

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting was held at Mountain Ridge in Wallingford, Connecticut. Registration began at 7:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries served throughout the morning. The exhibit hall was open from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The following technical seminars were presented throughout the day:

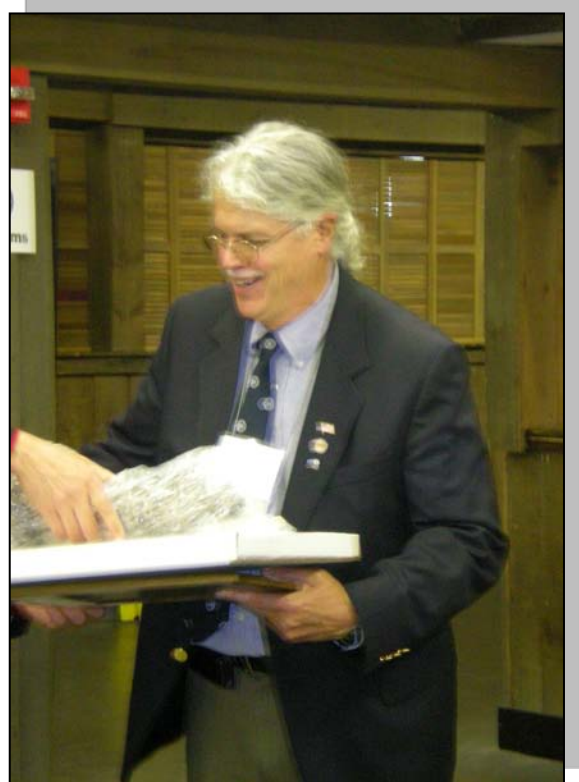
- Why GIS Needs Surveyors – Presented by Brent Jones, PE, PLS
- The Survey to Field Tools of Civil 3D 2010 – Presented by Phillip Zimmerman, IMAGINiT
- CST Exam Informational Session – Presented by Jay Doody, P.E., P.L.S.
- The Infinite Loop – Presented by Matt Peak, Waddell & Reed
- Practical Integration of GIS Workflows into a Surveying Practice's Business Model – Presented by A. Richard Vannozzi, PLS
- Photogrammetry A-Z – Presented by Wayne Kelloway, ASPRS
- Topcon's New IS Imaging – Presented Hank Boudreau, Topcon
- Surveys for Environmental Land Use Restrictions – Presented by Peter Hill, CTDEP
- GIS Attribute Data Collection with Carlson SuvCE – Presented by Gary Rosen, Carlson Software & Mike Jiantonio, Superior Instrument
- Structural Monitoring – Presented by Brad Beeler, Maine Technical Source

President John Wagenblatt presented the 2009 Surveyor of the Year award to Andrew Tupper.

Andy has been a longtime member and a strong advocate of CALS and its members for many years. He was president of CALS from 2007 through 2008.

Some of the many committees of which Andy is an active member are the Board of Directors, By-Laws, Code Revision, GIS, GPS Survey Standards, High Tide Line, Historical, Internet, On-Line Survey Course, Professional Development, Scholarship, Survey Education, and Survey Advisory Board.

Andy continues to attend Board meetings and is a very worthy recipient of this prestigious award for 2009.



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CALS Member Richard Contois received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Wagenblatt for his outstanding work in organizing the hugely successful Boy Scouts Surveying Merit Badge Day in April.

CALS Firm Member Bob Jackson received a Certificate of Appreciation for transforming CALS into a state-of-the-art operation by selecting, ordering, and installing a new computer in the CALS office this summer. Besides continually sharing his expertise of computers, Bob also represents the South Central Propitiators Council on the Board of Directors and volunteers to help out at the Annual Meeting.



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CALS Member Jon Kula received a Certificate of Appreciation for his dedication and hard work in support of the organization. Jon is a Director for Hartford County. He volunteers each year to work behind the scenes by transporting all the books and clothing for the Annual Meeting. He also helps out at the Publications Booth and anywhere else he can be of assistance.

First Vice President Kevin DaRos welcomed everyone and introduced the following invited guests:

- John Matonich, President NSPS
- Scott Cameron, President MALSCE
- David Collier, President New Hampshire Land Surveyors Association
- Patricia Kules, President Vermont Society of Surveyors
- Harry Miller, President Rhode Island Society of Professional Land Surveyors
- Andrew Sturgeon, Past President Maine Society of Land Surveyors
- Patti Brooks, Executive Vice President NYSAPLS
- Richard Howard, NSPS Board of Governors Representative
- Robert Dahn, Area 1 NSPS Director
- Robert Grossenbacher, LS Member of the CT Board of Examiners
- Curt Smith, LS Member of the CT Board of Examiners
- Allison B. Czaja, 2009 William W. Seymour Scholarship Recipient



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## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Treasurer Alan S. Fenrow reported that CALS is in sound financial shape. He reminded everyone that the 2010 dues notices will be mailed the first week in December and encouraged CALS members to mail their payment promptly.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Legislative Committee Chairman Bob Dahn presented a brief outline of issues being monitored by Kevin Reynolds of Updike, Kelly & Spellacy and thanked him for his continued efforts to promote surveying issues at the state capital.



NSPS President John Matonich encouraged everyone to join NSPS and listed some of the many benefits affiliation has to offer.

- Trigstar attracts the youth to the surveying profession through this national program awarding nearly \$300,000 in Scholarships to date.
- The NSPS Speakers Kit is an excellent tool to reach out to high school students who are considering becoming a land surveyor. He pointed out that “graduate surveyors earn more than graduate engineers.”
- The CST program assures skill sets to all employers.
- The National Surveyors Week, mandated the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in March, gives national focus to the surveying profession.
- Quality Based Selection (QBS) is now Federal Law.

