Education Webinar, Friday, June 12

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate in a VAS Summer Seminar on Friday, June 12.

Given the current status and outlook for the governor's Coronavirus guidelines, our
In its place, VAS is offering a continuing education opportunity by webinar.

The first part of the webinar will be on Land Use, Zoning, and Comprehensive Plans in Virginia. Our instructor will be Shane Murphy, Esq., a respected land use attorney with the firm Reed Smith, based in Fairfax. The second part will be on Surveying Issues Related to Transportation, including the VDOT survey manual, changes to right of entry, and prescriptive easements. Our instructor will be Reed Adams, LS, Geospatial Program Manager for the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The seminar will also include a lively discussion of the Byrd Road Act, from an attorney and surveyor perspective.

Please make plans to participate in this webinar. Registration will open in the coming days.

Letter from the President
by Kevin Wood

Dear Members:

First, I would like to thank Gary Faulhaber for his service to the VAS. I hope that I can bring half as much to this position. That means that I need to continue working with the board and the membership in an honest and transparent method. As in every other part of our society, the VAS has been affected by the COVID19 rules and regulations. That included a Zoom video conference call for the Spring Board meeting. I thought the meeting went very well. The Board meeting was the only event to take place during the planned dates and time of our annual convention. The new scheduled date for the convention is October 21-24 in Virginia Beach. Our hope is that most everything else will remain the same. I certainly hope each of you will continue with your plans to make this a special event as the VAS comes back together.

Prior to the April Board meeting, I took the advice of a previous VAS President and coordinated committee chairs for the 2020-2021. I also saw a need to verify the committee members that will work with the chairs. The full list of committees can be found on the VAS website and elsewhere in this newsletter. I will continue to work with these committees during the year. If any of the VAS members has thoughts on serving on a committee please let me know and we can arrange to get you in touch with that committee.

Part of what I hope to continue in my tenure is providing transparency to what is happening at a board level. Starting that process, we are inviting all VAS members to attend future Board meetings. That will begin with the June meeting which is scheduled to be on June 11 as another Zoom meeting. Details on how to join and listen to our discussion will be provided by the VAS staff. Outside of that, the minutes will always be placed on the VAS website. Lastly, anyone can feel free to call me with questions or comments. My part in this position is to further the reach of each of you. The ODS is a great way for me to reach out to each of you monthly but as we move through these
constantly changing times I will communicate more often when needed.

I hope that I will be able to visit the Chapters this year and speak to all of you about your concerns and celebrations in Surveying locally. I will make every effort to meet this duty of the President’s office. Please do not let the present situation stop you from planning for a full year of activity. If we do not plan events, then we will never have active Chapters with more members. Make it interesting and communicate often.

Please look to the VAS staff and the VAS Board to help with ideas or support in any way we can. Until then stay safe and I hope the best for all of you.

Kevin B. Wood, LS
VAS President

First Impressions

I’ve always been told that first impressions are the most lasting. I thought about that as I worked to put together my first official issue of the Old Dominion Surveyor. According to scientists, a person starts to form impressions of a person after seeing their face for less than one-tenth of a second. In that time, we decide whether or not the person is attractive, trustworthy, competent, extroverted, or dominant. I wonder if that applies to other things and not just people. What will your first impression be of the ODS this month? Our hope is that you find it informing, educational and maybe even entertaining.

I’m excited about becoming the editor of the ODS. Alison Hanson did a fantastic job over the past year and I’m going to try and fill the big shoes she left behind. I am lucky to have Khea Adams to work with and look forward to that as well. Please keep in mind that this is YOUR ODS, and we are always looking for articles, ideas and pictures submitted by you.

During these trying times I believe communication is more vital than ever, and I hope the ODS can be a good resource for information.

I look forward to hearing from you and please let me know what your impression is of the ODS this month.

Be safe and take care,

Chris Jensen, LS
VAS Second Vice President
Editor, ODS

Welcome Your 2020-2021 Officers

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Welcome Your 2020-2021 Committees

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Long Range Planning - Gary Faulhaber
Membership - Vacant
Miss Utility Liaison - Chip Richardson
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NSPS Governor - Will Nash
NSRS 2022 - Vickie McEntire Anglin
Old Dominion Surveyor - Chris Jensen
PAC - Vacant
Standards of Practice - Jamie Pruett
University Liaison - Christopher Pappas
Scholarships

Scholarships are still available to anyone who is in an education program in pursuit of a career in surveying. The deadline to submit your 2020 scholarship application is July 1. Click below for the application.

