March 2019

Let the Countdown Begin!

71st Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting
Register today for the 71st Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting April 24-27, 2019, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel, Herndon, VA. CLICK HERE
Want to donate an item(s) to the silent auction, which benefits the VAS Educational Trust? [CLICK HERE](#) to find out how donate.

Make sure your spouse does not miss out on the exciting spouse activities - [CLICK HERE](#)

Governor Northam issued a proclamation designating the week of March 17-23 as Surveyors Week in Virginia. [CLICK HERE](#) to read the proclamation. Click here for articles on a career in surveying in [Forbes](#) magazine and [WMAR](#) television in Baltimore, MD. If you earned media for Surveyors Week, or have photographs from an event you hosted, send a web link or photographs to to [Khea@vasurveyors.org](mailto:Khea@vasurveyors.org)

**Editor's View**

March Madness is in full swing. How are your brackets doing so far? The online sites allow anyone to make selections and monitor all picks. Currently, North Carolina has a single site that allows anyone to recover plats or deeds for a certain county. The search is simple and the state or the county does not charge a fee for this service. A surveyor in my company’s Raleigh office was shocked that counties in Virginia charged money to hand out public records to the community. Does this make sense?

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**Election Results**
Congratulations to our newest officers. In the contested elections Will Nash was elected NSPS Director and Chris Jensen was elected Secretary - Treasurer.

**Membership**

The 2018 VAS membership year expired on December 31, 2018. Renewal invoices for the 2019 membership dues year were emailed to all VAS members in early November, after which reminders were sent. The deadline for payment of 2019 membership dues is April 1, 2019. If dues are not paid by the April 1, 2019 deadline, your account will go into an expired/suspended status. 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. Registration is open for the Annual Convention. To get the discounted member rate when registering to attend the convention you must be a member in good standing and your dues must be paid. As always, if you have any questions or need a replacement dues invoice, please feel free to contact the VAS office at 844-414-1466.

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Does your company want to get the word out about a new service or product? To view our NEW advertising rates and options... [CLICK HERE]

**NGS Strategic Plan**

The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) regularly adopts strategic plans to prioritize efforts and initiatives aimed at supporting the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS). NGS recently updated its 10-year plan, now renamed "NGS Strategic Plan:"
2019-2023." The update does not significantly change NGS priorities; rather it reflects the progress NGS has made implementing the current strategic plan over the past five years. READ MORE

Plat Contest

Are you proud of the work you or your firm does? Well here's your chance to show the world (or at least everyone who attends the 2019 VAS Convention) your best survey plats! Click below to find the rules and details on how to enter the VAS plat competition.....READ MORE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

71st Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting
April 24-27, 2019
Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel
Herndon, VA

2019 Summer Seminar
June 21-22, 2019
Stonewall Jackson Hotel
Staunton, VA

John Foster School
July 23-26
Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, 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. [CLICK HERE](#) to view how to post a job opening.

To view positions waiting to be filled, [CLICK HERE](#).

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....[READ MORE](#)

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