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California Land Surveyors Association

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SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Where: Pappy McGregor's (Fireplace Room) [Map](#)
1865 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo

Time: 5:30-6:00 Social Hour 6:00pm Dinner & Meeting

Menu: Order off limited Menu

Cost: \$25 (payable to Central Coast CLSA)

Program: Business Meeting
2016 Officer Elections

RSVP: Cristi Fry cfry@thainc.com

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

This September meeting will be a Business meeting dealing with a number of issues. First and foremost will be the election for our chapter officers. There are some additional positions open this year. The nominating committee has their recommendations, however, it is perfectly acceptable to nominate someone from the floor. You may even nominate yourself if you wish!

Also, the chapter needs to discuss the details of the proposed meeting on Monument Preservation with

local agencies. As many of you know, this has been a major issue around here for years. It is hoped that we can meet in a social setting with the local agency representatives and better educate them on the state laws.

There will also be some discussion about the major changes at the State level, with Dorothy Calegari stepping down as Executive Director of CLSA. Our directors will be able to explain how the state is dealing with this issue and how we are going to go forward.

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EDITOR'S CORNER

by: Tom Mastin



It's almost fall as I write this, and it is almost 100° outside in San Luis Obispo as I write this. This isn't how I normally think of fall. I think of leaves changing color not dead or dying trees, but I guess that is why they say "fall is when there is change in the air". Still fall is always an interesting season, it is the time when kids are both excited and bummed about school starting, it is when everyone starts to think that the year has gone by way too fast and start thinking about all that they want to do before the end of the year.

For our Chapter, and the State Association, it is when you have to start preparing for the follow-

APPRECIATING DOROTHY CALIGARI



From Linda Richardson

Dorothy Caligari is my friend. She has been a mentor since I joined CLSA in 1986. Any question I've

ing year. New Officers, new editors for newsletters, new visions for the New Year. We elect our officers for the next year in September so that they can start preparing for their new role allowing them to hit the "ground running". They need to do that of course because before they know it, it is fall. The circle of life.

What makes that especially challenging for the State Association is that **Dorothy Caligari** resigned as Executive Director of the State Association. Dorothy has been involved with the State Association since its inception and only its second Executive Director. Our directors can let you know what went on to cause her to step down, but I think it is fair to say she will be sorely missed, not only for her knowledge and skill, but also for her ability to work with everyone (almost everyone). She has been that consistency in the Association that has allowed it to grow in membership and reputation.

had concerning law or procedure or the CLSA Association has always gone to Dorothy or her right hand person, Crissy Wilson. If they couldn't answer it they didn't send me away. They found an answer and got back to me with it. I admire both of them tremendously. They are two professional business women who are admired by most who do their jobs flawlessly under great stress.

I remember one incident at a conference where Dorothy was (unintentionally) the center of attention.

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August 17, 2015

Dear CLSA Directors and Chapter Presidents,

The Executive Committee of the California Land Surveyors Association is pleased to announce its selection of *California Advocates, Inc.*, Association Management Services division (CAMS), as the incoming association management firm. CAMS, has been providing management services to its clients since 1991 and currently provides a broad range of management services to similar state, regional, and national associations, and will be responsible for CLSA management, meeting planning and conference production.

The interim Executive Director will be Jennifer Blevins, CMP effective August 29, 2015, and until CLSA and CAMS completes a search for a permanent replacement. Ms. Blevins has managed numerous associations, including trade associations and professional organizations. Ms. Blevins earned her Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation in June 1998 and is a member of Meeting Professionals International, Meeting Professional International/Sacramento Chapter, American Society of Association Executives, and the California Society of Association Executives. With over thirty years of experience in multi-association management, Ms. Blevins has managed numerous associations, including trade associations, and professional organizations. Ms. Blevins and her team have already begun transitioning key association information and assets with the assistance of Dorothy Calegari and Association Management Services.

The California Land Surveyors Association would like to thank Association Management Services, Dorothy Calegari and Crissy Willson for their many years of management services and wish them the best moving forward. They will be truly missed.

