Hawaii Land Surveyors Association

Report to NSPS Fall 2018

Membership (10/2018):

61 – Licensed, 66 – Regular 1 – Life; 12 sustaining

NSPS Dues Increase:

HLSA membership voted unanimously to support a $10 dues increase for NSPS membership.

2018 Activities

A successful annual conference was held in February at the Dole Cannery Ballrooms in Honolulu. Gary Kent was our featured speaker.

2019 HLSA Conference  Save the dates!

A joint conference is being planned with the Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council (HIGICC) on March 21-22, 2019 at the Dole Cannery Ballroom in Honolulu. Please contact Joanne Williamson (HLSA_NSPS director) for more information. Joanne.williamson@heco.com or (808)436-6725.

Deregistration Mapping

The HLSA membership voted in favor of requiring lands to be mapped upon deregistration from Land Court. The current state legislation (2011) allows for lands to be deregistered with no provision for the land title to be remapped. This is creating an increasing complex quagmire of dubious land descriptions. To that end a legislative consultant, Okudara and Associates, was hired by HLSA and a bill will be presented in the 2019 legislative session to effect change to the deregistration requirements. The HLSA Deregistration committee has drafted a white paper in lay terms for the benefit of our legislators. After the Nov. 6 election Okudara and Associates will begin promoting the proposed bill in earnest with key members of the relevant committees.

Realtor Disinformation:

A long-time Kauai HLSA member brought this issue to the attention of the general membership and the board of HLSA. A popular continuing education course for realtors is full of misleading, demeaning and disingenuous statements regarding both surveyors and surveying. HLSA is reaching out to the realtor that created the online course to express the opinion of the surveying community. HLSA is also planning to renew educational outreach efforts to the board of realtors on the profession of surveying and the services that surveyors specifically provide for real property owners and for real estate transactions and development.
Annual Dinner with Western Federation of Professional Surveyors:

Westfed had its annual meeting in Honolulu in October of this year and members were cordially invited to attend the annual HLSA dinner on October 12. Guest speaker Ben Petersen of Washington presented on The Dangers of GIS Map Disclaimers and Weasel Words: The Joy of Text. The dinner is supported with generous donations from our sustaining members and from the Westfed attendees.