



## MALSCE News

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

April/May 2020

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## COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for MALSCCE Members

MALSCE leaders are closely monitoring developments related to the Coronavirus Disease of 2019 (COVID-19) and have directed that information on the rapidly changing situation be made available on the MALSCE website. The [COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for MALSCE Members](#) landing page is a source of COVID-19 news and information including how the coronavirus is impacting your business. It is also a forum for sharing best practices and the results of relevant advocacy efforts in support of MALSCE member needs. If you have questions regarding public agency project issues in Massachusetts or if you have other concerns [email us](#) and we will check in with the appropriate agency on behalf of the land surveying community.

## Governor Baker

## Virtual 2020 MALSCE Convention *20/20 Foresight*

**Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday,  
June 17, 18 & 19, 2020**

**Zoom Video Webinar**

**8:00 AM - 12:45 PM, Wednesday**

**8:00 AM - 12:45 PM, Thursday**

**8:00 AM - 12:30 PM, Program; 3:30 - 4:30 PM,  
Reception, Friday**

The 2020 Convention which was originally scheduled for March will now be held virtually. Anyone who registered for either the Friday or full March Convention and has not requested a refund, will be automatically be registered for the full virtual convention. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Devane, MALSCE membership associate at [edevane@engineers.org](mailto:edevane@engineers.org).

### **- In-depth Presentations**

On technical advances, business trends, and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

New Datums - What You Need to Know with Only  
Two Years to Go

# Announces Phase 1 of Reopening Has Begun

Governor Charlie Baker announced that phase 1 began as of Monday, which means manufacturing and construction sites are allowed to reopen if they meet the guidelines. Places of worship are allowed to reopen if they follow the guidelines set for them. Around the state, offices spaces can reopen on May 25 if they meet health guidelines, and office spaces in Boston can start June 1. One of the new requirements is that office space can only reopen with 25% capacity. During phase 1, emergency childcare will be expanded for families that have no other option.

The “stay at home” advisory has been changed to a “safer at home” advisory, which the Governor urged residents to still stay at home unless they absolutely need to go out. Limit on gatherings still remains at 10 people.

[Click here to read the Full Reopening MA Report](#)

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## MALSCE Government Affairs Update - April/May 2020

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[Click here](#) for Government Affairs activities and news for MALSCE members. Get information about MassDOT Issues Engineering Directive E-20-004, MASH Implementation Plan, Updates from the Division of Professional Licensure/ Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors, and more.

Lidar for Surveyors  
Panel Discussion - Locally Accessible Land Surveying Educational Options  
MALSCE Proprietors' Council - Pulse of Business Roundtable Discussion  
Exhibitor Quickfire

### Thursday, June 18, 2020

Know When to Hold 'em and Other Procedural Pitfalls - Part One  
Introduction to Tidal & Geodetic Vertical Datums  
Flood Resistant Design & Construction - 9th vs. 10th Edition Building Code  
MALSCE Annual Meeting - What MALSCE is Doing for You  
Exhibitor Quickfire Continued

### Friday, June 19, 2020

Know When to Hold 'em and Other Procedural Pitfalls - Part Two  
Virtual Reception, MALSCE Education Trust Benefit Auction & Awards Ceremony

#### - Convention Exhibitors

Discussing the latest technologies and services

#### - Online Plan Contest

Vote for the best plan in each of six categories as well as the Plan of the Year

#### - Virtual Reception, Benefit Auction, and more!

Network with and learn from your peers

[Click here to learn more](#)

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## Enter the 2020 Online Plan Contest

The Virtual 2020 MALSCE Convention features a plan contest where participants are invited to submit plans in multiple categories to be displayed and voted on by convention attendees. Plans will be available online for voting during the MALSCE Virtual Convention on June 17, 18 & 19, 2020. All contest winners will be announced during the Convention Virtual Reception & Awards Ceremony on Friday, June 19, 2020. Submitters of the category winning plans and the plan of the year will receive plaques in recognition of their achievement. For more information about the contest or to submit a plan, [click here](#).

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**Be Sure to Attend the Virtual**

## Look for Announcements of Future MALSCE Webinars

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MALSCE Past President Paul Foley from Feldman Land Surveyors, who is in charge of MALSCE professional development programs, is hard at work organizing additional webinars for the coming months. These programs will be announced via broadcast email and the MALSCE website as soon as they become available. In the meantime, if you have suggestions for webinar topics and presenters, please forward that information to Paul at [pfoley@feldmansurveyors.com](mailto:pfoley@feldmansurveyors.com) or to MALSCE Executive Director Rich Keenan at [rkeenan@engineer.org](mailto:rkeenan@engineer.org).

## Reception and Benefit Auction

Grab a beverage and join the Virtual 2020 MALSCE Convention reception on Friday, June 19, 2020 from 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM! This reception will include an online benefit auction to support the MALSCE Education Trust. This auction will give you the opportunity to try out being an auctioneer as participants will be auctioning off their own items. If you have any questions, please email [Rich Keenan](mailto:Rich.Keenan@engineer.org).

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## Become A Virtual Convention Advertiser

Promote your organization's products and/or services to Virtual 2020 MALSCE Convention participants or simply demonstrate your support of MALSCE by advertising in the convention booklet. Produced and distributed as a PDF document to all convention participants, this booklet will contain the convention schedule, session descriptions, speaker handouts, and exhibitor, sponsor and advertiser listings. Convention advertisers have until Monday, June 8, 2020 **to submit this registration form** and their booklet advertisement.

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## NSPS News

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### NSPS is Proud To Announce its 2020-2021 Officers

During the April 17, 2020 NSPS Annual General Membership meeting (held via a virtual meeting platform) NSPS Executive Director Curtis Sumner installed officers for their respective terms.

**President:** Mark Sargent

**President Elect:** Tim Burch

**Vice President:** Amanda Allred

**Past President:** Lisa Van Horn

Treasurer Robert Miller and Secretary Craig Amey will serve the final year of their 2-year term.

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### MALSCE Member A. Richard Vannozzi Receives NSPS

## Presidential Citation

NSPS Past President Lisa Van Horn awarded MALSCE Member Richard Vannozi a presidential citation in appreciation for diligent service as long time chair of the NSPS Student Competition. Rich served for many years as MALSCE's representative to the NSPS Board of Directors before resigning from that position this fiscal year.

## Classified Advertisements

### Survey Party Chiefs, Field Technicians, and Office Technicians - \$2,500 Signing Bonus

Beals and Thomas Inc. is currently seeking responsible, highly motivated, and detail-oriented individuals to join our Land Surveying Department. We are celebrating 35 years of providing high quality survey, civil engineering, planning, permitting and environmental services to a wide variety of public and private clients. We are pursuing dedicated and engaged individuals to work collaboratively as part of our multidisciplinary team to address land conservation and development challenges.

We offer highly competitive compensation, signing bonus, and a comprehensive benefits package including company-sponsored health and dental insurance, long-term and short-term disability insurance, and 2X annual salary life insurance. Also included are paid sick time, holidays and vacation days, plus a 401(k) plan with company match.

Ideal candidates possess leadership abilities to manage survey assignments in the field and provide office survey support.

We are actively recruiting for the following positions:

- Survey Party Chiefs
- Field Technicians
- Office Technicians

If you are ambitious, take pride in your work, and are seeking to advance your career, we encourage you to apply to join our team.

To learn more about us and the positions offered as well as to apply, please visit our website:

[www.bealsandthomas.com](http://www.bealsandthomas.com)

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