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## MALSCE News

A monthly Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers member newsletter.

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## MALSCE Events

### **The Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention a Great Success**

Adhering to COVID-19 risk mitigation requirements, MALSCE leaders held the 2021 convention as a virtual event. A Convention Planning Committee, co-chaired by Joseph Vozzella, Eastern Massachusetts Chapter president, and Dan Bremser, MALSCE president, and staffed by other Eastern MA Chapter members and MALSCE leaders, was charged with the task of presenting this virtual event. Thanks to the efforts of this group, after months of

planning, the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention took place on the mornings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 17, 18, and 19. Feedback from the more than 100 individuals who participated in the convention indicates that this virtual event was well-received.

Organized under the theme "Disruption to Recovery," the Virtual Convention featured thirteen general and concurrent sessions, a virtual exhibit, an online plan and field notes contests, MALSCE Annual Meeting, a virtual reception & awards ceremony and a virtual murder mystery party.

MALSCE Leaders are hopeful that the 2022 MALSCE Convention will be able to be held in person.

## **2021-2023 MALSCE Board of Directors**

Members of the 2021-2023 Board of Directors, were elected and sworn in at MALSCE's Annual Meeting on Friday, March 19, 2021 at the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention by NSPS President Mark Sargent. The position of Cape Cod Chapter President is still open so if you are interested, please reach out to Rich Keenan at [rkeenan@engineers.org](mailto:rkeenan@engineers.org).

### **2021-2023 Officers**

President:

*J. Daniel Bremser, PLS*

Vice President :

*Kenneth Conte, PLS*

Secretary:

*Paul S. Campbell, PE, PLS*

Treasurer:

*Kevin D. Arsenault, PLS*

Past President:

*Darren J. Hardy, PLS*

### **2019-2021 Directors**

Cape Cod Chapter President:

*Position Currently Open*

Central Massachusetts Chapter President:

*Kenneth T. Strom, PLS*

Eastern Massachusetts Chapter President:

*Joseph G. Vozzella, PLS*

Western Massachusetts Chapter President:  
*Timothy D. Armstrong, PLS*

## **Paul J. Tyrell, PE, PLS, Named MALSCE Surveyor of the Year**

Paul J. Tyrell, PE, PLS, from STV was named the recipient of MALSCE's prestigious 2020 Surveyor of the Year Award during the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention's Annual Meeting. This award is annually presented to a professional land surveyor who has provided outstanding leadership for the profession.

The MALSCE Awards Committee, which selected the Surveyor of the Year, was chaired by Dana Standley from BSC Group, Inc., and comprised of fellow past Surveyor of the Year Award winners Sean Ewald from BSC Group, Inc., Paul Foley from Feldman Land Surveyors, and Ian Wisuri from Beals and Thomas, Inc.

The Committee selected Paul Tyrell in appreciation of his outstanding leadership in the profession as a member and chair of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors and as a member of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying Board of Directors. Through exemplary service he has had a lasting impact on MALSCE members and the local, regional, and national land surveying communities.

The tradition of selecting a Surveyor of the Year dates back to MALSCE's early days. It allows the association the opportunity to honor and thank a leader who has been exemplary for his or her service to MALSCE, the profession and the community. You can see the names of the past award recipients on the [MALSCE website](#).

Congratulations, Paul!

## **Kevin D. Arsenault, PLS and Scott D. Cameron, PLS Given MALSCE President's Citations**

Kevin D. Arsenault, PLS from Feldman Land Surveyors and Scott D. Cameron, PLS from R.E. Cameron & Associates, Inc., were the recipients of MALSCE Presidential Citations during the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention. Presidential Citations are awarded annually by the MALSCE president to individuals who they feel have distinguished themselves by their contributions to MALSCE and/or the land surveying profession.

Kevin received this award for his contributions to MALSCE and the land surveying profession as long-serving treasurer of MALSCE, a member of the MALSCE Education Trust Board, and as organizer of the MALSCE Plan Contest for multiple annual conventions. His efforts to help ensure the financial viability of MALSCE and willingness to assist wherever needed demonstrates a level of commitment that is both inspirational and highly effective.

