

**ALASKA SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS
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**WFPS Fall Meeting
Alaska Delegate Report
August 26, 2019**

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ASPLS Membership

Membership numbers are maintaining at approximately 185. We continue to investigate ways to bring in new members and make retaining them easier. We have recently begun streamlining our membership categories and fees.

2020 Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference

The 54th ASMC will be held April 6 – 8, 2020 at the Dena'ina Center in Anchorage, Alaska. This represents a continued change to the 3-day format from the 5-day format we've had for years (we did 3 days in 2019 as well). The Planning Committee is investigating ways to make the conference more relevant, if possible, and to appeal to a broader range of professionals. The theme and/or name of the conference may be changed in that effort to reach out.

ASPLS Board and Outreach

The ASPLS Board of Directors met August 15th with the main topic of discussion being fundraising for the Geomatics program at UAA (see below).

- We are revising our membership categories to reduce barriers to joining and revising fees where it makes sense.
- The Board voted to support the Geomatics degree program with a donation to the "Excellence in Geomatics" at UAA
- We added another Ex Officio member to our Board; the UAA Department of Geomatics Chair (currently Dr. Caixia Wang)
- Our website is being reworked and tested. The new site offers greater administrative control, lower costs, and e-commerce potential. We expect the new site to be live soon.

University of Alaska Anchorage Department of Geomatics

How quickly things can change! The UAA Geomatics program went from a seemingly strong position to being in possible danger of program closure due to Alaska's financial and political turmoil. Rest assured – the immediate crisis has been averted but we still have work to do. The University of Alaska (the entire university) faced "financial exigency" triggered when Governor Dunleavy vetoed an unprecedented \$130 million from the university's operating budget at the end of June.

The already begun process to hire a Geomatics faculty position that was advertised last Spring, had already conducted interviews and selected a candidate, that then turned down the offer due to the financial uncertainty in the state. Then another member of the faculty abruptly resigned, leaving only two full time faculty members. Unfortunately, small programs like ours (however vital to the State of Alaska) would be targets of the financial exigency process, and even more so with only two FT faculty.

The Geomatics Advisory Board (GAB) got busy behind the scenes in mid-July, then met as a group, and formulated a plan to keep the program going. All university funds were frozen due to the financial exigency, so the only way to hire and fund term faculty and adjunct positions would be through fundraising. We started a campaign July 29th to raise about \$160,000 needed in just 2 weeks and are very close to reaching that goal! The department was given approval to make the necessary hires to teach Fall & Spring classes. We had donations from companies, individuals, professional societies (including ASPRS and ASPLS), licensed surveyors, and other geospatial practitioners. Here is a website that shows a list of donors:

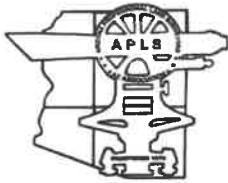
<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-engineering/departments/geomatics/support-geo.cshtml>

The financial exigency has since been cancelled and some tentative deals reached with the Governor for more favorable funding cuts to the UA system. It will still be drastic but spread out over 2-3 years with time to plan instead of mere weeks to act. We've made a strong effort in reaching out to our fellow practitioners, university officials, and lawmakers and we will have to continue that effort and stay involved to keep our voices heard and keep this vital program healthy.

The GAB is an independent group of geospatial professionals from private and government entities formed to help guide the UAA Geomatics program.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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APLS SEPTEMBER 2019 REPORT

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Crissy Willson – Executive Director

CONFERENCE

The 2020 Conference will be a joint conference with Arizona, California, and Nevada in Las Vegas at the Luxor Hotel on March 28-31, 2020.

BYLAWS

The APLS bylaws were amended last year. Each chapter is currently working to adopt revised bylaws that conform with the state bylaws.

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

A membership survey has been sent and the Board is currently reviewing the feedback to determine what new programs APLS should consider.

LEGISLATIVE

Mike Fondren is currently serving on a task force to review the Minimum Standards.

APLS is working at AGIC and NGS to develop language to address the 2022 datum.

RIGHT OF ENTRY

APLS has developed a best practice guide to right of entry and has made available resources to the membership.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION

APLS Education Foundation continues to offer scholarship to land surveying students.

