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CALS Elects New President

“The key to life is success and happiness in your chosen field and a hobby that enhances that happiness. “

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On November 5, 2010, Kevin L. DaRos, was elected the 26th President of the Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors, Inc., at the 2010 Annual Meeting at Saint Clements Castle, in Portland, Connecticut.

Mr. DaRos has been an active member of CALS since 1984. He is employed by Lenard Engineers in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

A focus of his administration will be to continue our organization's progress as the largest and most dynamic representative of the surveying profession in Connecticut.

CALS New Website is Almost Finished



Thank you to all of our members for your patience. The new CALS website is almost finished and Mark Judge, President of Judge Advertising, has promised us that the outcome will be well worth the wait. Our address will now be ctsurveyors.org but for anyone who forgets and goes to ctsurveyor.com, you will be redirected to the new home page.

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Along with a new colorful logo, anyone who visits the new website will find it easier to navigate. We also hope to have a blog up and running very soon so that you can share your questions and ideas with other fellow professionals.

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Mr. Judge will be presenting a seminar, sponsored by CALS, on Wednesday, February 9th, on the benefits of having a website for your company.

CALS Annual Books

Due to the economy, CALS is making every effort to “tighten our belts” so that we don’t have to increase our dues. Over the past several years, it has become increasingly costly to mail the annual books to our members.

This year, the annual reference books will be distributed by county directors to anyone who does not pick up their copy at the Annual Meeting.

The following is a list of county directors:

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**If you have not paid your 2011 membership dues,
please send your check in today!**

**Your continued support is very important
to this organization.**

Once again, special thanks goes to
CALS Sustaining Member
Wayne Kelloway, from Eastern
Topographics, for generously sponsoring
unemployed CALS members who attend
CALS sponsored seminars to continue their
education in surveying.

When we show people a way to invest in
their inner wealth and provide them with a
medium for exchanging value, we enable
them to live from possibility rather than
from fear and lack. Wealth and freedom can
be attained here and now, when our work
fulfills our hearts.



Tripod and tribrach w/prism assembly picked
up on Rte. #44, Winsted/Barkhamsted town
line, Monday Dec ember 6, 2010.

If you have any information please call John
DiCara at 860-379-2881.

NSPS and ALTA Boards Approve 2011 ALTA/ACSM Land Title Survey Standards

The Board of Directors of the National Society of Professional Surveyors approved the new 2011 Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys during its meeting in Orlando on November 15th. The new requirements were previously approved by the Board of Governors of the American Land Title Association at its October 13th meeting in San Diego.

The 2011 Minimum Standards represent the latest and 8th version of the Standards which were last revised in 2005. It is also the first major rewrite of the Standards since their initial adoption in 1962. The new Standards will become effective on February 23, 2011, at which time all previous versions will be superseded.

The ALTA/ACSM Standards are nationally recognized by title companies, surveyors, lenders and attorneys as the survey standard to rely upon in conveyances of real property when extended title insurance coverage is required by one or more of the parties.

The final, approved version of the 2011 Standards may be downloaded from the ACSM Web site at www.acsm.net under the "Standards" section, or from the ALTA Web site at www.alta.org/forms under the "Recently Approved for Final Publication" section.

Practical Location by

Knud E. Hermansen¹ and Robert A. Liimakka²

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Members Continue to Support CALS Funds

In spite of the economy, CALS members have continued to reach deep into their pockets to support the goals of this organization.

Much appreciation goes to the following members for their generosity:

- ◆ John Abruzzo—Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Joseph Alberti—Legislation Fund
- ◆ Andrew Bushnell—Scholarship & Legislation Funds
- ◆ Constance Culliney—Scholarship Fund
- ◆ Gioacchino deNicolo—Scholarship, Legislation & Building Funds
- ◆ John Doody—General Fund
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Professional Development

Upcoming Seminars...

- ◆ **BEST PRACTICES IN WEB DESIGN FOR LAND SURVEYING FIRMS**
February 2, 2011. ITBD, New Britain, CT, Lunch and discussion with Mark Judge, Graphic Designer of CALS new website. \$35.00.
- ◆ **BASIC COGO FOR SURVEYING TECHNICIANS
COORDINATE COMPUTATIONS USING HAND CALCULATOR**
Presented by Rachel Dearborn, PLS, March 25, 2011, 8:30-3:30, ITBD, New Britain, CT.
\$200 includes lunch & parking.

Keep Laughing by Reese ...

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
- Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.
- There was the person who sent ten puns to friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did.
- vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'



Professional Development continued...

For more information contact

Jay Doody at jjdoody@snet.net



- ◆ Norwalk Community College is in need of a teacher for its surveying course. Applicants should be familiar with GPS (Hyperlite) in addition to typical surveying techniques. This position is for Spring semester, Tuesday and Thursday 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

For more information contact Jacek Bigosiński, AIA, 203-655-4271, www.pbarchitects.net

- ◆ ACSM trying to get feedback regarding the effectiveness of Government Affairs Program
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/82SB9FQ>

◆ OSHA 10 HOUR SAFETY COURSE FOR CONSTRUCTION

Would you like CALS to set up a 10 hour OSHA construction safety course for your employees during the February or March 2011?

