New Dates for the VAS Convention

Announcing new dates, April 29 - May 2, 2020 for the VAS Convention & General Membership Meeting. Join us on those date at the Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA. Click below to make your hotel reservations today!

Reserve your hotel today!

Fall Seminar and Board Meeting - Registration Open

The seminar on Friday, September 20, will feature Kristin Owen and Angela Davis of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) presenting training on FEMA flood elevation certificates and base flood elevations (BFEs) at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center in Leesburg, VA.
NSPS 2019 Map Plat Competition Winners

Congratulations to Dave Gardy of Gardy and Associates for receiving third place in the Subdivision category, and to Ralph Clements of Gay and Neel, Inc. for receiving third place in the Boundary/Cadastral Maps category. Click here to view all the winners.

A Note from VAS Executive Director John Palatiello

"Summertime and the Livin' is Easy", according to the old song. But this summer, the Virginia Association of Surveyors has not been resting, but rather, has been quite busy on a number of important activities.

The Summer Seminar was held in June in Staunton, VA, hosted by the Monticello Chapter. A big thanks to Kris Caister and his team in the chapter for their efforts. We had excellent participation in our seminar on Liability and Data Quality. Continuing education certificates for all who attended are now posted on your profiles on the VAS website.

At that meeting, the VAS Board of Directors also convened. This was the first meeting of the Board under the helm of our 2019-20 President, Gary Faulhaber. Items discussed included long range planning, the proposed bylaws amendments that were tabled from the General Membership Meeting in April, adoption of a policy on list rental, possible endorsement of the Certified Floodplain Surveyor (CFS) programs, and a staff performance evaluation. The Long Range Planning Committee, chaired by immediate past president Kevin Shreiner, also met to discuss various options for growth and sustainability of the VAS membership, including increasing revenue, adding new activities and membership benefits, shifting funds and priorities, budgeting for a lobbyist, and exploring new membership categories. This committee is continuing its important work over the course of the summer.

There was enrollment of 30 future licensed professional surveyors at the John Foster School at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond on July 23-26. This program prepares individuals for the Fundamentals of Surveying and Principals & Practice of Surveying (PS) licensing exams. The VAS Education Committee chair, Chip Richardson, does an exemplary job assembling the faculty for this class. Thanks to instructors Lisa Goodwin, VIKA Inc.; Chris Cartwright, Tidewater Community College; Mark White, Duncan Parnell, Inc.; Larry Brownley, DAA; Doug Potts, Dominion Energy; Yeoanny Venetsanos, Fairfax County; and Dr. Jan Briede', VA DEQ. Thanks also to Alison Hanson and Reed Adams for helping with the class.

On July 24, Vickie McEntire Anglin, Fairfax County Surveyor, APELSCIDLA member, and VAS NSRS 2022 Chair, made a presentation on the new datum to the Virginia Geographic Information Network (VGIN) Advisory Board in Richmond. VAS is represented on the VGIN Board by Doug Richmond, a VAS past president. Vickie focused on the need for legislation in the Virginia General Assembly and efforts to engage in outreach to numerous stakeholders in the
The Bull Run Chapter has completed its planning for the 2019 Fall Seminar. It will be held September 20-21 at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center in Leesburg (Loudoun County), VA. Thanks to Saundra O'Connell and Jeff Warner for all their work organizing the events. The seminar on Friday, September 20 will be on "Floodplain Management for Surveyors". And the VAS Board of Directors will meet on Saturday, September 21. There will be a networking dinner on the evening of Friday, September 20 and golf will be announced shortly. For information on the seminar and to register, go to the VAS website.

Information will soon be announced regarding the 2020 Winter Seminar and Board Meeting, to be held January 17-18 in Northern Virginia. Kerry Skinner and the Mount Vernon Chapter are already at work planning the seminar, instructor, and venue for next year's first VAS event.

VAS provides numerous continuing education and professional development opportunities, networking events, as well as advocacy and promotion of the profession of surveying. Thanks to the many members who give of their time and talent. If you would like to get more involved in activities to enhance the image and well-being of surveyors in Virginia, contact your local chapter President, a member of the VAS Board of Directors, or the VAS staff. There is always something every individual can do to help.

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**Calendar of Events**

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Greetings Fellow Surveyors:

I am sure I am not alone when I thought to myself this week …"where has the summer gone? " These past few months have flown by and the VAS has been busy working on many things, including the Fall Board Meeting, planning the details of the April convention, and educating the surveyors of tomorrow.

This past week I had the absolute pleasure of working with Chip Richardson, Education Committee Chair, and Reed Adams assisting with the John H. Foster exam review classes. I would personally like to thank Christina and Shelly of the VCU Office of Continuing and Professional Education for hosting the event. As
always, they provided the perfect environment for the instructors and students and as Chip said on the VAS Facebook page, "Made a week of learning awesome". Finally, THANK YOU to the instructors! The time and effort you put into these classes is appreciated and I encourage all members to thank them for the efforts the next time you see them and doing their part towards the association’s Workforce Development efforts.

As I spoke to several of the students and instructors, I was overwhelmed with their enthusiasm. The students were engaged and excited about their upcoming exams and furthering their journey on the path to licensure. The instructors were equally enthusiastic in their instruction and mentoring. With almost 30 in total attendance for the week, I am sure I was talking to future members of VAS and the future surveyors of Virginia. I wish all those sitting for the PS and FS exams in the coming weeks the best and please reach out to your instructors and the VAS Education Committee for any assistance you may need.

Enjoy August and the remaining weeks of summer. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's newsletter. Your contributions to this publication are greatly encouraged and appreciated. I hope to see you all at the Fall Seminar and Board Meeting in September!

Respectfully yours,

Alison W. Hanson, L.S.
2nd Vice President
Virginia Association of Surveyors

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. Read More

Clarke-Warren Boundary Line Issue Should be Resolved This Fall: (From The Winchester Star)

A boundary change between Clarke and Warren counties is expected to be put into place later this year.

According to Clarke County Administrator David Ash, a surveyor is redrawing the boundary so nine homes and a fire department in the Shenandoah Farms Sanitary District will be in Warren County, as was originally thought. Read More.
Land Surveying: Best Kept STEM Occupation Secret:  
(From the Bakersfield Californian newspaper)

Do not feel left out if you do not know about land surveying. You are not alone. Jerry Carter of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying (NCEES) performed a "man on the streets" survey to gauge public awareness of the land surveying profession. His survey revealed that public awareness of land surveying was and is dismally low.

I attend Kern Economic Development Foundation's yearly STEMposium and can attest to Mr. Carter's findings. Most of the young people know plenty about engineering but nothing about land surveying.

Read More.
In Memoriam

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

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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

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