WEBSITE

APLS continues to build resources and content on their new website AzPLS.org

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Kim Oreno, Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP

Affiliate – 114
Associate - 151
CE Corporate – 16
Corporate - 1136
Honorary - 3
Life - 48
Out of State - 64
Student – 52
Sustaining – 8
Total Membership – 1592

CHAPTERS

Cascade
Humboldt
Lake/Mendocino
Sonoma
Marin
San Francisco
East Bay
Santa Clara/San Mateo
Gold Country
Sacramento

Central Valley
Monterey Bay
San Joaquin Valley
Central Coast
Bakersfield
Channel Islands
Los Angeles
Riverside San Bernardino
Desert
San Diego

CONFERENCE

2020 with Nevada (NALS) and Arizona (APLS) March 28-31 in Las Vegas, NV

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

CLSA has an education foundation that provides over \$40,000 in scholarships each year at the annual conference.

LEGISLATION

SB 556: This bill currently includes a requirement for the Board of Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors & Geologists to create a process for certifying businesses in land surveying and issuing certificates and requiring businesses to obtain a certificate in order to practice land surveying in California. The bill passed out of the Senate to the Assembly and was referred to the Committee on Business and Professions. BPELSG, CLSA, and ACEC are not in favor of the bill at this time.

WEBSITE

<http://californiasurveyors.org/>

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Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado WFPS Activity Report:

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Colorado State Survey Conference

The PLSC 10th Annual Rocky Mountain Surveyors Summit was held February 6-8, 2019 at the Arvada Center and with an average attendance of 120 per day (3 day event). The net income was approximately 20% below budget.

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The PLSC 11th Annual Rocky Mountain Surveyors Summit will be held February 26-28, 2020 at the Marriot Denver West Hotel Golden, Colorado (new venue for this event)

Confirmed speakers for the upcoming conference are as follows:

- Jeff Lucas
- Colorado Department Of Regulatory Agencies (DORA)
- Randy Bloom
- CDOT
- Joe Belongia
- Brian Dennis
- Diversified Underground
- Michael Dennis
- Alan Blair
- Gary Gable
- Underground Consulting solutions (UCS)
- Gene Kooper
- Steve Parrish
- Anthony Basile
- Jason Emery
- Darcee Kipack
- Mathew Buddle
- John Hunter
- CTS Exam

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PLSC Membership (7/30/2019)

94 Associate Members
4 Student Members
5 Retired Members
21 Sustaining Members
205 Voting Members
329 Total Members

Publications:

Side Shots is the quarterly publication of the Professional Land Surveyors of Colorado that is available on-line. http://www.plsc.net/side_shots.php

PLSC Activity:

Continue to actively participate in Colorado QBS meetings.

The PLSC BOD has approved a dues increase for the NSPS for 2020 of \$10.00 per voting member. The BOD voted to absorb the increase for the 2020 membership year. There will be a recurring vote each year whether to absorb the increase in NSPS dues or pass it through to the PLSC membership. The new dues to NSPS will be in effect after the MOU has been signed (anticipated signing in August 2019).

The state licensure board has proposed that review of initial applications be performed by NCEES instead of the Colorado Board. Public hearings for input/comment have been held and concerns were raised by the PLSC will be addressed. The action will go into effect in 2020

Legislation: New committee co-chairman have been named (Scott Thompson & Bryan Douglass).

State Plane Coordinate system will be worked on in the coming months in anticipation of the 2022 datum change.

Education: The PLSC Refresher Course is being coordinated for the 2020 class. Students interested in learning more about the survey profession and preparing for the LSI and PLS exams are the subject matter. As in 2019, the courses were made available in real time for remote attendees.

PLSC volunteers have established a Survey Degree Program in Colorado at Western Colorado Community College and Colorado Mesa University. PLSC has provided \$160,000 toward the commitment of \$250,000. The remaining \$90,000 will be paid over the next two years. Tom Sylvester (the curriculum instructor) has begun on line classes and the size of the recent class reached 19. This semester the program is available on line as well for a couple of the courses.

