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# Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Disruption to Recovery

# Zoom Video Webinar

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# Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday March 17, 18, & 19, 2021

# Wednesday

8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

# Thursday

8:00 AM - 12:45 PM

## Friday

Program 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Reception 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Virtual Murder Mystery 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Featuring:

### In-depth Presentations

On technological advances, standards of practice, and regulatory matters impacting the land surveying and civil engineering professions

## Virtual Convention Exhibitors

Discussing the latest technologies and services in a variety of forums

# Online Plan & Field Notes Contest Vote for the best plan and field notes in various categories as well as the Plan and Field Notes of the Year

 Virtual Reception, Benefit Auction, & Murder Mystery! An opportunity to meet and catch up with your peers

### **Session Descriptions**

### The 2021 Virtual MALSCE Convention will include the following sessions:

#### Wednesday, March 17, 2021

#### Exhibitor Quick Fire Sessions

Featuring a rapid-fire format during which exhibiting vendors will provide an overview of the products and services they offer. Federal Issues Facing the 117th Congress: Policies in Washington, DC That Will Impact Your Profession John "JB" Byrd, Miller/Wenhold Capitol Strategies, LLC This session features NSPS lobbyist John "JB" Byrd discussing

issues and policies that members of the 117th US Congress are

expected to consider which will have impact on the land

Stone Walls and Surveying

surveying profession.

Robert M. Thorson, University of Connecticut

Professor Thorson will review the origin of New England stone walls and explain their link to the surveying profession. He will explain the basic features of walls, how they can be classified, why walls are so common, why they should be preserved, and how New England stone walls contrast with those elsewhere in the U.S. and the world.

Panel Discussion – Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Update Moderated by Scott D. Cameron, PLS, R. E. Cameron & Associates, Inc.; Board members participating as panelists include Paul J. Tyrell, PE, PLS, (Chair), other panelists will be announced closer to the Convention

Panel members will discuss recent initiatives and matters impacting the land surveying profession.

MALSCE Annual Meeting – What MALSCE is Doing for You Chaired by Darren J. Hardy, PLS, MALSCE President Join us for MALSCE's Annual Meeting, which will feature the election and swearing in of the 2021-2023 MALSCE Board of Directors. This meeting will feature reports on ongoing efforts to improve member services and increase member engagement as well as external matters and undertakings.

#### Thursday, March 18, 2021

**The NEW 2021 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards** *Gary R. Kent, PS, Owner, Meridian Land Consulting, LLC* After two years of work on the part of the Joint ALTA/NSPS Committee, the proposed 2021 ALTA/NSPS Land Title Survey Standards were adopted in August and approved by ALTA and NSPS in October, with an effective date of February 23, 2021. This program will outline the changes from 2016 and provide an explanation of what each means to the surveyor. In addition, the program will include an overview of the entire set of 2021 Standards and a detailed explanation of the relationship between Land Title Surveys and title insurance. Finally, some common questions, and requests from lenders, that arise in the process of performing a Land Title Survey will be discussed.

**Innovative Land Surveying Technologies** 

*Jim Bosworth, Maine Technical Source, Hank Boudreau, Spillers, Todd Carlson, Carlson Software and Robert Vargo, Keystone Precision Technologies* 

An examination of four technologies which are shaping the way surveyors collect, analyze, and present data.

Educational Requirements for the Professional Land Surveyor

# William J. McGovern (Terry), Wentworth Institute of Technology

The session features a discussion of the educational requirements to become a Registered Professional Land Surveyor as well as required education and training within the profession as a whole. Topics include what makes land surveying as a profession different from other engineering professions, the variety of knowledge required, the manner in which this knowledge has been traditionally acquired, and how changing technology and business practices have changed the role of the surveyor.

#### Smart Urban Corridors Ned Codd, PE, WSP

Transportation across the country is changing rapidly. There is a great deal of excitement surrounding new modes of transportation and new technologies, which have given rise to rethinking how our streets are designed, and how the space on these streets is allocated. Ned will discuss the future of our transportation system and its impact on the civil engineering and land surveying professions.

#### Friday, March 19, 2021

**The Art of Retracement – Following in the Footsteps** *Gary R. Kent, PS, Owner, Meridian Land Consulting, LLC* Every professional surveyor across the Unites States knows the phrase "Follow in the Footsteps" as it relates to conducting a boundary retracement survey. But what does it really mean and what is the basis for following the footsteps? Surveyors also know the effect of the statute of frauds is that what is written in the conveyancing document is considered by the courts to be the highest and best expression of the parties' intentions. But what happens when the evidence of the footsteps on the ground conflicts with the written title or there are seemingly no footsteps to follow? This session explores the concept of retracement, how it relates to and is dependent on the document of conveyance, and what controls when conflicts are inevitably encountered.

#### Virtual Reception, MALSCE Education Trust Benefit Auction & Awards Ceremony

After a four-hour break, grab a beverage and participate in the convention's virtual reception. You'll have an opportunity to chat with colleagues and help MALSCE recognize the Surveyor of the Year, President's Citation recipient and Plan and Field Notes Contest winners. Help raise money for the MALSCE Education Trust by becoming your own auctioneer and fielding bids on your donated auction item.

#### Virtual Murder Mystery – This One Last Time Brought to you by The Murder Mystery Co.

The pleasure of your company is requested to attend a party to end all ... blackmail. You are invited to a night like no other inside my fully automated mansion, with plenty of libations and a roast. Held in honor of ending a life of looking over your shoulder, attendance is mandatory and a regrettable outcome will besech you if you're not there. Remember ... I know what you did. Sincerely this one last time – R.I.P.

## **Registration Form**

### Register and pay for the 2021 Convention by credit card online at:

http://bit.ly/2021MALSCEConvention

To register and pay by credit card online at the MALSCE member rate, login using your MALSCE assigned username and password. If you do not know your login information, call 617/227-5551.

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Members of CALS, MSLS, NHLSA, NYSAPLS, RISPLS and VSLS can attend for the MALSCE member rate. Please check the appropriate box below if you are a member of one of these organizations:			
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Registration Fees			
Full Virtual Convention			
MALSCE Member: \$275	N	on MALSCE Member: \$375	
Wednesday Virtual Convention Only			
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**Registration deadline is Friday, March 12, 2021**. To register, complete this form with credit card information and return via email or fax, <u>malsce@engineers.org</u> or F: 617/227-6783. You can return this completed form along with a check payable to "MALSCE" to: MALSCE, One Walnut St, Boston, MA 02108-3616. No refunds will be given after the registration deadline.

### Donate an Item for the Auction to Benefit the MALSCE Education Trust!

Donators of items get to auction them off during Friday's Virtual Reception and Benefit Auction or you can have MALSCE support staff auction them for you. For details contact Rich Keenan: 617/305-4110 or <u>rkeenan@engineers.org</u>.

### Participate in our Virtual Exhibit!

Download the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Exhibit Enrollment Form.

#### Become a Convention Advertiser and/or Sponsor!

Promote your organization to convention participants by advertising in the convention participant booklet or sponsoring a convention session and/or student participant. Download the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Advertiser & Sponsor Registration Form.