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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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Dear Members,

As I sit down to write this letter, I realize how many changes have happened in such a short time. First, our Executive Director Kim Oreno resigned from her position to pursue another opportunity in her career. Our new Executive Director is Kimi Shigetani. Kimi has been a California Advocates employee, so she is not brand new to the company and has managed other associations. California Advocates has given her a number of associates to help her tackle all the different aspects of our association, such as CLSA Education Foundation, Newsletter publication, as well as our financial accounts. As of December of 2024, CLSA has a Liability & Equity balance of over \$825K. Thanks to California Advocates, we have approximately \$600K additional funds in the bank.

At our February Board Meeting, 29 of 32 committees did not submit a committee report. We had 14 out of 20 chapters who did not submit quarterly reports. We need to do better. I know we are a volunteer organization, and if you are as busy as I am, there are only so many hours in a day. We need to get our reports in on time (30 days before the board meeting). If you have additional information after the 30 days, you should send an amended report. We need to send out a board meeting agenda approximately two weeks prior to the meeting to give the directors enough time discuss the agenda with chapter members and have an informed opinion going

into the board of director's meeting, however if Central Office does not receive reports on time, they are unable to get information to the directors. The board of directors meeting is not the first time to be looking at this information, which is not good for our association. Kim Oreno was excellent with communicating with all the chapters and committee chairs to get this done. Kimi is still feeling out how much she can push to get things done, and I will be helping her with that. However, we all need to do our part to make this a smooth transition for her.

Speaking of reports, March 31, 2025, is the deadline to get chapter financials in to Central Office. This year we will be in Reno, NV, for our Survey Conference with Nevada Association Land Surveyors (NALS), so if we can get our financial reports in earlier, it will help Kimi and Tricia greatly.

Speaking of the Reno CLSA/NALS 2025 Survey Conference, the Conference will take place at the Silver Legacy in Reno, Nevada. The Conference will run March 30 through April 1, with a pre-conference workshop on Saturday March 29, which includes a CFeds Credit workshop. We are expecting the room reservation special pricing to sell out, so get your reservation in early. The deadline for early bird registration for the conference and hotel is February 26, 2025. We have two Refreshment Break Sponsorships left at \$500.00 each. We also have One Gold Sponsorship and Two Silver sponsorships, which both includes a booth, so if anyone already has a booth at the Conference, you might want to upgrade your donation. We are also looking for donation items for the Silent and Live Auctions. We also need to provide raffle prize gifts for the Exhibitors Hall Breaks. Finally, we need Student Sponsorships at \$350.00 each. If we can get each chapter to sponsor one student, we should have enough to send all the students who have signed up. If your chapter is still struggling right now, consider sponsoring half a student sponsorship and I will get others to match that donation.

We are also in Trig-Star Season. Please check in with Sherry Toutges, our Trig-Star Committee Chair, Kimberly Holtz, our Education Chair, or Executive Director Kimi Shigetani if you have any questions.

Hope to see many of you at the Conference at the end of March.

Joseph Padilla, PLS

California Land Surveyor Association, President 2025

WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?

Where IN CA is This?



The January Where IN CA? was provided by Robert Hanley, PLS. The photo of the Bocce Ball Senior Clubhouse at the Maritime Park in San Francisco. The old clubhouse is south of the new shade structure, and very difficult to see in Google Streetview. Hanley swears he is not old enough to be a member.

The one person who correctly identified the location was Ralph Domingues, PLS. Ralph resorted to modern technology: "I Googled 'Aquatic Park Bocce Ball' and was treated to this: It is, apparently, in San Francisco."

Try to identify the location of this month's photo. Please tell me how you identified the location. Submit your answer and/or your photo of a special location for use in a future CLSA eNews to: [Rob McMillan](#)



SURVEYING IN THE NEWS

2025 CLSA MEMBERSHIP

It is that time of year! Remember to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work CLSA does to enhance and advance the profession. Log in to your CLSA Member Account and click "My Profile" to view your membership balance due and renew today!

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THE CLSA/NALS REGIONAL SURVEY CONFERENCE IS JUST A MONTH AWAY!



