The 2018 VAS Convention received local news exposure to the area surrounding Harrisonburg and Staunton. We were featured twice on Friday, January 19, once at 5:00 PM and again during the 6:00 PM programming. President Kevin Shreiner had an opportunity to discuss the importance of surveyors to the Commonwealth and an ETSU surveying student, Jacob Owens, had an opportunity to talk about why surveying is of interest to him.
Where do you start to tackle the daunting task of finding, recruiting and developing future surveyors?

by Matthew Mostellar

For our Western Chapter chair, it all started with a single e-mail that landed him a quick response and an opportunity to change the minds of several young students. Steve Douty led the charge, but Mostellar and a group of his cohorts were able to replicate Douty's enthusiasm on a local level within their own community.

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A Drone's Eye View of History

by Don Little

I saw an interesting article, A Drone's-Eye View of History, in the fall magazine of the Library of Virginia called Broadside. The article includes images about the board of Public Works who employed engineers to survey routes for turnpikes, canals, etc. Read More

Get Your Kids Into Surveying

Elaine Ball LTD will be helping to build awareness of the surveying profession globally by delivering fun, interactive educational content for the young generation (Generation Z (1996 - 2010) and Gen Alpha (2011-2025).

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NOVA on Short-List for Amazon's "HQ2"

The construction of such a facility to hold that many jobs, would also require surveyors. Read More.

New brand to unify Virginia's workforce development system

A new brand aims to unify the workforce development system in Virginia, making it easier to connect employers with the potential employees with the necessary training and credentials. Read More.

Executive Director's Blog in POB

Executive Order will drive demand for Surveying and Mapping. Read More.

Meet Your New Officers
New VAS officers were seated at the convention in Staunton. Incoming President Kevin Shriener remarked at the convention, “I am enthused by the great team of leaders who were just installed. I look forward to working with you to serve our members, our clients and the public.”

To view the new officers, click here.

16th Annual Right of Way Mapping Competition
Deadline: April 1, 2018
Sponsored by IRWA's International Surveying & Engineering Community of Practice, this annual competition will be held in conjunction with IRWA's 64th Annual International Education Conference on June 24, 2018 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

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2018 Plat Awards
The winners have been selected and notified. Learn more.

2018 Convention Awards
The award banquet was a chance for the best surveyors in the Commonwealth to be honored. Learn more.

Official VAS Convention Video and Pictures
View the official video and other pictures of the event. Learn more.

Recruit a Member
Did you know that when you recruit a new member to VAS, you will receive a 25% discount on your membership dues? Spread the word about the great work VAS is doing for the surveying profession and be sure to tell the new member to include your name on the recommended by portion of their application.

Letter from the Editor
My first day on the job as ODS editor and I can see this is a busy position already. I will be working with Ebonique Ellis from JMP&A. She and Gary Faulhaber did a great job moving the digital version of ODS to where it is now. I hope to continue and expand from this effort. Our 2018 editorial schedule is as follows:

- 1st Tuesday-Reminder to members for articles.
- 2nd Tuesday-Review proposed content of monthly edition.
- Last Monday-Review
- Last Thursday-Publication

This above schedule provides some detail on when you will need to submit news, photographs, and articles to make a certain month's publication. Please feel free to submit anytime, as we can always save it for the following month, if necessary.

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Order Your VAS Apparel
VAS is pleased to work with Land’s End to provide an opportunity to purchase quality clothing with the VAS logo embroidered on it. Go on, showcase your membership in VAS. To start shopping and place your order, click here.

Advertise in Old Dominion Surveyor
We are opening ODS to advertising. To find out more, please contact Ebonique Ellis.

Calendar of Events

**Spring Board Meeting & Seminar on April 20 - 21, 2018**
Hosted by the Tidewater Chapter
Virginia Beach, Virginia

**Summer Board Meeting & Seminar on June 22 - 23, 2018**
Hosted by the Central Chapter
Richmond, Virginia

**Fall Board Meeting & Seminar on September 21 - 22, 2018**
Hosted by the Shenandoah Chapter
Front Royal, Virginia

New Job Announcements

There are two new openings listed in our job board. To view job openings, click here.