

# CLSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## REPORT FOR CHAPTER REPRESENTATIVES

The intent of this report is to provide highlights from the Board of Directors meeting. Chapter Representatives are encouraged to use these highlights when reporting to the Chapter membership.

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### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Bill Hofferber reported visiting the capital to receive Senate Resolution 10 presented by Senator LaMalfa declaring Land Surveyors Week.

Bill encouraged CLSA Chapters to promote the voluntary Professional Development Program (PDP) and urged Board members to join the program. Bill set a goal of every Board member participating in the PDP by the end of the year.

**Action Requested:** Report on the PDP and encourage chapter members to participate. Information can be found on the [CLSA Website](#)

**Action Requested:** If you are not already a member of the PDP, join! The PDP is a complimentary member benefit, there is no cost to join.

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT CHAPTER VISITS**

President-Elect Frank Lehmann plans to visit as many chapters this year as possible and is the process of scheduling chapter meetings. If your chapter has not already scheduled a meeting with Frank, please contact him as soon as possible at [lehmannconsulting@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lehmannconsulting@sbcglobal.net)

### **SLATE OF CANDIDATES**

The 2012 Slate of Candidates have been approved by the Board of Directors as follows:

President: Frank Lehmann  
President-Elect: Tom Taylor  
Secretary: Rolland VanDeValk  
Treasurer: Jay Seymour

Additional nominations may be proposed by the general membership by submitting a written petition containing the signatures of ten or more Corporate Members. Such petition shall be received not later than July 1st. Petitions should be sent to the CLSA Central Office.

### **CAL SURVEYOR**

The spring issue, #165, of the California Surveyor has been published. An archive of past issues of the Cal Surveyor are available as searchable PDFs on the [CLSA Website](#).

**Action Requested:** Editor John Wilusz has requested contributions of articles and/or photos (Postcards, Kids Korner, Photo of the Year Submissions).



## **CONGRATULATIONS TO CLSA AWARD WINNERS**

Executive Director Dorothy Calegari congratulated this year's award winners:

Distinguished Service Award – Jim Herrick  
Member of the Year – Steve Martin  
Photo of the Year – Robert Reese  
Chapter of the Year – Sacramento Chapter  
Chapter Newsletter of the Year – Riverside/San Bernardino Chapter, Side Shots

**Action Requested:** Award applications for the Distinguished Service Award, Member of the Year, Chapter of the Year, Chapter Website of the Year (not awarded this year) and Chapter Newsletter of the Year are posted on the [CLSA Members Only Website](#) and are due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Action Requested:** Submissions for Photo of the Year should be emailed to [clsa@californiasurveyors.org](mailto:clsa@californiasurveyors.org) by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please include a caption for the photo.

## **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mike Butcher, Legislative Committee Chairman reported that the Legislative Committee is drafting proposed language for the following:

- ✓ Extension for setting monuments
- ✓ Revisions to Streets and Highway Code
- ✓ Revisions to LS Act to be consistent with BLM Manual title
- ✓ Further defining the word “establish” in 8762
- ✓ Revisions to LS Act 8771
- ✓ Allowing maps/field notes not previously recorded be added as an attachment (not reviewed)

Mike stressed that these items have not been approved by the CLSA Board of Directors and are only conceptual at this point. Draft language will be provided in the July agenda and ultimately voted on by the Board of Directors by November.

**Action Requested:** Any suggestions should be forwarded to Mike Butcher at [m butcher@sboinc.com](mailto:m butcher@sboinc.com)

## **CHAPTER ANNUAL SUPPLY ORDER FORM**

CLSA is dedicated to advancing the interests of the land surveying profession. To that end, CLSA has worked diligently to develop resource material to educate the public regarding the profession. In order to successfully implement these programs, the local chapters must participate.

Executive Director Dorothy Calegari reported that CLSA has developed information and suggested uses for several of CLSA's resources which can be provided complimentary to chapter's for their use in furthering the goals and objectives of CLSA.

**Attached:** Chapter Annual Supply Order Form

## **CLSA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Executive Director Dorothy Calegari encouraged Chapters to conduct a local membership drive. Resources and mailing lists of potential members in your area are available from the Central Office.



## **LS/LSIT REVIEW SEMINAR – OUTLINE & LESSON PLANS**

The Education Committee has developed an outline and lesson plans for chapter sponsored LS and LSIT Review Seminars. These lesson plans were included in the agenda (pages 28-51) and the Education Committee has requested input from the chapters prior to publication.