Mr. Matonich closed his remarks by encouraging everyone to attend the next ACSM/NSPS Convention in April 2010, which will be held in Phoenix, AZ.

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## **2009 SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Jay Doody, Chairman of the Professional Development Committee thanked the committee members Bob Baron, Rachel Dearborn, Patrick Toscano, Andy Tupper, and John Wagenblatt.

He announced the following 2009 Scholarship Awards:

- Allison B. Czaja, William W. Seymour Scholarship
- Megha Jain, William G. Berglund Scholarship

Mr. Doody talked about an upcoming seminar “Surveying with the Stars,” planned for 2010, which will include 5 challenging and interesting survey projects. He also asked CALS members to tell him what workshops they would like to see in the future. If you have a particular interest, please contact Jay at [jjdoody@snet.net](mailto:jjdoody@snet.net).

Map Design Competition Chairman Mark Lebow thanked this year’s judges Bob Baron, Larry Geissler and Scott Neff.

## **MAP DESIGN COMPETITION:**

**Best in Show** – Jennifer Fisher

### **Property/Boundary Surveys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jennifer Fisher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Patricia Moore Carter
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Reese Roberts

### **Limited Property/Boundary Surveys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jennifer Fisher
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jennifer Fisher

### **Other Miscellaneous Surveys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Alan Bongiovanni
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jennifer Fisher
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Joe Stublic

## **CERTIFICATE PRESENTATIONS:**

Curt Smith and Bob Grossenbacher, LS members of the Board of Examiners announced the 2009 newly licensed surveyors and presented those present with their certificates from the State.

- Michael W. Bouffard
- Stephen P. Dyer
- Jason Edwards
- David J. Fox
- Gregory Kogan
- James E. Peterson
- Brian Shea
- James R. Steward
- Mark Taylor
- Jaroslava Vonder



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CALS Secretary Jason G. Racette gave a brief presentation on clothing that can be ordered with CALS logo. He had a laptop in the publications booth throughout the day where anyone interested could peruse Triple Crown, a high quality clothing company, and select any item that will be ordered and delivered in time for Christmas.

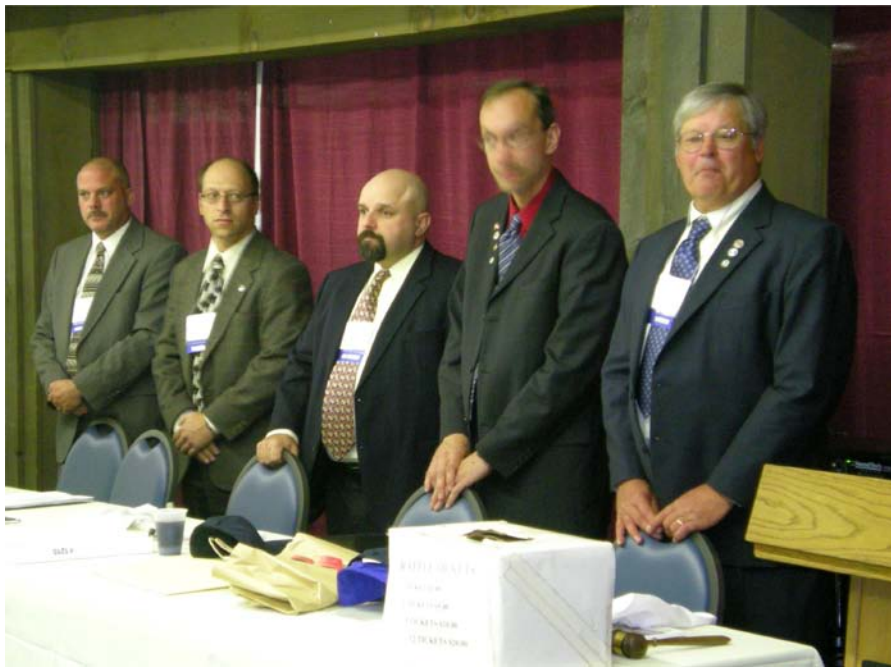
Jason also had new CALS baseball hats for just \$10.

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President Wagenblatt reminded all voting members to pick up a ballot and cast their vote for new revisions to the code.

Sustaining Member Evan Cooper kicked off a new program with Bearingstar Insurance Group in which Bearingstar pledges that for each auto, home, condo or renters quote, Bearingstar will donate \$25.00 to the CALS Scholarship Foundation. There is no obligation to purchase a policy. For more information contact Evan at 800-300-4180.

Reese Roberts read the nominations for the 2010 Executive Board. There being no other nominations, the following officers were approved unanimously: President John Wagenblatt; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Kevin DaRos; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President David Palmberg, Secretary Jason G. Racette; Treasurer Alan S. Fenrow.



Kevin DaRos reminded everyone of the loss of some of our members this year including Myron Feinstein, David Bascom and Donald Strong.

Motion made by Ray Redniss, seconded by Rick Martel, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

The day ended with the traditional Scholarship Auction hosted by Richard Meehan. Superior Instrument and Carlson Software generously offered a few big-ticket items. \$3,097 was raised to benefit the CALS Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks goes to Kevin DaRos who did a marvelous job of organizing this outstanding event, Jennifer Marks who sponsors all the fabulous signage and runs the pacing contest, and the numerous volunteers who donate their time each year to make the annual meeting an enjoyable event for everyone.

Consider getting involved next year. Call the CALS office and see how you can help. This is your organization and everyone is needed and appreciated.

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Note – This year the pacing contest was won by a TRICIA KULES, PRESIDENT OF THE VERMONT SOCIETY OF SURVEYORS. This is the second year the honor has gone to Vermont. Next year we must bring this recognition back to Connecticut!