The CLSA/NALS Regional Survey Conference will be held March 29 – April 1, 2025. See <http://plseducation.org/> for more information. Register now and book your hotel rooms! There are sponsorships still available!

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MATT STRINGER RETIRES FROM MARK THOMAS!



After an exceptional career that began with dedicated service in the U.S. Army, followed by nearly three decades of leadership in managing surveying projects across California, Mark Thomas is proud to congratulate and celebrate Matt Stringer on his retirement. His commitment, expertise, and integrity have left a lasting mark on the MT team and the communities we serve. Please join us in wishing him the best as he sets sail on to his next adventure. Congratulations on a remarkable career, Matt! You will be greatly missed.

CONGRATULATIONS ABEL GIRON ON RETIREMENT AND A NEW CAREER!



Abel shared the following on LinkedIn: After 34 years of service for the City of Los Angeles, (9 years-Dept of Public Works and 25 years-Water & Power), I'm happy to announce my retirement and share that I'm starting a new position as a Transportation Surveyor at Caltrans!" Abel is also an FAA Part 107 Certified sUAS Pilot. That is how you do not get bored in retirement!

TRAGIC NEWS FROM ORANGE COUNTY –

SURVEYOR HIT/KILLED BY ARMORED TRUCK



HIS LEGACY IS MEASURED
NOT IN POINTS OR LINES,
BUT IN THE LIVES HE
TOUCHED.

Edward
“Ned”
Lawrence
Reynolds
CA PLS 7725



Patrick Champion, PLS posted the following on LinkedIn: “On January 16, 2025, in Santa Ana, California, Edward "Ned" Lawrence Reynolds, a licensed land surveyor with Cannon, was tragically struck by an armored truck at the intersection of Euclid Street and Progresso Street. Despite efforts to save him, Ned succumbed to his injuries at the hospital.

"My deepest condolences to Ned's family, friends, and the entire Cannon team during this difficult time.

"This is a stark reminder of the dangers we face in this industry every day. Please stay vigilant and do everything you can to protect yourself and your team."

CONGRATULATIONS JONATHON CORREA, PLS, NOW UTAH LICENSED



Please congratulate Jonathon Correa, PLS, on achieving his Utah Professional Land Surveyor (PLS) license! With 17+ years of experience in the land surveying industry and over three years at GUIDA, Jonathon has played a key role in delivering high-precision solutions for infrastructure, transportation, and utility projects. His expertise in boundary and right-of-way surveys, QA/QC, and project management continues to elevate the level of service we provide to our clients. Congratulations, Jonathon! We're excited to see your continued impact in the field.

SACRAMENTO AREA SURVEYOR FEATURED ON NSPS SURVEYOR SAYS PODCAST



R.E.Y. Engineers of Folsom shared "Exciting news! Our very own Carl C. de Baca, PLS, was featured on the Surveyor Says! podcast! He talks about the serious subject of surveyors and their role in dealing with wildfires, offering expert insights from his years in the field.

CONGRATULATIONS ADRIAN AGUIRRE, NEW POSITION AT JACOBS



Although he doesn't look happy in the photo, Adrian Aguirre posted the following on LinkedIn: "I'm happy to share that I'm starting a new position as Land Technician at Jacobs!" Adrian was formerly with Dragados USA, Guida Surveying, Mark Thomas, and Dale Mell & Associates. Congratulations Adrian!

REEDLY COLLEGE STUDENTS ARE SEEKING INTERNSHIPS

Central California Land Surveyors - are you looking to hire interns or entry-level survey employees? Reedley College has Land Surveying students looking for Survey jobs! Our survey courses are offered in the evenings, so many students are still available during typical office hours.

Jocelyn Limas, PLS has created a drop-box with resumes, so if you're interested in reviewing them, please send her a message via LinkedIn and she will send you a link!

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The Education Foundation was established in 1993 and is committed to supporting land surveying students and programs. Last year almost \$50,000 in scholarship aid was provided to land surveying students. Your monetary and surveying equipment donations are appreciated! [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the Education Foundation.



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