**Action Requested:** Review lesson plans and email suggestions to Education Committee Chairman Rob McMillan at [Rob\\_LS@comcast.net](mailto:Rob_LS@comcast.net)

## **EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Education Foundation reported the Scholarship Auction raised over \$14,000. Chairman Steve Martin thanked everyone who donated, purchased an item and helped organize the Scholarship Auction.

**Action Requested:** If your chapter sponsored a scholarship last year and plans to do so again in 2011, it is important that you notify the CLSA Education Foundation by September 30th. You may change the criteria and amount of your scholarship or confirm that your chapter will repeat the same criteria and amount as last year.

If your chapter did not sponsor a scholarship last year and wishes to do so in 2011, you must submit criteria to the CLSA Education Foundation by September 30th. Attached is a sample criteria for your use.

**Action Requested:** Solicit donations for the 2012 Scholarship Auction. Donations can include survey equipment (new, used, antique), books, framed photos, gift baskets, etc.

## **TRIG-STAR**

The TrigStar Program is an important outreach effort for CLSA. TrigStar allows us to not only introduce high school students to a potential career in land surveying but also creates public awareness of the profession. The TrigStar Committee is working on an article detailing the TrigStar programs of each chapter.

**Action Requested:** Email CLSA Central Office [clsa@californiasurveyors.org](mailto:clsa@californiasurveyors.org) a brief description/outline of what you or your Chapter did to participate in the TrigStar Program. If available, please include pictures. Please submit by May 15th.

**Action Requested:** Trig-Star Reports (winners) are due by Monday May 9th, 2011. The following items must be submitted to the coordinator to be counted:

- Winners' Test and cover sheets for all participating students
- A Contest Report for each school

### ***Submit by May 9th to:***

Aundrea Tirapelle  
P.O. Box 5294  
Walnut Creek, Ca 94596  
Cell: (510) 332-0434  
Dre.052806@gmail.com



## **CSU FRESNO GEOMATICS PROGRAM**

Travis Bohan reported that with the retirement of Dr. Nader and the anticipated retirement of Dr. Crossfield, the CSU Fresno Geomatics Program is in need of another professor. In particular, the program needs a professor that is a licensed land surveyor that can teach boundary and other survey specific classes.

With cutbacks scheduled for all California State Universities, there is a concern that CSU Fresno will not approve the budget for a replacement professor. The CSU Geomatics Advisory Board is proposing the development of an endowment fund that will be used to secure a fulltime, tenure track professor (licensed land surveyor) for the Geomatics Program. The goal would be to raise \$750,000 over a three year period during which matching funds from the WM Lyles fund are available.

CLSA is requested to assist in the following ways:

1. Coordination of funds through the CLSA Education Foundation
2. Assist in solicitation of donations and provide public awareness for the endowment
3. Donate funds

**Action Taken:** CLSA Education Foundation is reviewing the logistics of managing an endowment fund. Once the endowment fund is confirmed, CLSA has agreed to assist in solicitation of donations for an endowment fund. CLSA has not taken any action on a request to donate funds, however, request for donation may be in an upcoming Board agenda.

## **CLSA WORKSHOPS**

The following workshop has been scheduled:

**Research, Recovery, Remonumentation, Recordation & Double Monumentation**  
**Speaker: Steve Parrish, PLS**

The workshop will be held: September 16<sup>th</sup> – Ontario, CA & September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Concord, CA

In addition, the Workshop Committee will be developing a series of webinars.

## **2009 MANUAL OF SURVEY INSTRUCTIONS**

CLSA Central Office secured a great discount on the 2009 Manual of Survey Instructions. Member price only \$55! Quantities are limited – order yours today by visiting the [CLSA Store](#).

## **25 YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS**

Executive Director Dorothy Calegari reported distributing the 25 year membership awards consisting of a commemorative paperweight, stand and copy of the resolution approved at the February Board of Directors meeting. Dorothy reported that response to the award has been overwhelming with many of our members taking the time to call or write to thank CLSA for showing their appreciation.

## **VERDI MONUMENT**

Aaron Smith and John Wilusz reported on the efforts of CLSA and NALS in resetting the Verdi Monument. CLSA will work with NALS in managing an event to commemorate the monument. This will also serve as a public awareness campaign.

Funds are still needed in order to purchase the plaque. Gold Country Chapter has generously pledged a \$500 contribution.



