The election is being held online and members must log-in to vote. Only regular, retired, and honorary members are eligible to vote.

To learn more about the candidates, please view below:

- Kevin Shreiner for President
- Gary Faulhaber for First Vice President
- Kevin Wood for Second Vice President
- Alison Hanson for Secretary/Treasurer
- David Holland for NSPS Director
- Stephen Letchford for Region II Director
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What do I get for my money?

by Steven P. Douty, L.S.

Most of all; I sincerely believe that everyone who participated felt like they were part of a family of friends, we all learned something, we had fun, and we got our money's worth.

The point of this ramble is, that membership in organizations like the Virginia Association of Surveyors is not about the return on investment that can be accounted in a spreadsheet. We get friendship, enjoyment that comes from sharing, the professional security of peer review, and an opportunity to smile when we meet with our larger brotherhood/sisterhood (tribe).

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Four Phases of Producing a House Plat

by George O'Quinn

The Land Survey is usually represented at the settlement table in the form of a Map or Plat. The plat is the final work product of the Land Surveyor and many do not know of the process and effort required. The purpose of the article is to provide some basic, minimum information about what we in our office call the four phases of map making, read more of the Spring issue of the VLTA Examiner by clicking here.
President's Column

by Ed Dodd

I can hardly believe that my year as VAS President is soon coming to an end. It has gone by quickly, but as I look back, it was a busy year and a great personal honor to serve the VAS.

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My suggestion: "All this equipment can't find a field mouse."

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