The Old Dominion Surveyor

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71st Annual Convention &
General Membership Meeting

Time is running out!!! Please plan to join fellow surveyors and colleagues at the 71st Annual Convention and General Membership Meeting, April 24-27, in Herndon, VA. There are only 6 days left!!!!

Here are some important things to remember:

* [Education](#) sessions are filling up - reserve your spot today!

* We kick off the convention with golf at Hidden Creek Country Club in Reston. We already have a few members signed up, but there is plenty room for more golfers ... Register today!!

* We encourage your spouse/guest to attend the convention. A fun program has been planned for both Thursday and Friday. For more information about the spouse program and to register, [click here](#)

* Finally, support the VAS Educational Trust and donate to the Silent Auction. For more information on how to donate, [click here](#)

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Editor's View

My time as, editor of the Old Dominion Surveyor (ODS) will end shortly. I tried to create articles about items that are not only current, but maybe helpful to others. The luxury of moving the editor to the next 2nd Vice President is that you, the reader, may wait out someone whose articles you do not enjoy and look forward to the next person's point of view. This time as editor allowed me to value any reaction to an article. Reading the ODS and making comments is important. As with other parts of our life, participation will build the ODS to another level.

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Surveying at the Bottom of the Earth
by George Nyfeler, LS

The surveying profession is known for offering interesting work locations. I spent most of February 2019 away from home for a project location I would characterize as quite interesting. Nyfeler Associates was subcontracted by Parsons to provide building expansion layout work for a portion of the National Science Foundation (NSF) McMurdo Station modernization that is taking place on the New Zealand
2019/2020 VAS Newly Elected Board

President
Gary M. Faulhaber (Mount Vernon Chapter)

Gary is currently a Senior Surveyor with Wiles Mensch Corporation - DC with his duty station being in Reston, Virginia. Mr. Faulhaber graduated from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Alfred with an AAS degree in Surveying Technology. He has over 30 years of Land Surveying experience with a forte in managing surveying tasks for high-profile infrastructure projects. Gary has been licensed in Virginia and a member of VAS since 2000. Gary is also a voting member of the Virginia Surveyors Foundation and is honored to be a "debtor to his profession". In addition to his Virginia licensure, Gary has been licensed in the District of Columbia since 2002 and was the Founding Secretary (2001) and third President (2003) of the District of Columbia Association of Land Surveyors (DCALS). In addition to his DC licensure, Mr. Faulhaber is an elite Registered Surveyor for the Office of the Surveyor for the District of Columbia, approving and permitting him to prepare and certify surveys to be recorded among their records. Gary enjoys spending quality time with his wife, Julie, and playing with their awesome ten-year-old son, Noah. The Faulhaber family resides in Dulles, Virginia.

First Vice President
Kevin Wood (Tidewater Chapter)

In April 2019, Kevin celebrated 25 years at Pennoni Associates (formerly PHR+A). Those years and seven more were spent in Hampton Roads, Virginia prior to being in Richmond for six years. It all started in Mr. Jefferson's home town of Charlottesville where Kevin still visits family as much as possible. He is currently the Survey Division Manager, but has held positions as a crew chief and field coordinator along the way. The early part of Kevin's career started in commercial construction with McDevitt and Street, in Richmond, and utility surveys with So Deep Inc., in Tidewater. Each of these gave him a better understanding of what he now deals with on a day to day basis. Kevin's educational background includes work in the school of Mass Communications at Virginia Commonwealth University, the Civil Engineering Technology program at J Sargent Reynolds Community College, and the Survey program at Tidewater Community College. Kevin married his best friend, Joanie, in 1988 and has two daughters, Madeline and Rebecca. Kevin enjoys strong ties with his Virginia Beach church family. Golf and racquetball are recreational interests.