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Outreach:

PLSC members will be attending the following events this fall-

- Boy Scout jamboree
- Colorado State Guidance Counselor Conference
- Adams County middle school career day
- Various high school career days throughout the state



HAWAII LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

WFPS DELEGATE REPORT

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Meeting Date: August 12, 2019

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Secretary: Donna Gonzales

NSPS Director: Joanne Williamson, LPLS

1st Director: Christina Villa

2nd Director: Leo Bell

3rd Director: Erick Wenceslao

4th Director: Cliff Yim, LPLS

Membership

Membership as of July 1, 2019 is as follows:

39 – Licensed Members

49 – Regular Members

88 – Total Members

Sustaining Members:

- Austin, Tsutumi & Associates, Inc.
- ControlPoint Surveying, Inc.
- Engineers Surveyors Hawaii, Inc.
- Kamehameha Schools
- ParEn, Inc. dba Park Engineering
- Surveyor Supply Co., Inc.
- Frontier Precision
- Hubs Hawaii
- Sam O. Hirota, Inc.
- Stantec
- AE Com

2020 Conference

The HLSA 2020 annual conference will be held at the Pomaika'i Ballrooms at Dole Cannery in Honolulu again. We are working to get our speakers lined up for and we expect Michael Dennis from NGS to attend as our key note speaker. More details will come as they are arranged.

Legislature

HLSA worked with its members and crafted a bill, SB 898, to amend the current Land Court Deregistration Legislation and require land owners seeking deregistration to submit a File Plan and Regular System description of the deregistered parcels as part of the deregistration process. While we did hit some head winds three quarters of the way into the committee hearings last session, our bill made it all the way to the conference committee where, if it had passed, would have become law. However, the State and House were engaged in a political squabble unrelated to our bill and the bill was not heard last session. We are in the works to re-enlist the services of our lobbyist for this upcoming legislative session and hopefully by-pass the legislator at the source of last session's squabble to get our bill passed next session.

Workshops

HLSA held a workshop on Hawaii Description Writing on July 20, 2019 at the Impact Hub of Honolulu. It was a great success with a lot of positive feedback from our attendees. We are planning our next workshop for October of 2019 on surveying math for field crews and we are also planning one more workshop in December, 2019 or January, 2020 before the 2020 conference to address the kinds of topics our non-licensed members need more information on in order to pass their exams.

Fake Surveyors

It was recently brought to the HLSA Board's attention that there are certain companies like NDDS, National Due Diligence Services and ASM, American Surveying and Mapping Inc. providing their clients with Zip Maps, aerial photographs with boundaries over-laid on them. They put a disclaimer on the map that it is not a survey but that information can be missed or ignored by the layman and it gives an impression that a survey was conducted and encroachments can be determined using this map. Our Board feels this is a tool that can mislead members of the public about what it is they are getting and what it is that surveyors do. We are following up with NSPS to address the issue.

Outreach

The HLSA Board has reviewed its suspension of Trig Star program participation and we have decided that it is not something we can take on at this time. We will revisit our participation again next year.

Website

There have been no major changes to the HLSA Website. We have had a number of suggestions from our members to be more user friendly in regard to on-line membership renewal including Sustaining Membership renewal and advertisements of firms with employment opportunities. We have noticed a drop off in our membership this year but after looking into it, it appears that notice of renewal is the only barrier to retaining our members. We would also like to see the benefits of being a Sustaining Member become more apparent as well as provide more educational material. The HLSA Board is working on a plan to move forward on these items in the next year.

The next meeting of the HLSA Board of Directors will be held on September 9, 2019

End of Report



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MEMBERSHIP:

Current NALS membership is 244. In the last four years membership has increased by nearly 40%.

CONFERENCE:

The 2020 Conference will be held in March 28-31 in Las Vegas at the Luxor Hotel and will be a joint conference with APLS, CLSA and NALS.

EDUCATION:

NALS also passed resolution 2019-02 to reaffirm their support of a four-year degree requirement.

