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### **Featured Article**

#### ***Common Research Mistakes Surveyors Make (Seniority of Title)***

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

Many surveyors are under the misunderstanding that once a person conveys property, they cannot subsequently convey good title in the same property to another person. This is never true. In fact, there is not a single state recording act that would place senior title with the first grantee unless the grantee took immediate steps to record the deed or take possession of the property.

The recording acts in all states fall into one of three general

## **Report from MALSCE President Sean Ewald**

It's great to have a newsletter again! The Board of Directors is always looking for new ways to engage and inform the members, and to finally have a sustainable format is a great benefit. To keep this newsletter lively, we're always looking for IDEAS and VOLUNTEERS, so please contact us using the comments link on the bottom of the page and we'll do our best to incorporate the things you want to hear about the most.

Speaking of IDEAS and VOLUNTEERS... there are two major topics that we could use a little help on. The first involves IDEAS, specifically related to seminars that MALSCE can run and you or your colleagues would like to attend. The Professional Development Committee has been doing a great job coming up with relevant seminar topics but there's always room for more IDEAS. In addition, the PD committee could also use VOLUNTEERS. None of this is a lot of work, and in fact it could be as simple as an email with a desired topic. Give it a try!

Second is the upcoming 2017 Surveyor's Rendezvous to be held in Concord, MA, which will be discussed during the October Board Dinner Meeting, listed below. We're in need of someone willing to VOLUNTEER and help drive this program.

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## Upcoming Events

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### Register now to take the 2015 PLS/SIT Refresher Course

MALSCE is offering day-long review courses for Surveyor in Training and Professional Land Surveyor candidates who will be taking the Fundamentals of Surveying Exam or the Principles and Practice of Surveying Exam. PLS and SIT Refresher Course enrollment is limited so register today!

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

### Plan to attend the October 15th MALSCE Board of Directors Dinner Meeting

Join us for the annual fall MALSCE Board of Directors Dinner Meeting, which also doubles as a joint meeting of MALSCE's Eastern and Central Massachusetts Chapters. Come enjoy great food and networking with your peers as you hear reports on MALSCE's latest undertakings.

Featuring presentations by Chas. Langelan and Richard Leu, vice chairman and chairman of the Surveyors Historical Society, respectively, dinner attendees will

The National Surveyor's Historical Society will do a lot of the heavy lifting, but a core group of people to assist them is critical for success.

Thanks, and enjoy the great surveying weather!

## It is time to renew your MALSCE membership

MALSCE volunteer leaders would like to thank all MALSCE dues paying members who have paid their fiscal year 2016 dues. Your timely dues payment helps to ensure that MALSCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations.

On August 28, second fiscal year 2016 dues invoices were mailed to all dues paying MALSCE members who had not responded to the July 13th dues invoice mailing. Payment of your dues invoice guarantees your continued receipt of the numerous member benefits that MALSCE has to offer. These include membership in the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) for a nominal fee; discounted registration fees for MALSCE-sponsored programs; invitations to meetings where you can meet with and learn from your peers; opportunities to have input on legislative and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions; and periodic email communications that keep you informed about your chosen profession.

If you did not receive or retain your MALSCE dues voice and would like to receive another copy, contact Will Ognibene at [wognibene@engineers.org](mailto:wognibene@engineers.org).

## MALSCE Updates

### MALSCE Executive Committee Meets

On August 25th, MALSCE Executive Committee

also learn about this national organization and its decision to hold a 2017 Surveyors Rendezvous in Massachusetts to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Henry David Thoreau's birth.

To learn more or to register for the dinner, [click here](#).

## Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues seminar is scheduled for January 29, 2016

The MALSCE Professional Development Committee is pleased to announce that the seventh annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Issues seminar has been scheduled for Friday, January 29 at the Conference Center at Waltham Woods in Waltham, MA. This popular day long program will once again featured 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.

## Save the dates for the 2016 MALSCE Convention

Hosted by the Cape Cod Chapter

The 2016 MALSCE Convention will be held on Friday and Saturday, March 18 & 19, 2016 at the Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor in Plymouth, MA. Under the direction of Co-chairs Thadd Eldredge, Eldredge Surveying and Paul Foley,

members held their first of six meetings for the current fiscal year. This group, which is comprised [MALSCE officers and chapter presidents](#), has an operational focus and is charged with conducting the business of MALSCE that can be properly conducted without action of the MALSCE Board. During their August meeting Executive Committee members reviewed the organizations financial statements, received membership and external affairs reports and discussed plans for upcoming MALSCE professional development programs and the 2016 MALSCE Convention. The Committee will next meet on Saturday, September 19.