Second Vice President
Alison W. Hanson (Central Chapter)

Alison has enjoyed her career of over 34 years in the profession of land surveying and is a proud graduate of Old Dominion University's Civil Engineering Technology program. Ms. Hanson became registered as a Professional Land Surveyor and a member of the VAS in 2004. She co-founded H & B Surveying and Mapping, LLC in 2009 headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, and
currently serves as its President. Her company expanded services in 2016 by opening a branch office in the New River Valley in Roanoke, Virginia and will celebrate 10 years in business this year. As an active member of the VAS she has served the association at the state and local levels. Since joining, she has served the Central Chapter Board, holding all officer positions. She also currently supports and serves the State Board as its Second Vice-President, Public Relations Committee Chairman, a member of the PAC Committee and especially enjoys her time as an Assistant to the Educational Committee Chairman working with the exam review classes and John Foster. She enjoys spending time with her fellow surveyors and the fellowship the VAS brings to the profession. She resides in her home town of Prince George County, VA where she and Freddie enjoy time with their very spoiled German Shepard "Princess Laya", their family and friends and enjoy spending their spare time at the beach and traveling.

**Secretary/Treasurer**  
**Chris Jensen (Mount Vernon Chapter)**  

Chris Jensen is the Deputy County Surveyor for Fairfax County. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Navy, he moved to the Northern Virginia area where he has now been surveying over 30 years. He is a graduate of the Fairfax County Surveying Apprenticeship Program and became licensed in 2005. He is currently the Secretary-Treasurer of the VAS and has also served as Region I Director. He is a proud member of the Mt. Vernon Chapter and served in every office in the chapter all the way to Past President.

Chris and his wife Amy reside in Ashburn and enjoy many hobbies together including travelling, going to National and Capitals games, and getting together with friends. In his spare time he enjoys playing golf and softball.

**Immediate Past President**  
**Kevin Shreiner (Shenandoah Chapter)**

Kevin Shreiner is the Regional Survey Practice Leader at Triad Engineering. Kevin provides oversight of survey operations in the Shenandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, Eastern West Virginia and Maryland for Triad. He has been in the surveying and engineering business for more than thirty five years. Kevin was licensed in 2006 and has been a member of VAS since 2001. He is also licensed as a professional land surveyor in West Virginia. He is the former VP of the VAS Bull Run Chapter and currently active in the Shenandoah Chapter. Kevin was an instructor at the John Foster School for six years teaching budding land surveyors preparing for the FLS exam. Kevin is a proud graduate of the five year surveyor's apprenticeship program. He grew up in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania and moved to Virginia in 1984 taking a job at PHR&A doing hand drafting on mylar. Kevin currently resides in Winchester, VA with his wife of 24 years, Debbie.

**NSPS Director**  
**W.E. (Will) Nash**

Engaged in surveying for 39 years, Will has worked in 9 states from Virginia to Nevada in a variety of positions for oil and gas industry exploration, private sector boundary and development work and public sector service. Licensed in June 1993 and a VAS member since January 1994, he currently works for the Town of Farmville and enjoys having an ongoing role within VAS. Living in Keysville, Virginia with his wife of 36 years, Deanna, life is pretty good. The Virginia Association of Surveyors has been a source of professional satisfaction and Will is looking forward to his new role as NSPS Director. Since being president of VAS in 2012 he has been involved in several committees and is very appreciative of the opportunity to return to the board of directors and will make every effort to represent VAS in the manor it has become accustomed. A follow-on to outgoing NSPS Fellow, David Holland, will not be easy but then everyone needs to be challenged from time to time.
Region 1 Director
Yeoanny A. Venestsanos (Mount Vernon Chapter)

Yeoanny A. Venetsanos, LS, CMS, GISP, PMP is a geospatial professional with nearly two decades of public and private sector experience. Mr. Venetsanos currently serves as the GIS Services Manager for the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services where he provides program and project management, geospatial data analysis and modeling, and database management services. For the past seven years, he has taught year one in the Woodson Apprenticeship program as well as Fundamentals of Surveying exam review in both the spring and summer sessions.

Mr. Venetsanos has served the Mount Vernon Chapter since he became licensed in 2009 as an active member, continuing education presenter, 2-Year Director, Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, President, and currently as Past President. He has served as the VAMLIS liaison for VAS for the past year and plans to continue in that role, at the discretion of the incoming VAS President. Mr. Venetsanos is excited about assisting the Mount Vernon and Bull Run Chapters with lessons learned from his experience serving at that level for many years as well as ensuring consistent communications between the VAS board and the local chapters.