On and after August 30th, 2015, please note that all association business shall be directed to the following:

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This communication is in reference to CLSA Bylaws, Article 7 Committees: Section 7.02 Executive Committee Authority and Responsibility, and to the motion by the Board of Directors at the July 2015 meeting directing the Executive Committee to research, evaluate, and execute a contract for professional services through 2016. Final approval and ratification of the CAMS contract, will require a vote of the Board of Directors at the November 6, 2015 at the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Jay Kay Seymour, PLS
President CLSA-2015

Appreciating Dorothy Caligari . . . From Page 2

I had just arrived and saw a crowd gathering in the parking lot. In the center of that crowd was a damsel in distress. I couldn't believe it was Dorothy! A very unusual position for her as she is always the one in charge of everything! It seems that as she was stepping out of her vehicle her shoe fell off her foot and sailed merrily down a storm drain grate. As her driver ran over and tried to get it out the valet driver ran to help him then the bell man ran over to see what he could do to help. Eventually, somebody got a hanger unbent and "fished" her shoe out and placed it on her foot. (Yes, the glass slipper fit!) The entire crowd burst into applause as a very embarrassed but graciously laughing Dorothy exited the vehicle and went on to organize the entire conference with Crissy chuckling along side of her.

I wish Dorothy and Crissy the best of luck and hope they can find another organization they feel they can pour their hearts and souls into as they did with CLSA. We will all miss them tremendously.

From Tom Mastin

I, like many other surveyors, had a number of contacts with Dorothy over the years. She was my counselor when I was new to the State Association in the early 1980's and asked to be the chair of the Education Committee when the committee was coming up with proposed continuing education requirements. She was the ever pushing publisher when I worked on the CLSA News and then the California Surveyor, always asking what she could do to help get the material in

on time. In all the time I dealt with Dorothy, she was always positive, always very helpful and never said a bad word about anybody, even when prodded.

The one story that I always think of when I think of Dorothy was at a conference where it was a combination CLSA and ACSM conference. I need to give a little background. When my daughters were growing up, I had my own small surveying business. One of the aspects was that my daughters thought that vacation meant going to a surveying conference. They would enjoy the hotel pool, and knew who all gave the best swag in the exhibit hall. They knew many of the vendors at those events and I am sure wondered why there weren't more kids there. Well at this combination conference we all were entering the exhibit hall on the first day we were there and there was a guard that wouldn't let Claire or the girls in because they had a badge. I tried to explain they were just going to visit the people they knew there but he wasn't having any of it. We were walking away from the hall when Dorothy, who was running around trying to deal with all the things going on at the conference, came over to us just to say hi. We chatted for a while when she asked if we had been in the exhibit hall. We explained the situation and I saw Dorothy actually look upset. She said "wait here a second" and went and talked to the guard. After that the girls had no problem going through the exhibit hall. It was such a nice gesture towards the girls and it really made their vacation.

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2016 NOMINATIONS

- ▶ *President* *Cristi Fry (Elected Position)*
- ▶ *Vice President* *Dave Karp (Elected Position)*
- ▶ *Secretary/Treasurer* *(Elected Position)*
- ▶ *Director* *Ian McClain (Elected Position)*
- ▶ *Director* *George Marchanko (Second Year of two year Term)*
- ▶ *Director* *(Elected Position)*
- ▶ *Immediate Past President* *Jonathan Walsh*

**Central Coast Chapter
CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION
2015 Membership Form**

Name: _____

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Are you: LS LSIT RCE Other

State CLSA: Life Corporate Affiliate Student Associate None

1. This is where Parallax and all other chapter correspondence is to be sent
2. Check if you should be the primary contact for the company or agency

Chapter Dues \$20.00 per Person (Yearly Dues)

Please Make Check payable to: **Central Coast Chapter CLSA**

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I am also contributing \$ _____ for Scholarship Fund

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THE 2015 CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER OF THE CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SUMMER BBQ

The CCC CLSA Annual Summer BBQ was once again a success! Thank you one and all who participated either by attending and or by donating. Kenny Fargen, and his Family and crew are simply amazing! The food is so good, we always have extra and I know people love to take it home with them. A huge thank you to Ken Fargen, Kathy Fargen, Marshall Fargen, Geoff Villegas, and Josh Ford. Top that BBQ off with Dave Cary's cookies and it makes the summer complete for me.

Also, a big Thank You to Carl McClain for running the Horseshoe Tournament. It is always a popular event and someone has to run it, so thank you Carl. In addition, thank you too for always donating to the Prize funds. The Horseshoe winners this year are Dave Karp, and Mark Pavlovich, second year running for Mark! They beat Robert Reese and Berk Blake in an overtime nail biter! Congratulations to you both!

We had a good time giving away all the prizes; I had help this year from my friends Tracy, Selah and Scarlett Porter. The girls had fun spinning the Doug Rion basket of tickets, thanks to Doug too.

Thank you too Dave Karp and Cristi Fry for helping run things so smooth.

Now to thank all the Donators.