Committee Corner

Did you know the VAS has 29 different committees committed to serving the members of the VAS? This month we’ll take a look at the Awards Committee.

Committee Members:
Chris Jensen (Chair)
Alison Hanson

What the committee does:

- Accepts plat entries for the VAS plat contest at the annual convention.
- Assembles the judges for the plat contest and orders the awards.
- Submits winning entries from the state competition to the NSPS national competition.
- Hands out plaques to winners at the VAS Annual Convention.

I’ve been the committee chair on this committee for three years and really enjoy it. Khea Adams does most of the work for the awards and I couldn’t do this job without her. I like looking at all the plats as they come in and have to say that our members really produce some high-quality projects! I’m looking forward to our new way of notifying winners (but not specific 1st or 2nd place) before the convention in hopes of boosting attendance as people may show up to collect their award in person.

Chris Jensen
Awards Committee Chair

Interested in joining a committee? All Committees and Chairs to contact can be found on the VAS website.
Since the Convention has moved to October, the plat competition has been extended to June 8. The new dates of the convention are October 21 - 24, 2020. The categories are the same as the 2018 NSPS Map Plat Design Competition: Subdivision Plats, Topographical Maps, ALTA/NSPS Survey Maps, Miscellaneous Maps, Boundary/Cadastral Maps.

New this year:

Entries will only be accepted electronically in PDF format. You will need to complete the form below for each plat you are submitting, along with uploading the plat. The entry fee of $40 (for one to six plats) and completed entry form(s) are due no later than June 8, 2020. You may mail the entry fee to Virginia Association of Surveyors, 10340 Democracy Lane, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA 22030 or to pay by credit card by click here. Please make checks payable to Virginia Association of Surveyors and note in the memo section it is for the Plat Contest.

If you have any questions please contact Khea Adams (Khea@vasurveyors.org) or Chris Jensen (Chris.Jensen@fairfaxcounty.gov)

VAS Legislative Report

The regular session of the Virginia General Assembly adjourned on March 12 after taking action on thousands of bills and reconvened on April 22 for its "veto session".

While the General Assembly was in session, McGuire Woods Consulting (MWC), the new VAS lobbying firm, provided a weekly update on bills specifically and generally affecting surveyors and surveying firms. Each week, MWC provided VAS with an Excel of legislation of interest and held a conference call with VAS President Gary Faulhaber, First Vice President Kevin Wood, Legislative Committee Chair Bruce Frederick, and Executive Director John Palatiello to review the legislation and plan a course of action to assure that the voice of VAS was heard in the General Assembly.

A list of bills VAS tracked was regularly posted in the "Members Only" session of the VAS website and linked from Old Dominion Surveyor.

The deadline for Governor Northam to sign, veto, or propose amendments to bills was midnight on April 11. No bills were vetoed. Click here for the latest report showing all bills of interest to VAS, as well as a Powerpoint presentation the VAS lobbyist, Preston Bryant, gave to the VAS Board of Directors at its April 29 web meeting.

VAS Convention Moves to October 21-24, 2020
Due to the Coronavirus-related governmental orders limiting gatherings of people, the VAS Executive Board has moved the 72nd Annual VAS Convention and General Membership Meeting to October 21-24.

If possible, we will host the same program and schedule. We are working with all of our speakers/instructors on the rescheduling.

If you have already registered for the convention but now know that you cannot attend during the rescheduled dates of October 21-24, please contact the VAS office to arrange a refund. Otherwise, please be patient as we work through the logistics of rescheduling, confirming speakers and instructors, and making other administrative arrangements. VAS will be in contact with you shortly with more details on the program as well as any adjustments to your registration.

Please do not take any action regarding your convention registration, exhibit booth, sponsorship, or other convention plans until after additional details are announced. Your convention registration will automatically be transferred to the rescheduled convention dates unless you contact us to request the cancellation of your registration.

