February Chapter Meeting

Please welcome Marti Ikehara, on her Farewell Tour,
To the Logan’s Roadhouse, Natomas
3698 North Freeway Blvd.

Thursday February 7th,

5:00 PM Social Hour & mingling - No Host
6:00 PM Seating for Dinner and Chapter Meeting
7:00 PM Presentation and raffle
Calendar of Events

February 7th  Sacramento Chapter Meeting  6:00 - 9:00 PM
Speaker: Marti Ikehara, NGS
Location: Logan’s Roadhouse 3698 North Freeway Blvd

February 22nd  GPS Surveying Seminar  7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sponsor: North Counties Chapter
Location: Gold Country Casino, Oroville
For more info: www.californiasurveyors.org/pdfs/events/2013NCCseminar.pdf

February 23rd  Engineers’ & Surveyors’ Day at the Mall  10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Location: Sunrise Mall
For more information: see page 3

March 7th  Sacramento Chapter Meeting  6:00 - 9:00 PM
Speaker: Bob Vasquez
Topic: The Surveyor’s Role in Moving the Space Shuttle Endeavor
Location: Blue Prynt Restaurant

March 15th & 16th  California Academic Decathlon  10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Location: Sunrise Mall
For more information: see page 3

March 23rd - 27th  CLSA / NALS Conference
Location: Silver Legacy, Reno, Nevada
For more information: www.californiasurveyors.org

April 4th  Sacramento Chapter Meeting  6:00 - 9:00 PM
Speaker: Rolland VanDeValk
Tentative Location: Logan’s Roadhouse

TBD  Sacramento Chapter Meeting  6:00 - 9:00 PM
Speaker: Sean Finn
Topic: Laser Scanning in the Magic Kingdom
Tentative Location: Blue Prynt Restaurant

Have an event you want to see listed?
Please send the particulars to: focalpointeditor@gmail.com
Surveyor’s Role in Moving the Space Shuttle

Join us March 7th for Bob Vasquez’ presentation on the role of the land surveyor in moving the space shuttle Endeavour.

Bob Vasquez is the California Survey Manager for David Evans and Associates based in their Ontario, California office.

California Academic Decathlon Needs YOU!

The California Academic Decathlon needs volunteers to serve as Proctors, Judges, and General Assistants, in Sacramento, March 15 & 16, 2013. Volunteers can give a full day or half day helping high school students from all over the state compete in math, science, literature, art, music, economics, social science, speech, essay, and interview skills. California holds the record for the longest winning streak at the national level, holding consecutive titles for the last decade. Students of all levels compete: Honors (GPA 2.75+), Scholastic (GPA 2.0+), and Varsity (GPA 1.99 and below), so everyone has the opportunity to be a champion.

The California Academic Decathlon is a statewide non-profit organization that promotes an educational experience providing a format in which teams of nine high school students compete in academic events. All California public and private high schools are eligible to compete. The Academic Decathlon embodies a partnership of business, foundations and individuals in cooperation with the education community and county offices of education.
You know, one of the great things about Land Surveying is the willingness, and usually the ability, of team members to jump in and lend a hand when needed. Right now, I’m taking up newsletter space for Sacramento CLSA President Paul Carlson. This past weekend, I expected to attend the CLSA Board of Directors meeting as only the Education Committee Chair, and mostly as a spectator. When I arrived, I heard from Sacramento Director Ian Wilson that one of our other Sacramento Directors, Jill Van Houten, was ill and unable to attend. I was needed to take her place as a Director. So here I am on Super Bowl weekend, called into the game from the bench! OK, so I didn’t throw a game winning pass, or make "the catch" to save the 49ers from defeat, but I filled in as needed and remembered how rewarding it is to be a Director in this great organization.

Outgoing Immediate Past President Bill Hofferber, with his first unwritten report, reflected on his many years moving through the chairs of the Executive Committee. He told us what stood out to him was that the people serving CLSA all had a common love of this profession. The commitment to leading this great organization rings clear in the words of every Director. Through their dedication to the best interest of the profession, they come together and work to improve the common ground we all share. The new Members-at-Large on the Executive Committee, Los Angeles Director teve Steinhoff and Sacramento Director Ian Wilson, epitomize those qualities. Congratulations to both of them as they ascend to their new positions, replacing Jim Drennon and Ron Nelms. I would be remiss to forget to compliment Jim and Ron for their hard work over the last several years.

What is ahead of us as we continue into the future? Decisions. And many of them. One long list of decisions the CLSA Board must make is the content of the revised CLSA By-laws which will eventually be circulated to the membership for ratification. Over the last several years many Chapters, including Sacramento, have submitted their revised Chapter By-laws for review and approval. What the CLSA By-laws Committee found was that the State By-laws needed overhauling. This was required to comply with changes to the state Corporations Code, as well as to make the language more precise, and protective of members, throughout the document. An ad-hoc committee was empaneled, and went to great lengths last year to hash out the proposed wording that the entire Board began revising last Saturday. There were some contentious issues, but we progressed through about half of it. All in all, the decisions made by the Board, and the Sections returned to Committee will result in a better set of By-laws for all of us to approve, and then follow, as CLSA members.