## **CLSA OUTREACH**

Many CLSA Chapters and individual members are doing a great job creating public awareness for the land surveying profession. Here are a few examples:

### ***CLSA Volunteers for American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO)***

President Bill Hofferber volunteered his time and expertise to assist the American Youth Soccer League (AYSO) in laying out their soccer fields. AYSO, a volunteer based organization, has a mission to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote fun in a family environment. Volunteers with AYSO indicated that soccer field layout has always been a timely and challenging task and the assistance provided by Bill was much appreciated.

### ***CalGIS***

Annette Lockhart, GIS Committee Chair, along with Travis Bohan manned a CLSA booth at the CalGIS Conference held in Fresno last month. CLSA's brochure "GIS & Land Surveying" was distributed to over 200 GIS Professionals. The GIS Committee is scheduled to man a CLSA booth at the upcoming ESRI Conference.

### ***Survey America***

Members of CLSA participated in the NSPS sponsored "Survey America" on March 19<sup>th</sup> in an effort to kick off Land Surveyors Week. The goal of "Surveying USA" was to create public awareness of the land surveying profession and provide an opportunity for the public to observe local surveyors in action.

Sonoma County Chapter member Jerry Miller participated in this program and was featured in a local newspaper. [Click here to read the article.](#)

### ***Engineers Without Borders***

Several members of the East Bay Chapter are volunteering for Engineers Without Borders and traveling to Haiti.

**Action Requested:** What is your chapter doing to create public awareness of the surveying profession?

- ✓ Presentations at:
  - Rotary
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Real Estate Association
  - Builders Exchange
- ✓ Participation in Career Fairs
- ✓ Volunteer in community projects
  - Help lay out soccer fields
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Engineers without Borders

## **CLSA/NALS CONFERENCE**

Executive Director and Conference Chair Dorothy Calegari reported the CLSA/NALS Conference had approximately 500 attendees. Special thanks were given to the following chapters that donated funds for student volunteers at the conference: Bakersfield, Channel Islands, Los Angeles, Northern Counties, Riverside/San Bernardino & Santa Clara/San Mateo. The 2012 Conference will be held March 23-28 at the Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Reno NV. Due to the economy, the 2013 Conference will also be held in the Reno/Tahoe/Sparks area which provided more affordable venues.



## **CLSA WEBSITE**

Crissy Willson reported the following additions to the CLSA Member Only Website:

- ✓ Legislative Committee Report: Provides a list of bills being tracked by the CLSA Legislative Committee with link to the full text of each bill
- ✓ Monument Conservation Brochure
- ✓ GIS and Land Surveying Brochure
- ✓ Right of Entry Brochure & Flyer

Coming soon to the CLSA Member Only Website:

- ✓ PDF Search Feature: Will allow members to search for keywords in all PDFs (including Cal Surveyors and AG Opinions) posted on the CLSA website

## **MONUMENT PRESERVATION FUND COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors approved a Monument Preservation Fund Ad Hoc Committee to be Chaired by Ian Wilson. Initial charges for the committee include:

- ✓ Identify Monument Preservation Fund (MPF) provisions within the Government Code §27580 et seq.
- ✓ Investigate the current levels of funding for MPF
- ✓ Conduct a State wide investigation of Counties as to the collection of MPF and their implemented use of these funds as defined in the CA Government Code
- ✓ Develop suggested changes to the Government Code language to improve the efficiency of assessing and collecting funds under the Code
- ✓ Submit suggested language to ExCom and LegCom for consideration and action within the legislative domain

## **MONUMENT CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

The Board of Directors approved a Monument Conservation Ad Hoc Committee to be Chaired by Robert Reese. Initial charges for the committee include:

- ✓ Identify Monument Conservation provisions within the PLS Act, (8771, possibly others?)
- ✓ Identify deficiencies, inconsistencies, and/or ambiguities in the monument conservation provisions in the PLS Act that contribute to perceived ineffective or incorrect implementation of monument conservation measures (where is it broken)
- ✓ Search for any existing opinions regarding Monument Conservation and 8771, e.g. AG Opinions, BPELS Policy/Resources etc... Determine if it would be beneficial to request an official opinion from, BPELS, Legislative Counsel, and/or Attorney General?
- ✓ Develop suggested changes to the PLS Act language to mitigate or interdict the perceived ineffective or incorrect implementation of monument conservations measures (how to fix the problem)
- ✓ Submit suggested language to ExCom and LegCom for consideration and action within the legislative domain