Small firms can more easily get into a larger pool of students to attend the one day training. Let me know if you are interested and if we have enough folks, I will solicit a cost. There are trainers both in the New Haven area and the Hartford area. I am also looking into online training and how it works.

When working on a construction site, your company is obligated to train your employees in on the job safety.

The 10 hour training should cover all of your employees on the job site. If you have supervisors that oversee safety, there is a 30 hr. training available.

If you have received this training and can recommend someone let me know.

Jay Doody, CALS Professional Development Committee, jjdiidy@snet.net

- ◆ **MALSCE Seminar: Legal Perspectives On Land Surveying Issues II on Jan. 28, Holiday Inn, Marlborough**

Join us for a great panel of experts on a range of legal issues, including the NEW lien law for design professionals!

Register on-line, details: http://www.malsce.org/index.cfm?pk=custom&ac=viewEventDetails&eventId=MA_LEGAL_012811

To register online for this seminar at the MALSCE member rate, you must login using your MALSCE assigned username and password. If you do not know your MALSCE member login information, contact Bailey Boykan at 617/227-5551 or bboykan@engineers.org.

MALSCE Proprietors Council Lunch Hosted by Paul Tyrell on Feb. 4, The Engineering Center in Boston

Register on-line, details: http://www.malsce.org/index.cfm?pk=custom&ac=viewEventDetails&eventId=MA_PROP_020411

Classified

Seeking Position

1) Associate Member of CALS looking for full-time position. Hartford County. Eleven years experience. BS in Geography and AA in Mathematics. Skilled in AutoCAD Mapping, Eagle Point Coordinate Geometry, Trimble, Topcon, TDS, Sokkia total stations and data collectors; Leica and Trimble GPS. Excellent references. Contact the CALS office for resume #101.

2) Professionally Licensed Land Surveyor with over 20 years experience. Diversified in all aspects of land surveying including but not limited to ALTA/ACSM Surveys, Property/Boundary Surveys, Zoning and Improvement Location Surveys, Topographic Surveys and Subdivision/Condominium maps. Proven leadership skills with a high level of organization and communication abilities. Able to consistently keep projects on target from a financial and time line perspective. I believe I would make a significant contribution to any firm. If your firm is looking for a dependable, results orientated professional with a solid performance track, I would be interested in speaking with you to discuss the value that my strengths and experience can bring to your search. Contact the CALS office for a full resume #102.

3) Licensed Land Surveyor seeking employment. Extensive experience with title research, boundary surveys, topographic surveys, hydrographic surveys, construction and as-built surveys an existing conditions surveys for redesign, improvements and new design. Willing to work part time. Middlesex County. Contact the CALS office for full resume and references #105.

4) Licensed Land Surveyor seeking a management position with responsibilities for marketing services for an engineering/surveying firm, developing business with new and existing clients and project management. Twenty-five years in land surveying applications of business development for new and existing clients; project management; supervision of field and office personnel and experience in all facets of land surveying projects, large and small. Contact the CALS office for full resume and references #104.

Seeking Help

Fairfield County

Pereira Engineering, LLC is an established Civil/Environmental Engineering and Land Surveying firm located in Shelton, CT and we are looking to fill the following positions:

Pereira Engineering offers a very competitive salary and benefits package including Major Medical Insurance, Retirement Plan, Life Insurance including Short-Term Disability and AD&D coverage, paid Vacation, Holidays, Sick Days, and Direct Deposit for payroll.

Please email resume and salary requirements to: joe@pereiraeng.com or fax to: (203) 944-9945.

Survey Crew: We are also looking to bring on an additional survey crew. Qualified candidates must be experienced in boundary, ALTA/ACSM, topographic surveys, underground utility location, and construction stakeout. Experience with AutoCAD and Autodesk Survey software a real plus.

Survey Technician / CAD Operator: We are seeking a candidate with 0-2 years experience in Land Surveying or Civil Engineering. The qualified candidate MUST be highly proficient with AutoCAD and Autodesk Survey software. Candidate must also be highly-motivated and detail-oriented. Responsibilities will include downloading field survey data, preparation of CAD survey maps, and other office/field work all under the direct supervision of Senior Surveyor.



NSPS Surveying USA

On Saturday, March 19, 2011, surveyors across the Nation will be hosting NSPS (National Society of Professional Surveyors) Surveying USA events to kick off the start of National Surveyor's Week which starts on Sunday, March 20, 2011. Advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) equipment will be on display and simultaneously collecting data at sites throughout the nation.

The goal of NSPS Surveying USA is to give the public an opportunity to observe local surveyors in action and to learn more about one of the world's oldest professions. Surveyors at each location will be available to answer questions about the event and to discuss the role of surveyors in the community. Anyone with a GPS unit (hand-held or otherwise) is welcome to join in the fun.

For more information please contact:

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