Scott received this award for his contributions to MALSCE and the land surveying profession as MALSCE president, current Legislative Committee chair and member of the Eastern Massachusetts Chapter, The Engineering Center, and The Engineering Center Education Trust boards. His service while a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors is also noteworthy and demonstrates an exemplary commitment to improving his chosen profession.

Thanks Kevin and Scott!

## **MALSCE Congratulates Convention Plan & Field Notes Contests Winners**

The Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention featured an online plan contest and the inaugural field notes contest where participants were invited to submit plans and field notes in multiple categories, which were voted on by over 50 convention participants. Fourteen plans and seven field notes were received and displayed during the convention's three-day program. [Click here to see a list of of the winners by category.](#)

## **Thank You to Our Convention Exhibitors!**

MALSCE leaders would like to thank representatives of the following Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Exhibitors for their support and participation as virtual exhibitors and session presenters:

Bluesky Geospatial Ltd.

Carlson Software

Eastern Topographics

Keystone Precision Solutions

National Society of Professional Surveyors

Surveying Engineering Technology Program, University of Maine

TopoDOT

Waypoint Technology Group  
Wentworth Institute of Technology

## **Thank You to our Sustaining Members, Advertisers, and Sponsors!**

The MALSCE Board of Directors and Convention Planning Committee would like to thank the Sustaining Members, Sponsors, and Advertisers who helped make the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention a success. [Click here to read more.](#)

## **MALSCE Updates**

### **Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Reception Features Presentation of Licensed Surveyor Data**

On Friday, March 19, during the Virtual 2021 MALSCE Convention Reception and Awards Ceremony, MALSCE Education Trust Chair Thadd Eldredge, PLS, CFM, from East-SouthEast LLC, presented some of the findings of the research he has undertaken to determine the status of registered Professional Land Surveyors in the Commonwealth. By conducting an extensive analysis of licensing data obtained from the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Thadd determined that the number of registered land surveyors in the Commonwealth has decreased from 836 in November 2019 to 763 in March 2021. This represents a 9% decrease in the number of registered land surveyors over approximately the last 15 months. Thadd examined and described the home locations of the individuals with professional land surveyor licenses for the two sample dates. He also made future projections about the number of surveyors by municipality by utilizing license dates and some assumptions about length of practice and age. You can view the results of Thadd's impressive analysis at <https://www.eselc.com/surveyor-stats>.

### **MALSCE Government Affairs Update - March/April 2021**

[Click here](#) for Government Affairs activities and news for MALSCE members. Learn more about the American Jobs Plan released by President Biden, recent MA Board of Registration of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors discussions, and relevant bills filed for the 2021-2022 legislative session. You can also visit MALSCE's [Covid-19 resources and guidance for MALSCE members](#) for recent news about the pandemic.

## Surveying Education Opportunities

MALSCE is happy to share with members any information it learns about about surveying education opportunities. UMaine has several different surveying degree and certificate programs available online, [click here to learn more](#). Wentworth has an online Professional Land Surveying Certificate program [click here to learn more](#). Idaho State University has recently announced online options for their surveying and geospatial program, [click here to learn more](#).

## NSPS News

### NSPS is Updating Their Database

NSPS members please take a moment to use the "Sign In" box on the NSPS homepage to update your membership profile. Please include your birth date. If you have forgotten your username and password, contact NSPS via email at [info@nsp.us.com](mailto:info@nsp.us.com).

## Affiliate Association Events

### RISPLS General Membership Meeting & Seminar

**Thursday, April 29, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Join RISPLS for "Promoting Public Access Along the Shore - Without Violating the Law" with guest speaker Dennis Nixon, Professor Emeritus of Marine Affairs, University of Rhode Island.

[Click here to learn more](#)

## Classified Advertisements

### Survey Party Chief & Land Surveying Specialist - Yarmouth, MA

BSC Group was founded 50+ years ago but our sights are now set firmly on the future. We currently have two full-time Surveying positions available in our Yarmouth, MA office. All

levels of experience are encouraged to apply.

Survey Party Chief – Requires excellent knowledge of field to finish survey techniques using total station and leveling equipment. Knowledge of GPS data collection desirable. Will perform existing condition/topographic surveys, ALTA and boundary surveys, and construction staking. Requires minimum of 3-4 years of field experience, valid driver's license with clean driving record, and excellent math skills.