LEGISLATION:

The 80th (2019) Session of the Nevada Legislature recently ended June 4, 2019. The NALS Legislative Committee utilized the LegiScan Service to follow bills with key words like "easement", "right of way", "water", "surveying" and "property". This service sent the committee a weekly email with bills that reference the key words.

OUTREACH:

Nevada Young Surveyors Network (YSN) was established in March 2019. The YSN is active and participation is growing. They are working to identify the young surveyors within the state and recruiting them to the YSN. The YSN has been charged with assisting to implement the NALS Outreach program which was identified as a key initiative during

the strategic planning session. The YSN have also been assisting at chapter picnics and golf tournaments, as well as developing study groups for licensure testing.

NDOT AD HOC COMMITTEE:

This committee was formed in March of 2019 with the immediate goal of increasing accessibility to NDOT records, including right-of-way mapping, for the public. The ultimate goal of this committee is to bolster the profession of Land Surveying within NDOT and create direct lines of communication between NALS and NDOT. NDOT and NALS hosted workshops in Las Vegas and Reno to demonstrate the software that will be available to the public for electronic access. The workshops were well attended.

NALS BYLAWS

The NALS Bylaws were recently amended. The changes included:

- Expanding the NALS purpose to include attracting and mentoring the next generation of Land Surveyors
- Adding Retired and Honorary membership categories
- Changed President-Elect to Vice President and provides option to combine Secretary/Treasurer
- Adds Past President's Committee as a standing advisory committee

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

NALS has identified workforce development as a key initiative. A letter has been sent to the Nevada Career and Technical Education (CTE) department to determine if we can partner on an outreach program.

GREAT BASIN COLLEGE

Enrollment continues to grow for the survey program at Great Basin College. There is a need for a second professor. NALS and NALS Education Foundation have both pledged financial support to help fund a second professor. NALS is awaiting response from the college.

NALS UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

October 18th – Las Vegas, NV



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MEMBERSHIP

UCLS Membership is steady at 399 members including licensed (342), associate (30), affiliate (11), students (15), retired (9), and sustaining (1).

CONFERENCE

Next Week - The Surveyors Historical Society Rendezvous will be in Salt Lake City this year on September 18-21

Fall Forum will be held in November and will be geared for technicians wanting to obtain CST certification. This year's events will be held at Salt Lake Community College.

The 2020 Conference has been setup for St. George on February 19-21. Keynote speakers and agenda have not been set yet.

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Walter M. Cunningham Education Foundation can be found and donations sent at the following website: <https://www.wmcef.org/>.

WEBSITE

www.ucls.org – Convention news, Fall Forum news, upcoming events, published newsletters and Foresights, standards of practice in Utah, leadership information and contacts, and membership renewals.

LEGISLATION

No new update from last report: Currently the UCLS is working on a couple items for the legislature next year (or possibly the following year). The first obvious item is the 2022 legislation. The second item is working on a way to only have surveyors write legal descriptions. This will probably be an uphill battle and we are expecting some resistance; however we are working to get the County Recorder's on our side...so more to come on this in the future.

OUTREACH INFORMATION

Currently Trigstar, CST, and the boy scout merit badge are the programs the UCLS is supporting fulltime.

The UCLS is currently working with the Surveyors Historical Society on the 2019 rendezvous in Utah. More information can be found here: <http://www.surveyorshistoricalsociety.com/>

OTHER INFORMATION

There has been no new action on the below issue since our last meeting. I'm keeping it on the report as this is still a topic of discussion in the UCLS:

We have a current issue going on where a county in Southern Utah is requiring surveyors to show the entirety of a subdivision plat, even if only amending one or two lots in the subdivision. None of the other landowners in the subdivision are signing the plat amendment, however the county is using the latest plat amendment as a controlling record of lots that didn't change. For instance, if Lots 101 and 102 were amended via Happy Valley Estates 1st Amended and Lot 165 was sold after the plat amendment, the county is now considering this to be Lot 165 of Happy Valley Estates 1st Amended which breaks the chain of title for that lot. We've had multiple conversations with the County; however, they refuse to follow state code on this issue based on their "unwritten" policy. We have now turned the issue over to the Property Rights Ombudsman's Office in hopes of getting traction to have this "unwritten" policy put to a stop.