In no particular order, thank you everyone for your generous donations that help us raise money to help promote Surveying Education.

Carl McClain

Doug Rion

Debbie Belt

Linda Richardson

Jonathan Walsh

Reese Water and Land Surveying Services and Robert Reese

Leica GeoSystems and James Yaccino

Blake Land Surveys and Berk Blake

Mike Baumberger

Lewis and Lewis and Tom Lewis

Crislu and Jeff Crisfield

Triad/Holmes Assoc. and Cristi Fry

Dave Karp

Jonathan Walsh 2015 BBQ Chairman

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jonathan Walsh



Hello all and Happy September! This is usually a busy time for the Chapter and for me. We are winding summer down and getting back to work. The nominating committee has been busy trying to get a slate of officers for next year. Word on the street is there are still openings

if someone is interested. This includes replacing a Director immediately. There have been big big changes at the state level that have affected us down here at the local level. If you have not kept up on the business going on at the state level, there are major changes going on right now. Dorothy and Crissy are out, and a new company has been hired to run the Association at the State level. I do not know how this will turn out, let us all hope for the best. I know when I joined this organization in 1986, I heard Dorothy's name being used way back then. I do not know when Crissy came aboard, but what I do know is they both were always ready to

help in any way they could. I know I will miss them, and as time goes by, I bet the association will too. I am already in a disagreement with the new administrators about our number of Directors. The bylaws clearly state how many we are authorized by the amount of paid corporate members we have by a certain date. We had our lists in on time and I received an email stating that we had 45 paid corporate members and will be given 2 Directors. I have sent an email asking them to clear it up, and they will. Over 40 paid members, gives us 3 Directors. This is just a small example of the transitional pains we are going through as we change management

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companies.

I personally want to thank both Dorothy and Crissy for their many many years of dedicated service to CLSA. In my time as an Officer, they did nothing but help and encourage me. When I was late on something, I would get a gentle nudge from them. I think it is very unfortunate the way things were handled that has led to their departure. This issue has haunted the State for years and will continue too, in my opinion. I will refrain from saying anymore about this at this time.

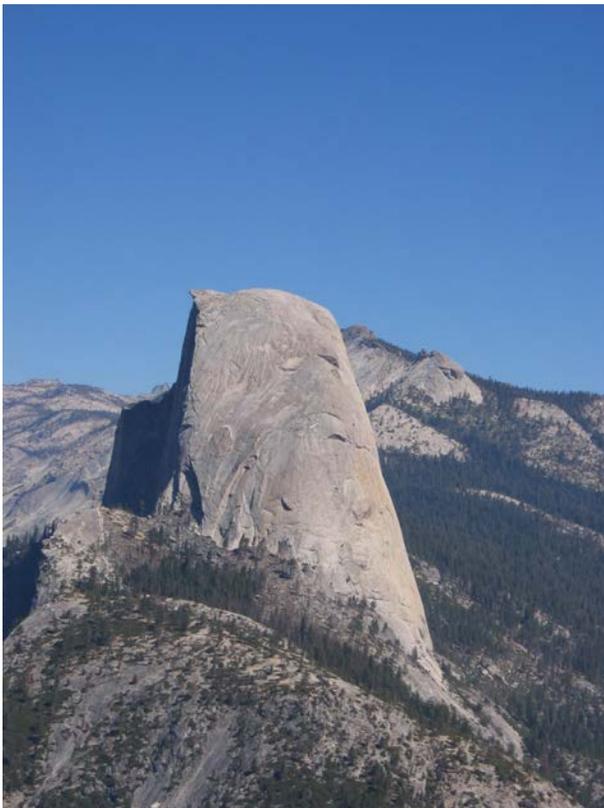
On a lighter note, it is September, and that is time for my Annual Birthday Trip to Yosemite. I am very excited this year, as I was able to secure the Stoneman Cabin in Curry Village. This is a historical cabin with rich Yosemite pioneer history attached to it. It is cabin number 819, known as the "special cabin". There are several cabins that I have

stayed in through the years that are no longer there. There have been rock falls below Glacier Point that have had Yosemite Managers reconsider the cabin locations, and they have literally removed many, and have not replaced them. I am not sure how many Birthdays I have spent in Yosemite, but I would guess around 18-20. It is by far, my favorite place on this planet that I have been to, and can get to so easy and cheaply.

