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President's Message

Welcome to the New Millenium!

Robert Fredricks, L.S.

Welcome to the new Millenium! We are entering what was previously called the "technology of the future" era, whether it's a robotic instrument, a G.P.S. system or a prismless total station. We have begun to use the tools dreamed of a few years ago. As we begin to master these tools, more will come, but we must remember to diligently follow in the "footsteps" of our predecessors.

About seven years ago I was talking to a local surveyor in his office and he made the comment, " well, if you really want to know what's really going on in the surveying community you ought to go to the local C.L.S.A. meeting this week". I went to that meeting in Morro Bay and was warmly greeted by the chapter. I was amazed how friendly everyone was and I thought "aren't these people business rivals?" Through the years I have learned that this impressive group of surveyors send business to each other and help each other when possible. Sure the competition still exists on projects, but the attitude is positive and professional. The members of this chapter truly care about the quality of work and the image being projected.

Over the past seven years it has been my pleasure to hear the experience of Mr. Lenger, the humor of Mr. Vaughan, the vocabulary of Mr. Reese (does anyone know what he said?), the serendipity of Mr. McGee and the common sense wisdom of Mr. Mastin. But, as in any organization, the future and strength lies in the influx of new blood. We, as a chapter, must remember that new members will question our ideas, challenge our efforts, and add new prospective. They are the strength and future of the chapter. So, is there that person in your office or on your field crew just waiting to be invited to their first meeting? If so, invite them and we will warmly greet them. I waited a lot of years before going to my first C.L.S.A. meeting. I wish I hadn't waited so long because each meeting I seem to learn so much whether from the guest speakers or equipment demonstrations. Finally, I would like to thank Mr. Volbrecht for inviting me to that first meeting.

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JANUARY MEETING NOTICE

Date: Thursday, January 13, 2000 Location: McClintoks

Time: 6:30pm.....no-host cocktails Paso Robles

..... 7:00pm.....business meeting

..... 7:15pm.....dinner

..... 8:00pm.....speaker

1234 Park Street

Dinner: Steak/ Chicken / Fish

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Program: Kevin Irot Vice President of First American Title Company will speak about real estate transactions, now & in the future.

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December 1999 Meeting Minutes

Christmas Party !!!! - No Minutes



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REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OCTOBER, 30, 1999

The following highlights are from the last Board of Directors meeting. Specific items to be addressed by the local chapter and reported on at the next BOD meeting are in bold:

1. The chapter is requested to get invitations in early for State President-Elect, Pat Tami, to attend and speak at a monthly meeting.
2. 25% of the joint State/Local Subdivision Map Act seminar proceeds will go to the Central Coast Chapter. The only thing the Central Coast Chapter is to provide is registration desk personnel the morning of the seminar.
3. The State Association is to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with ACSM, NALS, and WFPS for a 2001 Joint Conference.
4. The Legislative Committee recommends the following items for introduction in the 2000 legislative session:
 - a) Amend B&P Section 8741 to require 2 years experience to sit for LSIT exam.
 - b) Amend B&P Section 8742 to increase the experience requirement to sit for the PLS exam from 6 years to 8 years.
 - c) Amend the Public Resources Code (re: State Plane Coordinates) to clarify intent by adding "one or more of the following" to Section 8813.2 and further clarify the section by adding "or" to the end of both Section 8813.2(a) and 8813.2(b).
5. **Report back on request by San Diego Chapter to limit Record of Survey checking fee to \$100 with any shortage covered by an expanded Monumentation Fund. (Handout available.)**
6. The Marin Chapter expressed concern that BPELS Resolution No. 96-03 language "beyond reasonable doubt or dispute the location, relocation, establishment, re-establishment or retracement of a boundary or property line..." could be used in an enforcement case setting a new standard of practice. The BOD will send a letter to BPELS stating our concerns and requesting revocation of Board Policy Resolution No. 96-03.
7. The Board acknowledged the efforts of Mike Stanton and thanked him for his work on the brief prepared for the Circle K case.
8. Results of requirement for Continuing Professional Development: 8 chapters favor; 2 chapters against; 7 chapters split. The Education and Legislative Committees will draft language requiring mandatory continuing education/professional development for relicensure for chapter review.
9. **Report back on support/non-support of East Bay Chapter proposal to amend bylaws to provide Corporate membership to pre '82 Civil Engineers.**
10. February 13-17, 2000, Conference in Las Vegas.
11. Next BOD meeting on January 29, 2000.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy Ellison
Chapter Representative

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New Corporate Restroom Policy

(Feel free to use this at your office)

To: All Parallax Employees

From: Management

In the past, employees were permitted to make trips to the restroom under informal guidelines. Effective January 1, 2000 a restroom policy will be established to provide a consistent method of accounting for each employee's restroom time and ensuring equal treatment of all employees.

Under this policy, a "Restroom Trip Bank" (R.T.B.) will be established for each employee. The first day of each month, employees will be given a "Restroom Trip Credit" (RTC) of 20 points. R.T.C. points can not be accumulated from month to month.

Shortly, the entrances to all restrooms in the building will begin being equipped with personnel identification stations and computer linked voice print recognition. During the next two (2) weeks, each employee must provide (2) copies of voiceprints (one normal and one under stress) to management. The voice print recognition stations will be operational, but not restrictive for the month of January. Employees should acquaint themselves with the stations during this period. The stations will be restrictive effective February 1, 2000.

If an employee's **R.T.B.** balance is (0) the doors to all restrooms will not unlock for that employee's voiceprint until the first of the next month.

In addition, all restrooms are being equipped with a timed paper roll retractor. If the restroom is occupied for more than (3) minutes, an alarm will sound throughout the building. A computer simulated voice will be activated and announce over the public address system the name of the delinquent employee. Ten (10) seconds later, the roll of paper will retract, the toilet will flush, and the restroom door will automatically open. If at that time, the employee still remains seated inside the stall, the restroom cameras will activate (which are linked to the Restroom Policy Administrator's (R.P.A.) office, and the security console will turn on.

Your cooperation on this matter will be appreciated. If you have any questions about the new policy, please feel free to ask the Restroom Policy Administrator.

Thank you.

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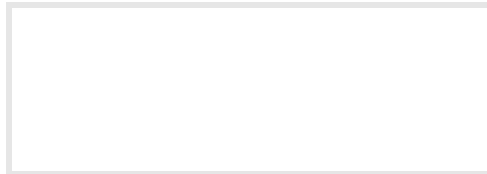
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