End of Report



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Activity Report for the WFPS Board Meeting
to be held Saturday September 14, 2019 in Reno, Nevada
Respectfully submitted by: Ben Petersen, Washington State WFPS Delegate

2019 OFFICERS (Effective Mar. 2nd, 2019)

Kathryn Schalk – President
Don Wieber - President-Elect
Jeff Lynch – Vice - President
Weston Dorszynski - Past - President
Lynette Forsyth – Secretary
Andy Doan - Treasurer

Our WFPS Delegate:

Ben Petersen
w/ Jeff Lynch, VP

Our NSPS Representative:

Jim Coan

Current Membership: as of August 2019
Renewal is Jan. 1st each year. Dues increased
to \$230 this year which includes NSPS membership
for licensed members.

479 members
252 associates
141 other
872 total paid

Compared to 790 total in March 2019
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NOTE: LSAW consists of 12 chapters each of which sends two representatives to the LSAW Board of Directors (BOD). Other voting members include the LSAW ExComm (see above) & our WFPS & NSPS representatives. BOD meetings are held 4 times a year: Feb/March at our annual conference, May/June, August and Oct/Nov. One educational seminar is provided on the Friday before our fall BOD meeting.

Conferences, Seminars and Meetings:

- **LSAW Board of Director (Trustee) Meetings:**
 - Sat. August 24th, 2019 in Wenatchee, WA
 - Sat. October 26th, 2019 in Vancouver, WA
 - Sat. Feb. 29th 2020 at the Tulalip Resort, WA
- **2019 LSAW Fall Seminar:** Oct. 24-25, 2019 at the Heathman Lodge, Vancouver Washington. Featuring Mitch Duryea – for technicians on Fri. & Sat. and Steve Parrish – CFedS class on Friday.
- **2020 LSAW Conference:** Feb. 26th – 29th, 2019 at the Tulalip Resort, Marysville, Washington jointly with the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS). Featuring Dave Doyle, Steve Parrish, Kris Kline and (maybe) John Stahl.
- **2021 LSAW Conference:** Vancouver, WA – Hilton Conference Center. Oregon was asked to participate but declined.

Highlights of the LSAW Board of Trustees Meeting held March 2, 2019 in Tulalip, Washington and other survey-related things that are happening in our State:

- LSAW agreed to affiliate with the American Association of Geodetic Surveying (AAGS) at a reduced rate of \$40 per year.
- Bill to be submitted to the 2020 WA Legislature changing our official geodetic datum from NAD 83 to that established by the NGS.



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- LSAW revenues up from \$240K in 2017 to over \$350K currently.
- A generally common set of bylaws has been adopted by 11 of our 12 chapters.
- WA requires 2 separate signatures on maps – on the certification and across your stamp.
- Our new proposed Affidavit of Minor Correction is under review by our Survey Advisory Board.
- The first issue of the new, reborn Evergreen State Surveyor (ESS) magazine has been a big success. The next issue is slated for mailing in November. The “Board” approved another 2 issues for next year.
- A committee has been formed to gather feedback from our members regarding our association management firm and from our management firm. A summary report is to be issued in advance of each year’s November board meeting.
- Our Board of Director voted to donate \$1,000 to sponsor the upcoming NSPS PAC golf tourney.
- Survey Monumentation Preservation Bill: Will be resubmitted to the WA Legislature for their 2020 session. It would add \$10 to every recorded document but would fund both monument preservation and our Public Land Survey Office which would eliminate the current \$64 surcharge on all recorded surveys.
- Survey Recording Fee: Currently \$187.50 per survey map plus \$5 for each extra sheet.
- We ran a Survey Monkey poll to see if Washington wanted to participate in the Certified Floodplain Surveyor program.
- New prevailing wage rates will take effect August 31, 2019 in 4 counties setting the rate for Party Chiefs at \$66.81/hr. In Stevens County the rate will go from \$45.11 to \$52.25/hr. The minimum wage in Washington State will go to \$13.50/hr. on Jan. 1st which will actually raise the surveyor prevailing wage rates in 9 Eastern Washington Counties.
- We are all just now becoming aware of RCW 64.90 the Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act (WUCIOA) which inadvertently affects all subdivisions of property. We and every agency are still trying to figure how it affects us.



