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CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS  
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# eNewsletter

**MARCH 2026**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



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### March President's Letter

Greetings, fellow surveyors,

I don't know about you, but I'm still coming off the high from the largest Western Regional Survey Conference ever! We had 970 full-paid registrants and over 1,200 attendees if you include the vendors, sponsors, and exhibitors! The connections made at this event could carry through your entire career and beyond.

Before I headed to Vegas for the WRSC, I had the honor of representing CLSA at the State Capital for National Surveyors Week on Monday, March 16, 2026. Hearing Senator Grove (12th Senatorial District - Bakersfield) read the Senate Resolution on the floor and receiving unanimous consent was an incredible experience and an honor I will never forget.

We also had a lovely evening celebrating 60 years of the California Land Surveyors Association! Thank you to everyone who attended and sponsored the event. A special thank you to the CLSA Executive Committee and CAMS ([William Hixson, CAE](#) and [Mike Sturdivant, CMP](#)) for planning the event: [Joseph Padilla](#) (Immediate Past President), [Michael Pulley](#) (President-Elect) and [Kathy Nitayangkul](#) (Secretary). None of this would have been possible without all of you!

A huge shoutout to all the Past Presidents that were in attendance: [Michael McGee](#) (1985), Kenny Fargen (1991), Kurtis Hoehn (1994), [Raymond Mathe](#) (2003), [Armand Marois](#) (2005), Robert Reese (2006), [Matthew Vernon](#) (2009), Aaron Smith (2010), [Bill Hofferber](#) (2011), [Rolland Van De Valk](#) (2014), [Jay Kay Seymour](#), RLS, PLS (2015), [Ron Nelms](#) (2018) and [Kevin Hills](#), PLS, MBA (2023)!! Thank you to Aaron, Rolland, Jay, Ron, and Kevin for sharing your words of wisdom, gratitude, and guidance for the future of the CLSA!

Not in attendance at dinner but was at the WRSC: [Rob McMillan](#) (2021), [Warren Smith](#) (2022). [Kevin Nehring](#), PLS (2024) wasn't able to make either but was missed. Thank you to [Steven Martin](#) for being on the WRSC conference committee.

Thank you also to our special guests in attendance: [Gary Kent](#), [Timothy Burch](#), and [Dana J. Caccamise II, PhD](#), and Ray Carlson - Founding Director.

This year marks 20 years that I've been licensed in California (my third PLS license) which is a 1/3 of the time CLSA has been around, so it's fitting that I'm the third female President, the third President from Bakerfield Chapter, and the first female president from Bakersfield.

CLSA started in 1966, and it was 22 years before we had our first female president, Susan A. Jensen, in 1988 (Central Coast), then 31 years until Annette Hovorka (Sacramento) served, then another seven years before I (Bakersfield) had the privilege of holding the office. And now only two years before Kathy Nitayangkul (Monterey Bay) takes the reins from Michael Pulley. It's been an honor and a privilege to watch our association grow and evolve over the past 20 years, and I'm looking forward to the future of this great surveying community.

Our country celebrates its 250th anniversary this year, and an important part of California surveying history also celebrates a birthday this year. On July 17, 2026, Mount Diablo Initial Point, used for land survey descriptions in two thirds of California and all of Nevada, turns 175

years old! A celebration will be held the next day (July 18, 2026) at Mount Diablo State Park. More details are coming soon, stay tuned!

I've said this before, but it bears repeating: current membership is at 1,177 active members and only 695 of those are Corporate members, meaning licensed land surveyors. You can join at any level from Student to Associate and even Affiliate and Out-of-state. If you have not already done so, please join your local chapter and the state association today. We also have a new remote chapter that is just getting started so the barriers for entry and participation are fading away, no more excuses. Reach out to your fellow surveyors who are not yet involved and ask them to join.

The next meeting is the April 25 Board of Directors (BOD) meeting and reports are due two weeks prior. I want to encourage all committee chairs and liaisons to submit a report even if no meetings have taken place since the last BOD meeting.

Together we will move CLSA forward, onward, upward always with a level backsight/base point.

Kristie Achee, PLS

2026 CLSA President

SURVEYING NEWS IN MARCH

**60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

1966 - 2026

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026**

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## **CLSA 60TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER**

On Friday, March 20, 2026, CLSA celebrated its 60th Anniversary at the Las Vegas Country Club in conjunction with the Western Regional Survey Conference, bringing together members and friends for a memorable evening honoring six decades of leadership, advocacy, and service to the land surveying profession. Thank you to everyone who helped make this milestone celebration such a special one.

If you would like to view more photos from the evening, click the link below!

[\*\*CLSA 60TH ANNIVERSARY PHOTOS\*\*](#)

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## **WRSC 2026 AWARD WINNERS**

Congratulations to the 2025 Award Winners announced at the Western Regional Survey Conference in March!

Rafi Hanna - Member of the Year

Greg Lindsey - Photo Competition Winner (pictured)

Paul Lamoreaux - Paul Lamoreaux Distinguished Service Award Winner

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## **2026 CLSA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Don't forget to renew your CLSA membership! Now is the time to renew, join, or rejoin CLSA to support all the work the association does to enhance and advance our profession. Also, reach out to your coworkers and colleagues to encourage them to join CLSA. Be sure to renew your membership with both your local chapter and with the state association.

[RENEW MEMBERSHIP](#)

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## **2026 NATIONAL SURVEYORS WEEK**

On March 16, 2026, Kristie Achee (2026 CLSA President) represented CLSA at the State Capital for National Surveyors Week. Senator Shannon Grove (12th Senatorial District - Bakersfield) read the Senate Resolution on the floor, receiving unanimous consent for the resolution.

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## WOMEN SURVEYORS SUMMIT IN SAN DIEGO, CA | SEPTEMBER 17-20, 2026

If you are thinking about a conference to attend after summer, the Women Surveyors Summit will be in San Diego, CA. This in-person event is the 7th Women Surveyors Summit. This is a "for women, by women" event and will include opportunities for continuing education. A minimum of 12 PDH's will be available, with a 2-hour Ethics course. The event runs from 4:00 p.m. Thursday, September 17, 2026, through Sunday, September 20, 2026. A proctored CST Exam, open to all, will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday.

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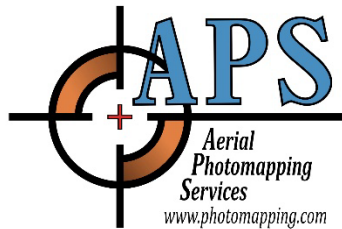
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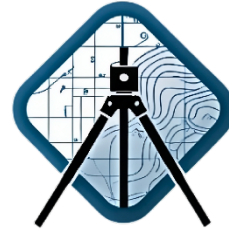


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Do you have a photo from your field work that would make a great magazine cover? Do you have an idea for an article or have you written an article that you'd like us

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