Mr. Venetsanos is a licensed Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia, certified as a GIS Professional and a Certified Mapping Scientist - GIS / LIS, and certified as a Project Management Professional. He has a bachelor's degree in Biology and graduate certificate in GIS from George Mason University; he is a 2007 graduate of the Woodson Apprenticeship program. He lives in Centreville with his wife, Angie, of 19 years and 3 children, Abby, Nick, and Zach.

Region 2 Director
Stephen Letchford (Central Chapter)

Stephen Letchford provides exceptional client service by leaning on extensive experience managing projects, both large and small in Central Virginia. He manages a team including field staff, office survey staff, and research professionals and provides a wide array of surveying services including ALTA surveys, boundary surveys, topographic surveys, builder packages, subdivision plats, easement plats, provided as-builts, and construction stakeout.

Region 3 Director
Judy Beale (Tidewater Chapter)

Judy Beale has a diverse range of expertise developed over 41 years of progressive experience in the surveying profession. Judy's extensive experience includes topographic, boundary, geodetic control, lidar, photogrammetric, ALTA, and right-of-way surveys for municipal, state, and federal clients. She also has a strong background in technical illustration and board drafting. She serves as Project Director for Woolpert, leading interdisciplinary teams to establish project scopes, schedules and budgets to align with client needs. She is involved in projects from the inception to delivery to ensure client satisfaction. Judy is an active member of the National Society of Professional Surveyors, Judy has been, and is currently, involved in developing revised Minimum Standard Detail Requirements for ALTA/ACSM Land Title Surveys.

Region 4 Director
Jessica Nash (Western Chapter)
Jessica is the Roanoke Branch Manager for H & B Surveying and Mapping, LLC. She has been surveying for over 20 years and during that time her work has ranged from hundred-acre boundaries on the Tennessee boarder, to highway bridge design surveys, to apartment buildings in Virginia Beach. She has been a member of the VAS since becoming a Virginia licensed surveyor in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2008. As a VAS member she served as the president of the Western Chapter from 2012 to 2015 and is currently serving as the Region IV Director. She previously serves as Chair of the TrigStar Committee and visits local schools to talk about surveying. She has also aided in the Workforce Development efforts. Jessica lives in the Roanoke Valley with her husband Douglas and daughter Samantha and enjoys the beauty of the mountains and waterways of this area.

2019/2020 Chapter Presidents

**Bull Run Chapter** - Sandra O'Connell  
**Central Chapter** - Dwayne Dunevant  
**Monticello Chapter** - Kristopher Caister  
**Mount Vernon Chapter** - Kerry Skinner  
**Peninsula Chapter** - Patrick S. McManus, Sr  
**Rappahannock Chapter** - Remy DuCote  
**Shenandoah Chapter** - Ben Brashears  
**Southern Chapter** - Troy Williams  
**Tidewater Chapter** - Ben Stagg  
**Western Chapter** - Matthew Mosteller

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**Recruit a Member**

Did you know that when you recruit a new member to VAS you will receive a 25% discount on your own 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.

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**Membership**

The 2018 VAS membership year expired on December 31, 2018. Renewal invoices were emailed to all VAS members in early November, after which reminders were sent. Please make sure your profile information on the VAS website is up to date as that is the main communication tool we use to contact you. Check on your inbox or spam filter for the renewal notice! As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the VAS office at 844-414-1466.
Memorials

Do you know a fellow VAS surveyor who has passed away? Would you like to recognize them in the monthly newsletter? Please email Khea Adams the information at Khea@vasurveyors.org.

Scholarships Available - Apply today!

Are you planning to attend John Foster School in July? Or just need some assistance in your current surveying courses. Apply today for the many different scholarship opportunities we have available.

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Calendar of Events

2019 Annual VAS Convention & General Membership Meeting
April 24-27, 2019
Hyatt Regency Dullas, Herndon, VA

2019 Summer Seminar
June 21-22, 2019
Stonewall Jackson, Waynesboro, VA

2019 John Foster School - Registration opening soon
July 23-26, 2019
Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

2019 Fall Seminar
September 20-21, 2019
Manassas, VA

New Job Announcements

Would you like to post a job on the VAS career board? Members can advertise job openings. Job posting cost is $25 per ad, posted for 30 days. To view positions waiting to be filled, click below.