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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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President, CLSA

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Greetings Fellow Surveyors,

The July 31, 2025, deadline for each chapter's membership roster has come and gone. Did your chapter get their membership list in? I know mine didn't, and I will be asking why we missed the deadline and when it will be submitted. It is important that we meet our deadlines so that CLSA Central Office can keep our association running and make sure we are paying all of our bills, not to mention organizing all of our meetings and events. Ask your chapter officers if your chapter membership roster is in and if not, when will it be turned in?

At our last Board meeting our Nominating Committee nominated David Murtha from the East Bay Chapter for the position of Treasurer, which was accepted by the Board. No other nomination was made from the floor and the nomination was closed. Nomination by petition is still possible but it must be postmarked by September 1, 2025.

Lastly, I was golfing this last weekend, when the heat was almost hitting triple digits. It reminded me of our field personnel out there in the hot sun. Stay hydrated and use sun block to protect yourself against skin

cancer. In my younger years, I never used any kind of sunblock, but now I carry sunblock in my golf bag all the time. Many of our fellow surveyors have had skin cancer – some catch it early and some don't. If you're out in the field, be smart and stay hydrated.

Joseph Padilla, PLS

2025 CLSA President

WHERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THIS?



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



This month is a special two-for-one, because the July *Where IN CA?* photo had NO attempts submitted, so it is also shown here. I know someone should be able to get it, because it is at a well-known landmark that I have actually visited, although I did not take the July photo. Note the fence, railing, distinctive blocky wall next to the steps, and the monument! Hint: if you had a quarter, you could look through the coin-operated binoculars. Please describe how you identified either of these sites. 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 our profession. Also, reach out to your coworkers and colleagues to encourage them to join CLSA. Chapters are turning in their rosters. Be sure you are a member of both the local Chapter and the state association.

[RENEW MEMBERSHIP](#)

SAFETY REMINDER – TEMPERATURES ARE UP AND SCHOOL HAS STARTED

Ensure Field Crews have sufficient drinking water for the entire shift and that they stay hydrated and monitor each other for signs of heat illness! Also, school has started in many locations, so watch out for kids walking to school and distracted parents driving them there. Use caution and drive defensively.

CLSA 2026 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS PRESENTED

The CLSA Board of Directors was presented a slate of nominations for the 2026 Executive Committee Officer positions. Those nominated are:

- Kristie Achee, President;
- Michael Pulley, President-Elect;
- Kathy Nitayangkul, Secretary;
- Dave Murtha, Treasurer.

CLSA is accepting additional nominations by petition from the general membership for the 2026 executive committee through September 1, 2025. A nomination by petition must be accompanied by the signatures of 10 current CLSA Corporate or Life members.

NOTICE TO CRTN USERS: EPOCH 2025.00 NAD83(2011) STARTING AUGUST 11

CSRC plans to transition to broadcasting Epoch 2025.00 NAD83(2011) coordinates in RTCM messages on Monday, August 11, 2025. The coordinates will be posted shortly on the CSRC and CRTN web pages as well as the NTRIP parameters (IP:Port, Mountpoint). CSRC will no longer maintain 2017.50 coordinates after this date. To transform your surveys points to earlier epochs use SOPAC's SCIP utility (<http://sopac-adj.ucsd.edu/scip/>). In addition, CSRC will transmit RTCM version 3.4 messages with full GNSS data from many of the CRTN stations. Please direct any inquiries to mrturingan@ucsd.edu (or maria@ucsd.edu). The next CSRC Coordinating Council Meeting will be held October 16th, 2025, at DWR in Sacramento.

DUSTIN GARDNER, RLS (AZ, NV, ID, UT) – HAS A LOT GOING ON!

If the name sounds familiar, Dustin presented on his book, *“Creatures of the Compass,”* to a packed audience at the CLSA/WestFed 2024 conference. He recently started a new position as Land Surveyor with Diamondback Land Surveying. Dustin is also the Founder of Caritas Community, a non-profit to help any child in need, especially children in foster care. And finally, he is joining fellow 2025 AZ-NM conference presenter Colin Sellers’ *“For the Quest”* team. That is the name of a brand new mobile and computer adventure game conceived by Colin. The duo are collaborating on writing the story and creating the “world” for the game. *“For the Quest”* will incorporate surveying concepts, and the monsters from “Creatures of the Compass” lead gamers on a digital quest. This land surveying and folklore inspired adventure will be game coming soon, along with Dustin’s new fictional trilogy book series. Perhaps this game and book trilogy is just what land surveying needs to spark an interest in today’s youth.



RSB CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 26, 2025:

Interested in attending the annual Bill Young Memorial Golf Tournament in Menifee, CA, on September 26, 2025? Click the link below for more info! <https://www.rsb-surveyors.org/golf/>

QUICK CONGRATULATIONS:

MICHAEL LAFONTAINE, PLS

Passed the BuildingSmart OpenBIM Foundations Exam and now certified.

JEFF MEITER, PLS, PE

Sworn in as ACEC California's 2025-26 Vice-President.

LAM LE, PLS

Elected Vice-President of ACEC CA Riverside/SBD 2025-26 Vice-President.

JIM DICKEY, PLS

Invented biodegradable eco-panel targets made from natural materials.

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PANTALION (BEN) SANCHEZ, LSIT

Started a new position as Office Surveyor at MHM Inc.

IEVA CEFOLA, LSIT

Starting a new position as Assistant Surveyor II at Mark Thomas!

PARKER PHILLIPS, LSIT

Obtained BPELSG LSIT certificate. Regional Director - San Diego Young Surveyors Network.

