



CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER CALIFORNIA LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT:

Date: April 25, 2026

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Luz Garcia, PLS, and George Marchenko, PLS

Summary

Held a moment of silence for deceased PLS.

Strategic Plan update. Connie Barrett spoke to public awareness and the public policy committee and that awareness is not just at schools. Kristie Achee spoke to ensuring that President and various committees are on same page and have clear and concise goals. Kristie plans to meet with each committee- her goal is to try and move the entire Association forward rather than having one single objective that she pushes.

Annette (member) input: Goals of a committee can overlap with strategic plan and in fact they should.

Discussion to bring strategic plan back to our chapters, as long as we can bring it back in July. There was a motion to approve the plan as written. The motion passed. The Plan is a living document that can be updated as the year or years progress.

Treasurer: the change to QuickBooks is taking some time and effort. CLSA has cash in CD's ranging for 3.8%-4.2% request to move more money to Vanguard to get the better rates.

Joe P: past Prez report. No report. He did go to a golf event held by San Diego Chapter - they had a turnout of 60 people. Basically, a scholarship fund raiser.

Will Hixson (CLSA executive Director)- HQ report. 1228 members renewed to date (4/25/2026). 727 Corporate members to date. CAMS has relocated their office.

-Chapter roasters due July 31st

-2027 Chapter Officers slate due Sep. 30th.

Joe Padilla- Awards - awarded the Paul Lamoureux Distinguished Service Award to Mr. Lamoureux. It was the inaugural award, and it went to the person it was named after.

Policy & Procedures Committee- main charge is battle of the sexes- making sure there is respect and that everyone stays "in their own lane" (men and women) .



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Nominations Committee- see page 23. Opened to the Board to make nominations- hearing none then closed.

Timothy Rielly PLS (Desert Chapter) is the new person to enter the executive committee's rotation.

New nomination committee members: Bruce Johnson (Sonoma), Debbie Nates(Channel Islands) and Jesse Lenaker (Humbolt)

If the chapter would like to make a nomination, they will need to submit a nomination petition with 10 corporate members signatures by July 1st.

Past president advisory committee:

-Past presidents met at the CLSA conference and they discussed the possibility of past presidents to become more involved with the organization. Executive committee will be discussing.

Educations Committee- minor approvals by the Board were required.

The Education Foundation financials were accepted and approved as presented.

Steve Martin- West Fed conference- requesting feedback- there is a page on the CLSA website.

Steve Martin was appointed as the 2027 Conference Chair.

Oregon Survey Education Liaison:

Oregon State University wants to start a 4-year survey program

OIT will focus on cadastral surveying, and they have an online program.

Mike Belote- still a very interesting year in CA history. next is coming all the action turns to the CA fiscal issues. Senate hears Assembly Bills then Assembly hears Senate bills. Something like that. The issue on unlicensed practice and how to enforce violations. AB 1341- beef up the authority to make the fines bigger. So far no opposition. We have tried in the past and have been stymied. AB 1933??- our bill to try to do what we tried last year in the omnibus bill- return map review submissions and to give County Surveyor authority to check corner records for monumentation. Certificate of Merit- some type of thing - architects have it. A new bill proposed extends that to us. If it gets out of committee Mike B. suggests we support it. It is currently sponsored by ASEC. Mike thinks it may not get out of



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committee - opposition . Dave Wooley says it already exists for us. AB 1341 is a new version of what we tried last year... it was defeated. But the regulators decided they could still enforce based on the law enforce PLS using the PLS act and the Contractor's using their laws. So now we are trying to increase those fines to put teeth into it because contractors would violate the law and pay the fine as a cost of doing business. So now if you as an LS practice as a contractor (i.e. perform grading with your tractor for a fee) you can be enforced using the PLS act, and vice versa. This is a long going issue that keeps moving. Not a light matter. While we have a fortress based on the Crown Holm case decisions; unions and contractors can get laws changed. Which will affect you (member of CCC CLSA!)

Electronic Recording- tough for small counties- if they get their fee increase that would help those counties have resources to go electronic recording. Realtors Association is demanding it.

Contactors and Laborers Union is the Goliath compared to us. We can only carry legislation with good arguments.

There are many committees looking for new members if anyone if interested, PPC, Monument conservation, ACEC etc.

BPELS fees going up effective July 1, 2026 .i.e. SCOTUS denied hearing Crown Holm via Ric Moore and BPELS. and a similar case called Drone 360 from Carolina- which was another Free Speech attempt to practice w/o a license.

Fees going from \$175 to \$250 for exams and renewals, Retired: \$100

CEAC: Read report to see if there are any concerns and send them to CLSA.

