chair [Michael A. Feldman](#), Feldman Land Surveyors, presided over this luncheon meeting, which featured a discussion of the types of sessions council members would like to see featured at the 2016 MALSCE Convention and upcoming professional development seminars. A variety of surveying-related topics were also discussed, including the business outlook for year-end 2015 and issues around prevailing wage. The next luncheon meeting will occur sometime after the first of the year.

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year there is still time to join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council. To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and to join the council, read more.

[Read more...](#)

## Mary Ellen Streeter Elected MALSCE Life Member

During their October 15th dinner meeting, members of the MALSCE Board of Directors elected Mary Ellen L. Streeter, PLS, a MALSCE Life Member. Mary Ellen, who recently retired from Holmes and McGrath, Inc., served as MALSCE treasurer for more than a decade and was a director of the MALSCE Cape Cod Chapter. She met the criteria for becoming a life member, which include attaining the age of sixty-five, and being a member of MALSCE for at least twenty years, and is now one of 17 MALSCE members who have currently achieved this status. Life members, who are not required to pay MALSCE dues, enjoy the full voting privileges and are entitled to hold office in MALSCE.

Read more for more information on MALSCE life membership and a copy of the MALSCE Special Membership Application.

[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

**Thursday, December 3, 2016**

ESRI, Middleton, 1st floor Conference Room

35 Village Road  
Middleton, MA 01949  
**11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Please join NEGIS and special guests Mark Scott and Tom Schwartzman of Esri for a hands-on workshop, Mobile Data Workflows Using Collector for ArcGIS! Collector for ArcGIS is an app running on iOS or Android devices, which allows you to collect data in the field and submit it via a portal to ArcGIS for Server or ArcGIS Online.

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

### **New Hampshire Land Surveyors Association**

*NHLSA 46th Annual Conference*  
Thursday, December 3 - Friday, December 4, 2015  
Courtyard Marriott Grappone Conference Center, Concord, NH  
[More Info](#)

### **New York State Association of Professional Land Surveyors**

*57th Annual Surveyors Conference and Exhibition*  
Wednesday, January 20 - Friday, January 22, 2016  
Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY  
[More Info](#)

### **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

### **Join the MALSCCE Proprietor's Council**

Join the growing list of MALSCCE members who represent their company as a member of the MALSCCE Proprietors' Council. Under the leadership of its chair, [Michael](#)

professional development needs of MALSCCE 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 MALSCCE member volunteers who take turns at managing the various committee-sponsored seminars, is looking for new members. If you are a MALSCCE member and would like to serve on this essential MALSCCE committee contact [MALSCCE Past-President Rich Gosselin](#).

[Read more...](#)

## **Surveying News**

### **Updates from MA Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs**

The Massachusetts Board of Registration of PEs and PLSs met on October 29 and November 19. On October 29, the board discussed the draft regulations of the Board of Registration of Architects and determined that the online Land Surveying/Geomatics curriculum offered by Great Basin College in Elko, Nevada does satisfy the requirements of 250 CMR 3.02. To read a full report on this meeting, [click here](#).

On November 19, 2015, the Board announced several amendments to 250 CMR. Most of the proposed changes are to make some corrections and clarifications. The board is also investigating a claim that an out of state land surveying firm appears to have inappropriately copied a MA-licensed PLS's seal and signature to use on plans in western Massachusetts that were not prepared by the MA-licensed PLS.

Read more to find out what you can do to be a part of our local government affairs.

[Read more...](#)

### **An Act Relative to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage**

MALSCCE is supporting two bills related to Lyme Disease that have been filed in the Massachusetts Legislature. We are working with the Massachusetts

[A. Feldman](#), Feldman Land Surveyors, the MALSCE Proprietors' Council has demonstrated a renewed commitment to helping MALSCE grow and thrive, Proprietors' Council members have the opportunity to work with leaders from across the Commonwealth to define the direction of MALSCE. There are also opportunities to hear from clients and bounce ideas off of peers regarding staffing, business opportunities, marketing and sustainability in our industries. To learn about all Proprietors' Council member benefits and to join the council [click here](#).

## Become a MALSCE Sustaining Member

With member benefits that extend beyond the current fiscal year there is still time to become a 2015-2016 MALSCE Sustaining Member. Promote your company to over 400 MALSCE members and demonstrate your support of the land surveying profession by becoming a sustaining member today! For \$400, your company can become a sustaining member for MALSCE's 2016 fiscal year and the enrollment period for the 2016-2017 Sustaining Membership Programs, which extends into the fall of 2016. To learn about the promotional benefits that sustaining members receive and to enroll in this program [click here](#).