FELICIA BETANCOURT

Promoted to Segment Survey Manager at FlatironDragados.

LUIS AGUILAR, sUAS, SOON TO BE LSIT

Passed NCEES FS Exam. Started as Survey Tech at Calvada. Applying for BPELSG LSIT certificate.

If we missed recognizing someone, please email RobPLSCA@Gmail.com for inclusion next month.

SACRAMENTO CLSA LS EXAM PREP CLASS IS UNDERWAY

This class is an online class, preparatory for the October 2025 California PLS Exam. The class is open to Sacramento CLSA members (\$10 to \$40) <https://www.sacramento-clsa.org/>, but there is no additional fee to attend the class. However, the Chapter is accepting additional donations. Please have potential students contact the class facilitator Russell Smith at: russell.r.smith@dot.ca.gov.



COLLEGE OF THE CANYONS GNSS CERTIFICATE SERIES BEGINS SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025

College of the Canyons will be starting up the on-line GNSS certificate series beginning September 16th, if anyone is interested. Steven Martin, PLS will be teaching NC.SURV-030 and NC.SURV-035 in January/February in the evening after work.



COURVILLE OFFERS CALIFORNIA YOUNG SURVEYORS NETWORK (CAYSN) DISCOUNT

As an added benefit of CAYSN membership, frequent conference speaker Dane Courville has set up a discount code for 25% off purchases of his study materials from his website:

<https://surveyingmanual.myshopify.com/>

The discount may apply to other items on the site, but not all items. Join the CAYSN for details. If you see Dane at Conference, buy him a coke or an Arnold Palmer to thank him!

SAVE THE DATES! – CHECK WITH YOUR [LOCAL CHAPTER](#) IF NOT LISTED:

8/16/2025

[Central Coast, Chapter Summer Barbecue](#)

9/4/2025

[SAC CLSA Vendors Night](#)

9/18/2025

[Cal Poly Pomona 2025 Geomatics Conference](#)

10/18-19/2025

Joint NSPS YSN/FIG YSN 2nd Americas Regional Meeting, Bloomington, MN

11/1/2025

CLSA Virtual Board of Directors Meeting

January, 2026

CSU Fresno Geomatics Conference

3/18-21/2026

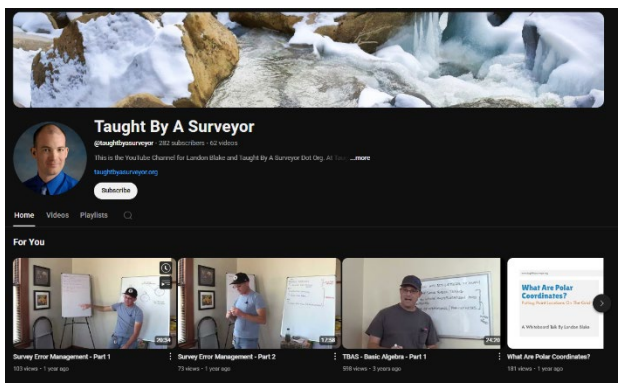
CLSA Joint Conference, Horseshoe Las Vegas

4/3-6/2027

SATURDAY TO TUESDAY, CLSA Joint Conference, Silver Legacy, Reno

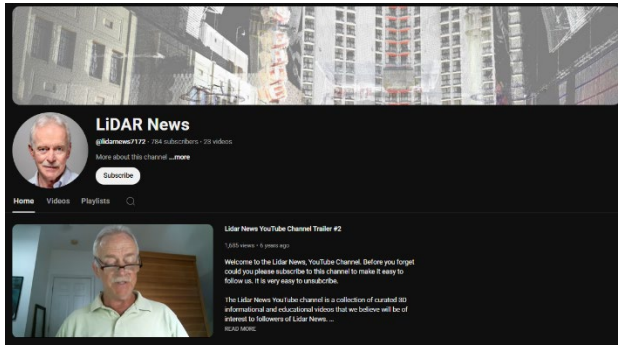
WHAT LAND SURVEYING RELATED YOUTUBE CHANELS DO YOU WATCH?

These are a couple I have stumbled upon:



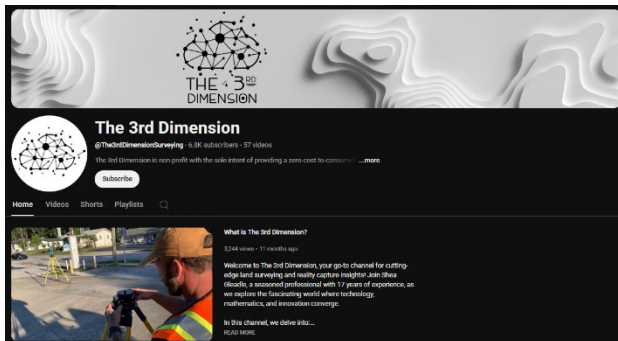
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The 3rd Dimension

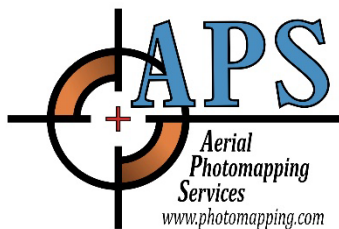
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- [2025 CLSA Annual Publication Orders](#)

ARTICLE & PHOTO SUBMISSIONS FOR CALIFORNIA SURVEYOR MAGAZINE

Do you have a photo from your field work that would make a great magazine cover? Do you have an

idea for an article or have you written an article that you'd like us to consider including in the next issue? Please send your submissions and ideas to CLSA Headquarters,

clsa@californiasurveyors.org

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