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Winter's fun  
is upon us!



Don't you just love the new year! It is a chance to do new things and repeat the ones we liked from last year. Here is our opportunity to make this year filled with exciting new information... and a little fellowship along the way. In this issue are new things from me and from our contributors. As we build a new style together, let me know what features you like and what features you would like to see. As always, email me at:  
[focalpointeditor@gmail.com](mailto:focalpointeditor@gmail.com)

**Our Next Meeting**  
**February 7, 2008**  
**See inside for details**

# EDUCATION CORNER

CLSA Conference 2008

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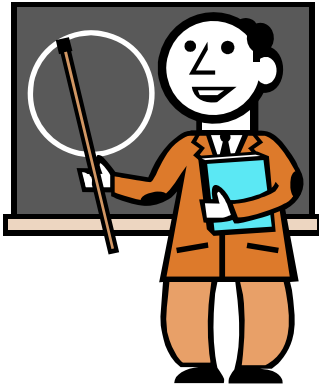
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# PAST- PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Being a bit tardy for January's chapter meeting, I was nominated and unanimously voted in as Membership Coordinator for 2008. My first order of business will be to make sure all those attending last month's meeting are current with their membership obligations, especially those who shouted "Aye" after those immortal words "All in favor." That being said, I would like to encourage your participation and membership in the California Land Surveyors Association at the state level and the Sacramento Chapter of California Land Surveyors Association at the local level. This is your professional organization representing the interests of land surveyors for the State of California.

The Sacramento Chapter of CLSA is an active organization, providing monthly dinner meetings with guest speakers and topics of interest, educational seminars, as well as scholarships opportunities for students pursuing Land Surveying curriculums at the college level. The Chapter has embarked on a recently new tradition of donating our professional survey skills in the field and office for Habitat for Humanity. This is a rare opportunity for most of us to work side by side with our fellow colleagues. To get to know one another on another informal basis, we plan events such as an annual Sacramento Rivercats baseball game, summer picnic hosted by the Northern Counties Chapter, and Holiday party & raffle.

As Professional Land Surveyors, we have a duty and obligation to the public to stay abreast of current laws, regulations, and technology. Thus, continuing education is a necessity to perform our craft. CLSA sends out notifications to our members for CLSA sponsored seminars and conferences. A few of the topics to be presented at this year's conference in Reno (February 23-27) include Subdivision Map Act, High Definition Surveying, RTN Concepts & Solutions, Certified Federal Survey Program, Internet Resources, Terrestrial Laser Scanning, Land Based Lidar, Professional Liability for Surveyors, Legal Descriptions, California Spatial Reference Center, ALTA Surveys, CLSA & the Legislature, BPELS Panel Discussion, and NGS – National Readjustment & Height Modernization, just to mention a few.

Your membership entitles you to several benefits. Receiving the Sacramento Chapter's monthly newsletter, the "Focal Point," the bi-monthly editions of the "CLSA News," and the quarterly editions of the "California Surveyor." Discounts on CLSA Annual Conference, CLSA Seminars, CLSA Publications, CLSA Insurance Programs, and at Office Depot, I.C. System, and PayAmerica.

If you have not already done so, please consider joining our organization and supporting our profession. To join the Sacramento Chapter, complete the application found within this newsletter. To join at the state level, please visit the CLSA website at: <http://www.californiasurveyors.org/files/joinclsa.asp>

If I can answer any questions, please call me at 916-834-9727.

*Jon Scarpa, Past-President*

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**STUDENT MEMBER** – Annual Dues: \$5.00  
A college or university student actively pursuing the study of Land Surveying

Employment Status:  Private  Public  Student  Retired  Other

Are you a member of the Statewide CLSA?  Yes  No

If yes, what type?  Corporate  Associate  Affiliate  Student  Sustaining  Life

Please indicate the activity you would most like to participate in:

Barbeque  Picnic/Survey Olympics  Sports Night  Discussion Forum  Seminar

Please indicate the type of program or topics you would like to see most at the meetings:

CLSA Information  Technical  Business  Legal  Local Agencies  Other

Please share your views on activities you would like to see this chapter be involved with (seminars/outreach, etc.), or things you would like to change (meeting time/place, etc.).

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I am including a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Scholarship Fund. Make checks payable to SAC CLSA

Bring completed application to the next meeting, or mail to:

**CLSA – SAC**  
**P.O. Box 162786**  
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# Upcoming Sacramento Chapter Meetings

Thursday, February 7 - Cattlemen's Rancho Cordova

Speaker: Marti Ikehara, State Advisor, NGS

5:00 - 6:00 relaxation/attitude adjustment

6:00 - 7:00 business meeting and dinner

7:00 - 8:30 presentation/guest speaker

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# January

## January 2008 Meeting Notes

### President's Report

Paul Carlson resigned as Chapter Representative. Bill Telling was elected by the Board to fill vacancy.

### New Committee Chairs:

Membership- Jon Scarpa (Read his new article for details.)

Education- Don Ivy

Government- Joe Tennison

Professional Practice- Neal Jones, Nick Labedzki, Evan Page

### Public Service Project:

Looking for a project. Would like to Habitat for Humanity. Dave Karoly to check.

### Vice President:

Next meeting- Cattleman's Rancho Cordova with Marti Ikehara. March is at Cattleman's in Roseville with program to be announced.

### Secretary:

Focal Point electronic in February.

### Treasurer:

Would like to move the bank account to Bank of America.

Motioned, seconded and approved. 14000-15000 in account with deposits outstanding.

### Education Committee:

Prep class has 40+ signed up. Starting January 10th.



Continued

## Old Business:

Website~ motioned and approved to turn control to Bill Jackson. Gift Certificate for last year's instructors to be delivered. Sacramento City College suggested providing tripods. Community College scholarships are available for CLSA state.

## New Business:

Authorization to spend up to \$400 on MS publisher. Motioned, seconded and approved.



## Speaker's Presentation

Pat Tami,

Member of the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors

- Sacramento Chapter is now his home chapter. (Yeah!)
- Currently, he is the Vice-President of the Board.
- Check website for new license date.
- LS TAC is the only active TAC. They are working on Log Books for tracking experience.
- Calculator policy is necessary to use National Exam. Check for current policy!
- Permanent LS to be working at the Board at a level equivalent to a Senior Transportation Surveyor.

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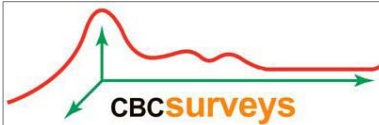
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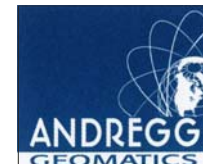
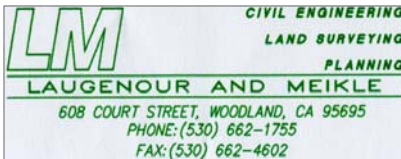
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# Outer Limits



Sometimes, we just don't know what might happen...

At a recent joint meeting in Marysville, I was asked to speak at a Conference for girls at Yuba College. I said yes. What I thought might be talking a few girls about surveying turned out to be speaking to 600 8th grade girls as the keynote speaker for AAUW Math and Science Conference. I have to admit it was a little intimidating. Have to say, the event was great and the adults as well as the girls were outstanding! They were all very receptive.

In case you find yourself in a similar situation and are stuck for a topic, try talking about yourself. I find even unruly teenagers will respond to a truthful sharing of experience. As most of us probably found surveying by accident, it makes each of our stories unique and personal. Take the time to share, such as through TrigStar. You may be the key to opening the many opportunities our profession has to offer to the next round of rear chainmen.