WestFED- DISCUSSION OF CREATING a budget line item to fund travel for our delegates (2) when they need to attend West Fed meetings in person- it is in a different State each time with a hybrid option, but they would like more in person.

Membership- request for more budget to supercharge the CLSA booth at events. A budget of \$2,000 was approved for new booth materials.

Donated: \$1,000 to the scouting outreach program. Chapter are welcome to support the National Jamboree; they can send the checks to Kurt with the Channel Islands chapter by July.



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NSPS: changes to the NCEES Model law.

Cal Surveyor: Send any material to murtha.pls7817@outlook.com

There was a 47-page paper presented by the QBS committee and we are requesting feedback on 6 positions that the committee would like CLSA to support:

In summary, the core issue is that:

- Land surveying is a professional service, and
- It is legally required to be procured using Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) — not bundled into construction contracts or awarded based on low bid.

A **condensed** version of the 6 Positions (are as follows

1. QBS is Mandatory

- Land surveying must be selected using Qualifications-Based Selection (QBS) per California law.
- Any other procurement method (e.g., low-bid construction contracts) is illegal.
- Agencies must procure surveying separately.

2. Surveying Must Be Owner-Procured

- All survey work (staking, as-builts, monument work, etc.) must be:
- Contracted directly by the public agency
- Not performed by contractors or subcontractors
- Reinforces full separation from construction contracts.

3. LSIT/EIT Required for Field Staff

- Minimum qualification for field personnel:
- LSIT (Land Surveyor-in-Training) or
- EIT (Engineer-in-Training)



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- No substitutes (experience alone or other certifications are not acceptable).
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4. Prevailing Wage Still Applies

- Surveying contracts (even under QBS) must comply with prevailing wage laws.
 - Separating survey from construction does not remove wage requirements.
 - The issue is not wages—it's the incompatibility of labor systems with QBS contracts.
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5. Exemption from PLA/CWA Dispatch Requirements

- Surveying under QBS should not be subject to union dispatch systems in PLAs, CWAs, or PSAs.
 - Surveyors should be treated like other licensed professionals (engineers, architects).
 - A legislative fix is proposed to formalize this exemption.
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6. Strict Licensing Compliance

- All survey deliverables (field notes, cut sheets, staking, etc.) must:
- Be signed, sealed, and dated by a licensed surveyor
- This is required by law and must be strictly followed.

Chapter reports- Luz highlighted Robert Reese and speaker and then our Construction Staking seminar for non-surveyors.

The next Board meeting is July 25, 2026 via Zoom again.



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STRATEGIC PLAN

(Approved February 2020 – Revised April 2026)

MISSION STATEMENT

The California Land Surveyors Association advances the interests of the land surveying profession by advocating for the membership, promoting education, and increasing awareness of the profession's value.

VISION STATEMENT

Advancing the art and science of Land Surveying throughout California for the benefit of all.

OBJECTIVES

1. Advance the sciences and technologies within the surveying profession

Goals:

1. *Provide a platform for dissemination of scientific and technical information*
2. *Solicit from membership articles for publication in bi-annual magazine*
3. *Provide opportunities for scientific and technical presentations at conferences and webinars*

2. Raise public awareness of the surveying profession

Goals:

1. *Develop outreach strategy targeting public schools*
2. *Develop outreach strategy targeting scouting groups, FFA, and other extracurricular activities*
3. *Develop strategy for military service member transition to the surveying profession*
4. *Provide education on how the profession protects the public interest and the importance of licensure*

3. Establish channels of communication with other organizations

Goals:

1. *Designate liaisons to share information to CLSA and on behalf of CLSA*
2. *Participate in other organization events*
3. *Develop a speaker bureau*

4. Advance the protection of public welfare relative to surveying and mapping issues

Goals:

1. *Continue to advance Monument Preservation importance and efforts*
2. *Provide access to historical documents and maps*
3. *Develop best practice guides for response to natural disasters and rebuilding efforts*

5. Encourage ethical and professional behavior

Goals:

1. *Enhance Professional Practice Committees communication, functionality and scope*
2. *Promote diversity in the profession*
3. *Establish mentorship program and provide resources to chapters*

6. Monitor and shape national, state and local laws and regulations

Goals:

1. *Support Legislative Committee and Legislative Advocate efforts*
2. *Pursue engagement with national, state and local groups when interests are aligned*
3. *Distribute information on efforts to members*

7. Foster educational opportunities for surveyors

Goals:

1. *Promote the requirement of mandatory continuing education of licensees*
2. *Assist with the development of college surveying program curriculum*
3. *Provide support and resources to members who teach*
4. *Provide opportunity for tracking of professional development units*

8. Honor individuals for service to the public, the surveying profession, and the Association

Goals:

1. *Encourage participation in public events to commend surveyors*
2. *Acknowledge members for their contributions*
3. *Recognize members of the public for their contributions*
4. *Publicize new licensees and LSITs*

embedded in these agreements was designed for fixed-price construction trade contracts and is structurally incompatible with the QBS on-call professional services contracting model that California law mandates for land surveying.