Another decision to make in the future is that of national representation and mem-
bership in NSPS. At some point in the next year, we will have to decide if we want to have NSPS membership as a compulsory component of CLSA membership. Will this cost you more money? That depends - are you now a CLSA and NSPS member? If so, then no, it will actually cost you much less per year. If you are now just a CLSA member, yes, it will cost you about $40 to be an NSPS member as well, and to support the efforts of our national organization. What is national representation worth? What is it worth to you to be able to continue to use your GPS equipment? NSPS led the fight against LightSquared last year, and with sufficient membership in the years ahead, it will take up sword and shield in the future to protect the interests of Land Surveyors across the country.

Other things of note from the Board meeting:

- The Center of Population of California from the 2010 census will be monumented this spring at the Railroad Museum in Shafter California. There will be a formal dedication ceremony October 19th in conjunction with the City of Shafter Centennial Celebration.

- Have you seen the recent Cal Surveyor magazine? Sacramento Chapter and CLSA Life Member Dave Goodman graces the cover, and is featured in an interview with the editor. Sacramento Chapter and CLSA Life Member Larry Fenske was mentioned in Mike Butcher's article. Although I usually hide from cameras, yours truly was pictured and credited with the idea to feed our FS and PS candidates. As always, the Cal Surveyor is looking for articles from you - the Professional Land Surveyors of California. How about writing an article on the future of CLSA? Perhaps one on your predicted role as a PLS in 2020? OK, so you don't want to write that much - even short tips and tricks are welcomed by Editor John Wilusz. As John said, it is the high-quality content provided by our membership that sets us apart from other state magazines, and I dare say puts us on par with national commercial publications. As many of you know, the Cal Surveyor has won the NSPS National Excellence in Professional Journalism Award for the last five years running.

- CLSA Education Foundation awarded $36,625 in scholarships this year.
- The CLSA Legislative Committee will meet in Sacramento April 6th, 2013.
- CLSA will also be offering Subdivision Map Act seminars with Mike Durkee in April.
- NCEES will be meeting in San Francisco April 18th - 20th, 2013.
- BPELSG staff have been instructed to offer multiple PLS exams as soon as logistically and financially feasible. Also, if you, or someone you know, recently passed the NCEES FS exam, there's a 50-50 chance they still need you to submit an application for the California LSIT certificate!
- The Monument Conservation page will soon go live on the CLSA website.

Future CLSA Board meetings are scheduled for April 27th, July 27th, and November 2nd, 2013.

Rob McMillan, PLS, EiT
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It’s renewal time.
Sustaining Membership is a great way to advertise your business while showing your support for the Sacramento CLSA Chapter.
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Sacramento Chapter Members as of 2/2

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Hey!

Where’s YOUR name?

First timers:

Bruce Gandelman, of CSDS, is offering a $20 CSDS gift certificate for NEW members of both the state and a local chapter in the areas served by CSDS who join by February 28, 2013. (Some restrictions apply.)

Join NOW!

2013 chapter dues are half off for all CLSA state association members! We need you to fill out those 2013 membership application forms. The number of Directors the Chapter sends to the CLSA Board of Directors meeting is based on the number of professional land surveyors who are state CLSA members, and declare Sacramento as their home Chapter. Please join the Sacramento Chapter and show your support for the ways in which we support the profession. Be sure your state dues are current!

If your name is not on the list above, please fill out a membership form and send it to Jerry Jones, (secretary@sac-suveyors.org) as soon as possible. A copy of the form is on page 11.
Bruce Gandelman, of CSBS, is offering a $20 CSBS gift certificate for NEW members of both the state and a local chapter in the areas served by CSBS who join by February 28, 2013. (Some restrictions apply.)  Pass the applications along!

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□ Affiliate Member {post81CE/EIT/etc} $10 (Regular Dues $20)
□ Student Member {Surveying student} Regular Dues $5
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Comments:
Stuart Hagerman joins Caltrans

Saint Helena, Calif. - January 10, 2013 - With 20 years of experience in Napa Valley, Calif., Albion Surveys announces a new member of their land surveying firm - industry veteran, long time Sacramento Chapter member, noted public speaker and adjunct professor, John "Steve" Parrish.

Sacramento Chapter member Stuart Hagerman has left Slooten Consulting to join Caltrans Field Surveys in District 4.

Patrick Ryan Ferris joins Slooten

Sacramento Chapter member and Fresno State Geomatics Engineering graduate Patrick Ryan Ferris has replaced Stuart Hagerman at Slooten Consulting.

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