



## MALSCE News

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

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## Save the Date for these Upcoming MALSCCE Events

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### Top Ten Sales Tips Webinar

Friday, November 22, 2019  
MALSCCE Webinar via Zoom  
9:00 AM to 10 AM

**Speaker:**  
Robert D. Bailey, Sales Consultant

*Look to Future MALSCCE Emails for  
More Information*

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### The Eleventh Annual Legal Perspectives on Land Surveying Seminar

Friday, January 31, 2020  
Conference Center at Waltham

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### MALSCE Education Trust Scholarship Applications Now Available

The MALSCE Education Trust was founded to enhance the profession of land surveying and civil engineering in Massachusetts by providing scholarship and education grants for the students of land surveying and civil engineering who are Massachusetts residents. The Trust is currently accepting applications for three scholarships, detailed below.

The Survey Certificate Program Scholarship is awarded to students currently enrolled in an accredited Land Surveying Certificate Program.

The Memorial Scholarships are awarded to students presently enrolled full time (days) as an undergraduate in an accredited college, university, junior college, technical institute or community college and majoring in land surveying, civil engineering, or environmental engineering.

The UMaine Scholarship is awarded to a Massachusetts resident who is an incoming freshman (or transfer student) enrolled in the

**Woods, Waltham, MA**

This popular day long program will once again feature a panel of distinguished attorneys examining the latest legal issues impacting the land surveying profession.

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## **2020 MALSCCE Convention**

**Friday and Saturday,  
March 13 & 14, 2020  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel  
Leominster, Leominster, MA**

The Convention Planning Committee is hard at work developing the program for the 2020 MALSCCE Convention.

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## **Affiliate Association Events**

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### **RISPLS 49th Annual Meeting & Conference**

**Friday, November 22, 2019  
Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI**

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more information.*

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### **NHLSA 50th Annual Meeting & Equipment**

**Thursday and Friday, December 5  
and 6, 2019  
Marriott Courtyard Grappone  
Conference Center, Concord, NH**

**[Click here to learn more](#)**

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### **NYSAPLS 61st Annual Conference**

University of Maine Surveying Engineering  
Technology program (SET/SVT).

The application deadline for these scholarships is  
October 31, 2019.

For more information, including the requirements  
and applications to all of the above listed  
scholarships, [click here](#).

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## **Second MALSCCE Webinar Attracts 50 Registrants**

On Friday, November 18, 2019 MALSCCE held the second webinar in its' webinar series entitled "The Future of State Plane Coordinates". This webinar taught by Daniel J. Martin, Northeast Regional Geodetic Advisor, NOAA/NOS/National Geodetic Survey allowed 50 attendees to learn about how The State Plane Coordinate System (SPCS) is being redefined as part of the transition from the North American Datum of 1983 to the Terrestrial Reference Frames of 2022.

MALSCCE's new webinar series allows members to learn from well known presenters without having to leave the office or or even your home. MALSCCE is planning on holding these webinars on a monthly basis so be sure to check one out. November's webinar "Top Ten Sales Tips" is scheduled for Friday, November 22, 2019. If you have any recommendations for potential webinar topics, send them to [malsce@engineers.org](mailto:malsce@engineers.org).

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## **Renew Your MALSCCE Membership Today**

MALSCCE leaders would like to thank all dues-paying members who have paid their fiscal year 2020 dues. Second dues notices were sent out in late September. Your timely payment helps ensure that MALSCCE has the financial support that is needed to sustain its operations.

Prompt payment of your dues invoice will also ensure that you continue to receive the numerous benefits that MALSCCE has to offer through June 30, 2020. If you did not receive or retain your MALSCCE

Wednesday and Thursday, January  
22 and 23, 2019  
Turning Stone Resort and Casino,  
Verona, NY

[Click here to learn more](#)

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## NSPS News

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### NSPS Elections

The 2019 NSPS election will be conducted electronically as has been the case for several years. Due to a fairly recent bylaws change regarding terms of office, the 2019 election will be conducted only for the office of Vice President.

