



MALSCE News

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2020 MALSCE Convention Will be Rescheduled for the Fall

During their March 26th emergency video conference, members of the MALSCE Board of Directors decided to hold the canceled 2020 MALSCE Convention at some point during the months of September or October 2020. MALSCE has asked contacts at the DoubleTree by Hilton Leominster for a list of available Fridays and Saturdays during this time period and will announce the new 2020 convention dates when selected. To the extent possible, the intent is to offer the same program that was developed when the convention was scheduled to occur on March 13th and 14th. Payments of attendee and exhibitor registration fees, advertising and sponsorship costs, and plan contest entry fees will be applied to the rescheduled convention. Those seeking refunds of exhibitor and attendee registration fees should send their request to malsce@engineers.org.

COVID-19 News

COVID-19 Resources and Guidance for MALSCE 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 Orders All Non-Essential Businesses to Cease in Person Operation, Directs the Department of Public Health to Issue Stay at

2020 MALSCE PLS and SIT Refresher Courses to Occur This Fall

Since MALSCE Leaders decided to cancel the spring 2020 Surveyor-in-Training and Professional Land Surveyor Refresher Courses, which were scheduled to be held in conjunction with the 2020 MALSCE Convention, course organizers and instructors have been discussing alternate methods for presenting their content and a new course date. The decision has now been made to postpone both courses until this fall when they will be offered in conjunction with the rescheduled 2020 MALSCE Convention. Course registration fees payments will be applied to fall courses unless a refund is requested. Those wishing to have their registration fees refunded should send their request to malsce@engineers.org.

Look for Announcements of Future MALSCE Webinars

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 or to

Home Advisory for Two Weeks

On March 23, 2020, Governor Baker issued an emergency order requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide “COVID-19 Essential Services” to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24th at noon until Tuesday, April 7th at noon. These businesses are encouraged to continue operations remotely.

[Click here to learn more](#)

Baker Administration Issues New Construction Guidance to Municipalities Clarifying Construction as an Essential Service

On March 25, 2020, the Baker Administration issued construction guidance to Massachusetts municipalities overturning all local construction moratoriums. The **issued guidance** clarified that the March 23, 2020 Order “**Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People**” supersedes and makes inoperative any order or rule issued by a municipality that will or might in any way impede or interfere with the achievement of the objectives of this order. “Construction Workers who support the construction, operation, inspection and maintenance of construction sites and construction projects” are deemed essential.

Construction Guidelines and Procedures

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued **COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for All Construction Sites and Workers at All Public Work**. These guidelines and procedures, which take effect immediately, were developed in collaboration with state awarding entities so that a consistent document is being implemented and followed across the state.

Engineers and Land Surveyors Day at the State House

May 14, 2020
Massachusetts State House
9 AM - 11:45 AM

This may become a virtual event on Zoom, but please do sign up if you can help. MALSCE needs your help to advocate at the State House on Dig Safe, infrastructure funding and more. Engineers, land surveyors, public works professionals and other design professionals will meet with Massachusetts state legislators at the State House on May 14, 2020. Join us for this fun event at the State House. Register on Survey Monkey by May 1 for this important day.

[Click here to learn more](#)

MALSCE Government Affairs Update - March 2020

[Click here](#) for Government Affairs activities and news for MALSCE members. Get information about the April 2020 PLS/SIT Exam cancellation, the executive order on business license registration, and more.

FEMA Adds New Elevation Certificate

The Elevation Certificate (EC) is an administrative tool used by the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to provide elevation information necessary to ensure compliance with community floodplain management ordinances; to determine the proper insurance premium rate; and/or support a request for a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) to remove a building from the Special Flood Hazard Area. On February 21st FEMA posted a new version of the EC. This form and its instructions are now posted on the [FEMA website](#).

NSPS Awards are Accepting Submissions

NSPS is now accepting applications for the following awards:

The 2020 Earle J. Fennell Award is now accepting nominations. Persons who have worked in any aspect of surveying and mapping education may be nominated. The nominee may or may not be a professional educator but should have a sustained record of superior performance in surveying and mapping education for more than ten years at the local, state, or national level.

The 2020 Student Project of the Year is now accepting submissions. Any undergraduate student enrolled in a surveying or surveying related program (e.g., geospatial sciences, civil engineering, forestry, etc.) is eligible for this award.

The 2020 Surveying Excellence Award is now accepting nominations. This award is open to anyone who has made an outstanding contribution, or has performed outstanding service to the surveying profession. It is not necessary for a candidate to be a surveyor (e.g., an attorney, educator, cartographer, historian, or politician may be nominated for their contribution).

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

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