We understand that the rescheduled date may present an inconvenience for some. Our priority has always been your health and safety. The rapidly changing circumstances of the Coronavirus pandemic has made the difficult decision to postpone the conference beyond the control of VAS. We appreciate your patience as we work through this unprecedented event. We hope to make the process of moving the convention to the new dates as seamless as possible for everyone involved.

VAS staff will continue to keep you updated about the VAS Convention and all VAS events. Thank you for your patience as we all navigate the Coronavirus situation. Again, we regret any inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding in these unusual circumstances, and hope to make this transition as smooth as possible.

If you have any questions, please call the VAS office at 844-414-1466.

**Hotel Information**

If you had made a hotel reservation at the Wyndham for the April Convention it has been canceled. The Wyndham has asked that you re-book your hotel room. To re-book your room or to make a reservation call 1-800-365-3032. Be sure to mention the group code "Virginia Association of Surveyors" to receive the special convention rate of $124 per night. The cut-off to make your hotel reservation is September 21, 2020 (thirty days prior to arrival) to obtain this rate. If you wish to extend your stay at the Wyndham, the VAS rate will be honored two days pre and post VAS convention dates, subject to availability. The hotel has a 72-hour cancellation policy.
Please call the VAS office at 844-414-1466 if you have any difficulty making a hotel reservation.

**Become a Convention Sponsor Today**

**Why Should I Sponsor?** Being a sponsor at the VAS convention not only demonstrates support for your state professional society, but it raises your firm's profile in the market, enhances your firm's reputation in the community to strengthen recruitment of new employees, builds your status as a valued partner and team member among other firms for prime and subcontractor relationships, and positions your firm as a valued entity for future growth through mergers and acquisitions. [Click here](#) to become a sponsor today.

**Donate to the Silent Auction**

This year we are changing how to submit silent auction items. For items you wish to donate please complete and submit a silent auction item [form](#). This will help provide all the information the VAS staff needs ahead of time to create the bid sheets. You can bring your auction item with you to the convention once you have submitted the form.

Please help support the future of your profession by donating an item for the auction. Tax-deductible donations can be made by individuals, firms, chapters, organizations, and others.

Use your imagination, and please participate in the auction during the Convention. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Below are some ideas for the silent auction.**

- Travel Packages
- Signed memorabilia
- Gift baskets (picnic, spa, wine, etc)
- Custom Artwork
- Survey items - New or Historical (must be in working order)
- Event Tickets (concerts, plays, sporting events)

**Safety Corner**
Reduced speed limits. Lane closures. Detours. Trucks entering the highway. Pavement changes. These are just a few reasons why driving in work zones requires special attention.

While the men and women working in the road are in a dangerous business, statistically drivers are even more at risk.

**Know Before You Go**
A little research goes a long way in knowing what to expect. It’s easy to find work zone locations -- before you go -- by checking:
- 511 website
- Road construction map

**Nationwide**
1. Four out of five (that’s 80%) work zone fatalities are drivers
2. One work zone fatality occurs every 15 hours
3. One work zone injury occurs every 14 minutes
4. Approximately 700 people are killed and more than 35,000 people are injured in work zone crashes each year

**Crashes on the Rise in Virginia**
1. On average statewide, there are 7.3 work zone crashes per day each year. Please, do not be one of them
2. These crashes are preventable but not without your help

**DPOR/APELSCDLA License Renewal Extension**

VAS has worked with the Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) and the Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers, and Landscape Architects (APELSCIDLA) to provide a grace period for any professional whose license expires during the emergency declared by Governor Northam due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This extension is due to many state government employees working from home and unable to remotely complete some processes, as well as the difficulty some practitioners may experience completing required continuing education, including the postponement of the VAS Convention from April to October.

License expirations in March, April, May, and June are extended until 30 days after the State of Emergency is lifted providing time to complete continuing education for renewal. The Governor’s current order expires on June 10. For further information, click here.
ENR has compiled the current status of which U.S. states have either issued a shelter-in-place order for the general population, and whether or not construction activities are allowed to proceed at this time. This page is updated with the latest information as it becomes available.

To read the entire article click here.

Summer Seminar/Webinar
June 12, 2020

Fall Seminar and Board Meeting
September 18-19, 2020
Hilton Garden Inn
Roanoke, VA

72nd Annual Convention & General Membership Meeting
October 22 - 24, 2020
Wyndham Oceanfront Hotel
Virginia Beach, VA

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