I know people here in California that has never been to Yosemite, which to me is a terrible shame. There is so much to see and do there, so much to explore, or not. I have spent many hours and days kicking back in a meadow just staring up, looking at the wonder of it all, or watching climbing teams tackle El Cap. I have been through the Yosemite Mountaineering School, and have learned to climb, which is funny because I am also afraid

of heights. I have met people that work there and I ask them where to go to get away from the tourists, or where would they stay if they were here on vacation. It is amazing, the amount of inside information you can get from people, just by simply asking. So I have some pretty cool spots I like to visit, and share with friends. When you get sometimes just 50 feet away from a trail, you see things in a totally different perspective, my point is be a little adventuresome, and the rewards are awesome. Go where the others will not go, be safe, yet have fun.

Here are a couple pictures from 2004. I am climbing a route at the base of El Capitan, with Half Dome in the background. The other is a view of half dome from the Panorama Trail also in 2004. I have been on top of Half Dome 3 times. All by the cable route, maybe someday the face!





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MINUTES

CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CLSA MEETING held on **July 15, 2015** at **6:00 PM** at **Margie's Diner, San Luis Obispo, CA**

CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

Jonathan Walsh, President
Cristi Fry, Vice President
David Karp, Secretary/Treasurer
George Marchenko, Immediate Past President
Ian McClain - State CLSA Board Director
Linda Richardson - State CLSA Board Director

There 23 in attendance at the meeting, including the speaker and guests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by **Linda Richardson** and **SECONDED** by **Doug Rion** to approve the May 27, 2015 Chapter Meeting Minutes as published in the July Parallax.

MOTION CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jonathan Walsh reported: The Pavement Rehab Committee will revise the Grover beach letter to send to the City of Atascadero.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Vice President Cristi Fry reported: She thanked everyone for stepping up to make the July meeting possible, while she was out of town.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

Secretary/Treasurer David Karp reported the current Chapter checking account balance is \$8,816.31 Except for our guests, pay Margie's directly, for your meal. We need to get the membership report to central office by July 31st, if you have not paid you local dues or state dues please pay me tonight and the state dues online, if you are not sure if you have please ask me.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ian McClain reported: From the last Board of Directors meeting, we need to vote on the following items:

Whistle Blowers Policy, our chapter still denied the motion.

MOTION by **Tom Mastin** and **SECONDED** by **Jesse Brady** to maintain our denial of the whistle blower policy.

MOTION CARRIED

Anti-trust Agreement Policy:

MOTION by **Tom Mastin** and **SECONDED** by **Cristi Fry** that this chapter is in favor of a Anti-trust Policy

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by **Jesse Brady** and **SECONDED** by **Tom Mastin** to amend the Anti-trust Policy to note that there is an anti-trust policy posted at every meeting or gathering and to point it out, and if anyone has a question about it please ask a representative or officer. Instead of reading the anti-trust policy at every meeting

MOTION CARRIED

Chapter Affiliation Agreement:

MOTION by **Robert Reese** and **SECONDED** by **Jonathan Walsh** that this chapter does not agree with the policy, due to lack of information

MOTION CARRIED

Calendar/Event Policy:

MOTION by **Tom Mastin** and **SECONDED** by **Jonathan Walsh** that this chapter agrees that the CLSA Calendar is to only be used for CLSA Functions or gatherings.

MOTION CARRIED

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Tom Mastin had nothing to report.

WORKSHOP COMMITTEE REPORT

Jesse Brady reported: He is still working on Allen Instruments to present to our chapter the Datamate Seminar, and he passed out a flyer. He will come up with some dates and present them to the chapter to get feedback on a date that works best for the members.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Richardson reported: The bylaws are finished and they were printed in the June issue of the Parallax.



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MOTION by **Cristi Fry** and **SECONDED** by **Tom Mastin** that this chapter agrees with bylaws as posted in the June Issue of the Parallax, with the exception of the correction of a small typo she noticed.

MOTION CARRIED

BBQ COMMITTEE REPORT

Jonathan reported: He would like some more raffle prizes from local members to be raffled off.

PROGRAM

Ron Nelms and the Monument Preservation PowerPoint presentation

OLD BUSINESS

President Jonathan Walsh called for any old business: No old business to report.

EQUIPMENT DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

President Jonathan Walsh called for any new business:

Doug Rion reported that there is a new position at the County available the position is GIS analyst. He also noted that the new County fees are implemented as of July 1st, and are posted on the County's website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CCC CLSA BBQ and Horseshoe tournament will be August 15, at Cuesta Park.

Next meeting September 23, at T.B.A., speaker will be T.B.A.,

ADJOURNMENT

President Jonathan Walsh adjourned the meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Karp, PLS
2015 Secretary/Treasurer
Central Coast Chapter of the California Land Surveyors Association