**See you at the Tulalip Resort Feb. 26-29, 2020
for the joint LSAW and WFPS Conference.**

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State Activity Report for WFPS Board Meeting June 14, 2019; Las Vegas, NV

PLSW Officers: President: Lyle Casciato
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 Sec./Treasurer: John Studley

Current Membership: 198 Members
 8 Honorary Members
 2 Life Members
 44 Associate
 3 Special
 2 Student
 5 Sustaining Members

2018/19 Conferences: -November, 2019: Fall Technical Session, Casper, WY. Details are being planned at the current time.
-We are working with the GIS community on a possible joint conference in the 2020.

Legislation: -The legislative session has ended, with a few bills affecting Land Surveying: County Clerk's are no longer required to keep tract books, and are moving towards nothing but electronic information.
-the bill has been introduced to initiate a 0.5% sales tax on services, which include engineering and surveying services, did not get out of committee.

Education: The University of Wyoming has in place a Minor in Land Surveying and a Land Surveying Certificate program. The program continues, as avenues are being explored to work in conjunction with other schools.

Publications: Lines and Points is a quarterly publication by PLSW and features great articles about local history. The periodical is available on-line at plsw.org and also through a link on the WFPS website.

Miscellaneous: PLSW is working with the Board of Registration and the University of Wyoming in an outreach program to elementary through high school students. The program last year had 26 presenters for 27 schools. We experienced drastically reduced results, and the UW person has directed her energy towards engineering only. She has also accepted a new position, and a replacement is in the works. PLSW is also working

on a GeoInquiry, in conjunction with the GIS community, to have a new tool to approach high school students.

-PLSW is in the process of a house-cleaning amendment to the by-laws.

-Mark Corbridge has stepped into the State Coordinator position to act as a liaison between surveyors and the NGS. The GPS on Benchmarks effort has dominated a lot of time recently, with 21% of the selected points in Wyoming being observed, mostly by the DOT, but also some private observations. The response to the Federal Register Notice was submitted as a joint effort of WYDOT, PLSW, WYGEO, WYGISC, TAG and the Wind River Indian Reservation. NGS has issued the final Policies and Procedures for the effort. The Wyoming working group, involving all the entities, is formulating the desired response, with a goal of August for submittal to NGS. Future efforts to continue GPs on Benchmark observations are still a goal in place.

Respectfully Submitted
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State Activity Report for September 14, 2019 meeting in Reno, Nevada

Submitted By: Dick Smith & Russ Kluesner

MARLS Association Officers:

Darryl E. Magnuson, President
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Mark Larson, Immediate Past President
Scott Slotsve, Vice President
Joe Kauffman, Secretary-Treasurer
Matt Morris, NSPS Representative
Dick Smith and Russ Kluesner, WestFed Representatives
Kay McDonald, Executive Secretary

Montana 2020 Conference

To be held in Great Falls, MT, at the Heritage Inn, February 19-21, 2020

Board of Registration

The Board of Registration has decided to continue to present 30 year pins to Land Surveyors in the state who have practiced under their license for that many years. The program has been well received. An example of the recognition will be passed around at the meeting.

Standards of Practice Manual

A new Standards of Practice Manual will be submitted to the Board of Directors Meeting to be held this September.

Montana Subdivision and Surveying Laws and Regulations

MARLS is in the process of updating its digest entitled *Montana Subdivision and Surveying Laws and Regulations*. This digest is a great source for surveyors practicing in Montana, and for those individuals currently seeking a license in Montana. A copy of the digest will be passed around at the meeting.

New FVCC (Flathead Valley Community College) Surveying Instructor

Corryn Greenwalt, who had previously practiced in Missoula, will replace Dave Dorsett, who retired last year.

Complaint Regarding State Department of Revenue Post Recording Comments

There was a complaint issued at the last MARLS Board of Director's meeting concerning the practice of the State Department of Revenue to review and post negative comments about surveys that have been recently recorded, rather than providing their comments during the review process.

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