## Help Wanted:

### *Wentworth Institute of Technology*

The Department of Civil Engineering and Technology at Wentworth Institute of Technology invites applications for a full-time position in the area of **geomatics and construction engineering at the Assistant Professor level in Civil Engineering starting Fall, 2016**. Candidates will be a licensed Professional Land Surveyor and possess an M.S. in civil engineering or related field, though preferably be a licensed professional engineer and possess a Ph.D. in civil engineering.

Lyme Legislative Task Force to support two Lyme insurance bills, H. 901 and S. 502, "An Act Relative to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage."

These two bills had their public hearing on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:00 am in the Gardner Auditorium at the State House. MALSCE Member (and Past President) David Humphrey, PLS testified in support of these bills and participated with the Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force in a Lobby Day in support of S. 502 and H. 901. The bills have not moved out of committee as of November 20, 2015.

*Special thanks to David Humphrey for waiting many hours in the Gardner Auditorium on October 20 to be able to testify in support of these bills.*

[Read more...](#)

## Shared MALSCE Booth at REBA Fall Conference - 6 firms, 5 participants from MALSCE

MALSCE had a booth at the Real Estate Bar Association (REBA) 2015 Fall Conference on Monday, November 2, 2015, at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel in Norwood. Five MALSCE firm representatives promoted their firms and MALSCE in general. Thank you to TECET staffer Will Ognibene who designed materials for the MALSCE Display.

[Read more...](#)

## MALSCE Education Trust Awards 2015 Scholarships and Grants

During their last meeting, members of the MALSCE Education Trust Board of Trustees voted to award over \$6,000 in 2015 scholarships and grants this year to students and educators from Massachusetts. Several thousand went to students at the University of Maine studying surveying or engineering technology, and still more went elsewhere. Read more to see a complete list, and find out about the winners.

[Read more...](#)

Teaching requirements include geomatics, CAD and construction engineering topics. In addition to teaching, candidates are also required to participate in scholarly, creative and service activities. Candidates are also encouraged to teach in the Masters in Engineering in Civil Engineering evening program.

The Department of Civil Engineering and Technology at Wentworth Institute of Technology invites applications for a full-time position in the area of **highway engineering and design at the Assistant Professor level in Civil Engineering starting Fall, 2016**. Candidates must be or be in the process of becoming a licensed Professional Civil Engineer and possess an M.S. in civil engineering or a closely related field. A Ph.D. in Civil Engineering or a related field is preferred. Teaching requirements include highway engineering and design and infrastructure design. In addition, experience in teaching other topics such as CAD, GIS and transportation engineering is desirable. The position also requires regular engagement in scholarly, creative and service activities. The successful candidate will also be encouraged to teach in the Masters in Engineering in Civil Engineering evening program.

For more information and to submit an application, go to: <https://jobs.wit.edu/>. Inquiries may be made to: John W. Duggan, Ph.D., Chair, Department of Civil Engineering and Technology, at [dugganj@wit.edu](mailto:dugganj@wit.edu)

*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).*

---

## News from NSPS

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS), actively promotes, monitors, influences and protects the interest of the surveying and mapping professions in the Federal legislative and regulatory arenas through a governmental affairs program. NSPS's government affairs consultant firm, John M. Palatiello and Associates, Inc., monitors and reports on federal government activities of interest and concern to NSPS members. The consultant also works closely with the members of the NSPS Government Affairs Committee and executive director to represent the members' interests before Congress and the executive branch. One of the top NSPS legislative priorities, improved location data for pipelines, got a boost last week when Senators Deb Fischer (R-NE) and Cory Booker (D-NJ) introduced the "Securing America's Future Energy: Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act" or the "SAFE PIPES Act" (S. 2276). [Click here](#) to view a copy of that proposed legislation.





---

*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 and Knud Hermansen. 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).

→ [Contribute News](#)

#### Questions or comments?

William R. Ognibene, MALSCE Member Coordinator, The Engineering Center, One Walnut Street, Boston, MA 02108, [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org), P: 617/305-4113 | F: 617/227-6783, [www.MALSCE.org](http://www.MALSCE.org)

Supported by the staff of the Engineering Center Education Trust