The QBS Special Committee has been developing the analytical and legislative foundation to address both problems for the past year. The Committee has produced a comprehensive document package — including a full policy paper, a draft Legislative Counsel opinion request, and a model contract specification — that is ready for Board review and authorization. The package is attached.

A growing coalition of California public agencies — including the City of Long Beach, the Port of Long Beach, the County of Orange, and the City of Thousand Oaks — has independently adopted the Land Surveyor-in-Training (LSIT) or Engineer-in-Training (EIT) credential as the minimum professional standard for field survey crew personnel. This coalition confirms that the structural arguments in the Committee’s analysis are being validated by sophisticated public agency practitioners through operational experience.

Positions for Adoption

The Board is requested to formally adopt the following six positions. Each position is grounded in existing California statute. Full supporting analysis is set forth in the attached CLSA QBS Committee Report, Policy Paper, and Position Paper.

Position 1 — QBS Is Mandatory and Non-Waivable

- Land surveying is a professional service subject to mandatory Qualifications-Based Selection under Government Code §§ 4525–4529.5.
- The procurement of land surveying services through any mechanism other than QBS — including bundling within a construction contract awarded by lowest responsible bid — is a violation of California law.
- Public agencies have an affirmative legal obligation to procure land surveying services through a separate QBS process.
- CLSA will advocate for this standard in all public forums, procurement proceedings, and legislative venues.

Position 2 — All Land Surveying Must Be Owner-Procured

- All land surveying services associated with public works construction — including construction staking, layout, as-built surveys, monument preservation, and monument perpetuation — must be procured directly by the public agency through a QBS on-call or project-specific professional services agreement.
- No land surveying shall be performed by the construction contractor or any subcontractor of the construction contractor.

- The model specification in Attachment A of the QBS Committee Report implements this standard and is ready for immediate agency adoption.

Position 3 — LSIT/EIT Is the Minimum Professional Standard

- The Land Surveyor-in-Training (LSIT) or Engineer-in-Training (EIT) credential, earned by passing the NCEES Fundamentals of Surveying or Fundamentals of Engineering examination, is the minimum professional standard for all field survey personnel — Party Chiefs and Chainmen/Journeymen — on California public works projects.
- No other certification, designation, or experience claim is an acceptable substitute.
- CLSA supports and advocates for adoption of this standard by all California public agencies through contract language and procurement policy.

Position 4 — Prevailing Wage Applies to All Survey Contracts

- CLSA fully supports prevailing wage requirements under California Labor Code § 1720 et seq. on all public works contracts, including QBS-procured professional services agreements for land surveying.
- The separation of survey from construction contracts does not reduce or eliminate prevailing wage obligations. It ensures that those obligations are met under a procurement structure that also complies with QBS law.
- CLSA's advocacy on PLA/CWA issues is not directed at prevailing wage. It is directed at craft dispatch mechanisms, trust fund contribution structures, and compliance apparatus that is incompatible with QBS on-call contracting.

Position 5 — PLA/PSA/CWA Professional Services Exclusion

- PLAs, Project Stability Agreements, and CWAs shall not subject land surveying services procured through QBS to craft dispatch requirements.
- Licensed land surveyors performing work under QBS-procured professional services agreements are entitled to the same professional services exclusion currently afforded to civil engineers, architects, and other licensed design professionals under existing PLA/PSA/CWA instruments.
- CLSA advocates for a statutory correction implementing this exclusion while preserving all prevailing wage obligations.
- The proposed legislative vehicle is an amendment to Public Contract Code § 2600. All legislative engagement on this matter will be conducted through and at the direction of CLSA's retained Legislative Advocate, Mike Belote.

Position 6 — Business and Professions Code § 8761 Compliance Is Non-Negotiable

- Every document produced by a licensed land surveyor and transmitted to any client, owner, contractor, inspector, or public agency — including cut sheets, grade sheets, field note summaries, staking records, and as-built reports — must bear the signature, seal, and date of the licensed land surveyor in responsible charge.
- CLSA expects full compliance by all member licensees.