[Contact an officer!](#)

## MALSCE Professional Development Committee needs your help

The MALSCE Professional Development Committee is looking for members who are willing to help fulfill its charge of address the professional development needs of MALSCE members. To learn more about this committee and how you can help, click "read more" or contact [MALSCE Past-President Rich Gosselin](#).

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## Join the MALSCE Proprietors' Council

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

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.

To find out more, [click here](#).

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## Chapter Reports

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### Golf and Cocktails at the Berkshire Chapter Meeting, September 30

MALSCE's Berkshire Chapter will be holding its first meeting following the summer break on September 30, 2015. Attendees will enjoy cocktails and dinner at the Worthington Golf Club in Worthington, MA starting at 6:30 PM. Those interested may tee-off for nine holes at 3:30 PM, with enough attendance.

[Click here](#) to find out more about this meeting, and RSVP if you'd like to be involved.

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## Help Wanted:

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### Hancock Associates

Hancock is growing!! Hancock is seeking talented Surveyors and Engineers to augment our existing staff. We offer a true mix of projects across the full spectrum of surveying!

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](#).

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## Trig-Star Program still seeking volunteers

Trig-Star is High School Trigonometry Skill Awards Program Administered by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, MALSCE and a local land surveyor or engineer.

This program, which is intended to raise awareness of the land surveying profession among the mathematically-skilled high school students, career guidance counselors and math teachers, is in need of volunteers. These volunteers are needed to administer the Trig-Star program in their local high schools. To learn more about the program, click "read more" or contact MA Trig-Star Coordinator [Don Poole](#).

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## Surveying News

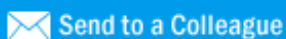
### Lyme Disease Legislation - Lobby Day and Hearing at State House - 10/20

MALSCE is supporting two bills related to Lyme Disease that have been filed in the Massachusetts Legislature. We are working with the Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force to support two Lyme insurance bills, H. 901 and S. 502, "An Act Relative

Hancock has 4 offices in MA including Danvers, Chelmsford, Marlborough and Princeton, MA.

Surveyors and Instrument Operators needed for research, calculations and CAD of projects including ALTA, existing conditions, subdivisions, construction layout, earthwork volumes, etc. for high profile development projects, infrastructure, multi-unit residential, solar, colleges, etc.

To see the full listing, [click here](#).

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## CHA Consulting, Inc. - Survey Crew Chief

CHA Consulting, Inc. currently has a need for a Survey Crew Chief in our Norwell, MA office.

The responsibilities include, but are not limited to, data collection associated with site existing conditions surveys, road and utility corridor surveys, performing record research, providing construction stakeout, some drafting support. Our projects cover a broad regional area which allows for some project related travel. Equipment utilized by our firm includes, Leica standard and robotic total stations, Carlson data collection software, Leica and Trimble GPS receivers and Lieca scanning equipment.

To see the full listing, [click here](#).

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*For a limited period of time, including a help-wanted*

to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage."

These two bills will have 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 will testify in support of these bills and we are seeking other members to also support, on October 20 and at other times. The Massachusetts Lyme Legislative Task Force is organizing a Lobby Day in support of S. 502 and H. 901. The Lobby Day will be held on October 20, the same day as the hearing, to maximize grassroots participation from MALSCE and others at the State House.

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## MA Board of Registration Continuing Education Committee continues to meet

The MA Board of Registration Continuing Education Committee continued to discuss the development of regulations on continuing education requirements for professional land surveyors and professional engineers during a September 8 meeting. MALSCE External Affairs Director Abbie Goodman and Ken Anderson, a past president of MALSCE, attended this meeting.

Read more to stay abreast of available information on this topic.

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## Affiliate Association Events

### Connecticut Association

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).

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## 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](#).

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## of Land Surveyors

*CALS 8th Annual Meeting*

November 6, 2015

Saint Clements Castle, Portland, CT

[More Info](#)

## Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors

*RISPLS 2015 Convention*

Friday, November 20, 2015

Newport Marriott, Newport, RI

[More Info](#)

## 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, 2015

Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Verona, NY

[More Info](#)



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