To learn about the candidates, visit: <https://www.nsp.us.com/page/2020Election>. During the next several weeks, NSPS will be conducting podcast interviews with the three vice presidential candidates. When completed, the interviews will be posted on the NSPS website [Podcast](#) page.

If readers of *NSPS News & Views* have ideas for questions to be asked of the candidates, please send them to NSPS Executive Director Curt Sumner at [curtis.sumner@nsp.us.com](mailto:curtis.sumner@nsp.us.com).

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### Datum upgrade of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS)

*Courtesy of NGS and NSPS*

The well-publicized datum upgrade of the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) administered by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) has reached another milestone. In conjunction with the National Institute

dues invoice or you have any questions, please email [malsce@engineers.org](mailto:malsce@engineers.org).

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## Ken Anderson Voted MALSCE Life Member

Ken Anderson of Anderson Surveys, Inc. was awarded Life Membership by the MALSCE Board of Directors on October 16th at the Annual Fall MALSCE Board of Directors Meeting & Chapters Dinner. Ken has been a dedicated MALSCE member for decades and was named Surveyor of the Year in 2012. He also served as MALSCE President from 2006 to 2008 and has represented MALSCE on the The Engineering Center Education Trust Board for eleven years. Congratulations Ken!

In order to become a MALSCE Life Member, you must be an active member of MALSCE for at least 20 years and be over the age of 65. If you meet these requirements and want to know more, see [the application](#) or email Emily Devane at [edevane@engineers.com](mailto:edevane@engineers.com). "

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## Rich Vannozi wins NSPS Key Director Award



*pictured: Trish Milburn of NSPS (left) giving A. Richard Vannozi (right) his award*

Last month during the Fall 2019 NSPS Business Meeting in Orlando, FL, Rich Vannozi was awarded the Key Director Award for Spring 2019 Meeting. The Key Director Award is given via a secret ballot vote to the NSPS director that people believed worked the hardest at a meeting. Rich Vannozi received it for to his work with the Student Competition during the Spring 2019 meeting.

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of Standards and Technology (NIST), NGS has filed a notice with the Federal Register to deprecate the use of "U.S. Survey Foot" on December 31, 2022 and formally adopt the "foot" (previously known as the "international foot"). The Federal Register announcement and feedback page can be found [here](#). Please review the information and provide any feedback on the Federal Register page.

## MALSCE Government Affairs Update - October 2019

[Click here](#) to learn more about the 'Straw Proposal' issued by the DPU, contacting your Massachusetts Legislators and asking them to support our Dig Safe Bill, the Transportation Bond Bill, and updates from the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors.

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### MALSCE News is Seeking Topical Articles

Did you have a particularly challenging project? Have a technical matter to discuss? Do you have a perspective on the profession you'd like to share? Your colleagues are waiting to learn from your experience. Submit an article for publication in MALSCE News. MALSCE is seeking topical articles for publication in future issues of MALSCE News. While we cannot promise to print everything submitted, if you've written something you'd like to share with your fellow MALSCE members, forward it to [Rich Keenan](#).

## Classified Advertisements

### Survey Party Chiefs, Field Technicians, and Office Technicians - \$2500 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:

- o Survey Party Chiefs
- o Field Technicians
- o 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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## Advertise In MALSCCE News

If your company has a job opening that it would like to promote, please [click here](#) for information about advertising in MALSCCE News and on the MALSCCE website.

MALSCCE News is a monthly publication of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers that is produced by Emily Devane, Abbie Goodman, and Richard Keenan with thanks to MALSCCE President Darren Hardy. This newsletter highlights the program and activities of MALSCCE 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 MALSCCE members please forward it to Rich Keenan at [rkeen@engineers.org](mailto:rkeen@engineers.org).

### Questions or comments?

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