Land Surveying Specialist - Requires experience in data collection and construction layout surveys utilizing robotic total stations, data collectors and GPS equipment. Ability to process the information and prepare property line and existing conditions plans. GIS and AutoCAD Civil 3D skills desired. Minimum 4 years' experience. SIT preferred; must be on track to obtain PLS. HS diploma, valid driver's license with clean driving record required.

Send resume to: Human Resources Department, BSC Group, Inc., 803 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02127; e-mail: [info@bscgroup.com](mailto:info@bscgroup.com)  
No telephone calls, no recruiters, please.

BSC is proud to be an AA/EEO employer. Women, minorities, persons with disabilities and veterans are encouraged to apply.

### **Survey Party Chief - Glastonbury, CT**

BSC Group was founded more than 50 years ago with our roots in Land Surveying but our sights are now firmly set on the future. We utilize new and innovative technologies and encourage collaboration and productivity. The company is currently in search of a talented Surveyor to support ongoing projects and meet our expected growth in the public and private sectors. We currently have a full-time Land Surveying position available in our Glastonbury, CT office. BSC Group offers a full benefits package. All levels of experience are encouraged to apply.

Survey Party Chief – requires excellent knowledge of field to finish survey techniques using total station and leveling equipment. Knowledge of GPS data collection is desirable. Responsibilities include performing existing condition/topographic surveys, boundary surveys, and construction staking. A minimum of 5-6 years of field experience, valid driver's license with clean driving record, and excellent math skills. Associate's or Bachelor's degree a plus.

Please submit resume with cover letter in confidence to: Human Resources Department, BSC Group, Inc., 803 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02127; e-mail: [info@bscgroup.com](mailto:info@bscgroup.com)  
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## **Hancock Associates - Multiple Positions Available**

Want to work in Boston?.....Hancock Associates has an immediate opening for a Professional Land Surveyor/Project Manager in our Boston office!

Want to get out of Boston?.....Hancock Associates has immediate openings for a Professional Land Surveyor/Project Manager in our Chelmsford & Marlborough offices and for Project & Staff Surveyors in our Palmer office!

Professional Land Surveyor candidates must have experience in project management including client relations, estimating, contracts, invoicing and public presentations for land surveying projects consisting of ALTA, existing conditions, topography, subdivisions, condominiums, construction layout, settlement and groundwater monitoring, GPS, Land Court, MassDOT and FEMA. Projects consist of high-profile commercial and residential developments/infrastructure as well as lot surveys and plot plans. Candidate will oversee office and field staff and work closely with other departments on survey aspects of multi-disciplined projects. This position requires excellent communication skills, business development experience, and candidates must be career-driven team players.

Candidates must have 5+ years of experience in the above aspects of land surveying and be licensed in Massachusetts (additional licensure a plus). This position involves hands-on experience with AutoCAD Civil 3D and RTK GPS procedures.

Project & Staff Survey candidates must have experience in surveying including ALTA, existing conditions, Land Court, GPS, construction layout, settlement monitoring, lot stakings, etc. for projects including high profile developments, commercial, residential, infrastructure as well as lot surveys, and plot plans. Requires excellent communication skills and candidates must be career driven and team players. We offer tremendous variety of project scope, size, intricacy and location.



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## **Registered Professional Land Surveyor - Cape Cod**

Holmes and McGrath Inc. an established Massachusetts Land Surveying and Civil Engineering firm Located on Cape Cod is seeking a Registered Professional Land Surveyor. Qualified candidates must possess a valid Massachusetts Professional Land Surveyor license (PLS). Applicants should be well versed in the fundamentals of land surveying, including conventional and GPS field surveying methods, land records research, boundary retracement, construction stakeout and boundary and subdivisions land use law. Skills must include a commanding knowledge of CAD drafting and plan preparation, using AutoCAD survey adjustments and computations. GPS post processing experience preferred. Applicants should have strong written, communications and computer skills as well as the ability to manage multiple projects and people. Project presentations at public meetings will be required. Compensation is offered commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance, 401k, vacation, sick days and continuing education reimbursement. Qualified Candidates should reply to this posting with a cover letter and current resume.

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### **Questions or comments?**

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