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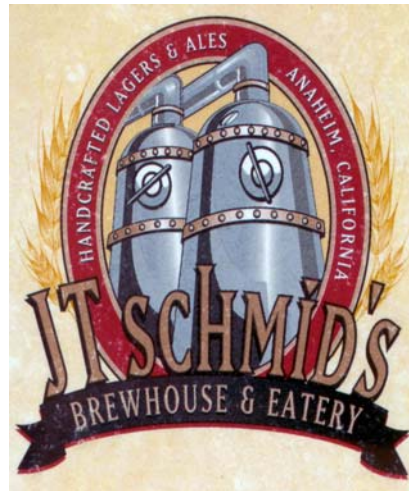


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OCTOBER DINNER MEETING REMINDER

TUESDAY NIGHT – OCTOBER 10, 2011
SOCIAL 6:00 PM DINNER 7 :00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: SPECIAL MYSTERY GUEST!



2610 E. KATELLA BLVD., ANAHEIM, CA 92806
ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE ANAHEIM POND
JUST EAST OF THE 57 FREEWAY

Actually we do have something lined up for next month, but it is still in the works!
Of course it's fun to keep our members guessing from time to time.
Whatever we do decided, I know that it will excite, be informative, and just be all around great.

Stay tuned for one of my ah-inspiring emails with the exquisite details.

And as always, you do not have to be a member to attend!

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

"You Shall Not Move Your Neighbor's Boundary Mark, Which The Ancestors Have Set, In Your Inheritance Which You Will Inherit In The Land That The Lord Your God Gives You To Possess."

Deuteronomy 19 : 14

"Cursed Be He That Removeth His Neighbor's Landmark."

Deuteronomy 27 : 17

"Remove Not The Ancient Landmark Which Thy Fathers Have Set."

Proverbs 22 : 28



For those of you who are familiar with me, or for those of you who may have simply stumbled upon my last few President's Letters, you may note, and accurately so, that I often lead this letter with a quote or two, but usually not from the Bible. However you personally believe that the Bible came about, these verses point out an extremely interesting fact: It seems that for thousands of years, there have been serious problems with the issues surrounding the preservation of boundary monuments.

The Book of Deuteronomy is essentially based on the teachings of Moses, as spoken to the Israelites shortly before they entered the Promised Land. It is a book of The Old Testament, although, when you think about it, The New Testament is pretty old, too. Maybe we should think about re-naming The New Testament to the Old Testament, and The Old Testament to The Really Old Testament? Either way, however you look at it, Moses was a pretty serious dude. He didn't mess with trivial stuff, and he kept it pretty blunt and to the point.

And, let us not slight the Book of Proverbs, which consists of many wise and weighty conventions meant to establish and regulate moral behavior, and lead a person to wisdom and virtue. And the primary contributor to Proverbs? None other than King Solomon! Again, no slouch in the knowledge department.

So, in these two most revered texts, passed down through countless generations, we see not only stern warnings, but also a curse upon the scoundrel who destroys a monument. Now, if you are like me, you might choose to ignore a warning or two, but when someone threatens a curse upon

me, they usually get my full attention. Warning, Schwarning, but impose a little consequence, and I'm all ears....

Which brings me, inevitably, closer and closer to the subject at hand. I'm sure that we can all agree that successful and comprehensive boundary solutions are derived from a survey that takes into consideration all the possible evidence. Often, the monuments of record form a sizeable portion of this evidence. And, as good surveyors, we can, for the most part, only consider evidence that actually exists. Yes, we can take an Oath, but that's more like 'eye-witness' evidence or 'circumstantial' evidence, neither of which are usually as substantial as good, hard, concrete physical evidence. And, remember, this evidence does not exist merely for our own 'convenience', does it? I doubt you are conducting an extensive boundary survey simply for your own enjoyment. More than likely you are pursuing this evidence for a client, yes? A member of the public, perhaps, whose **"Protection...shall be the highest priority for the Board...in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions...."** (P.L.S.Act, § 8710.1) In fact, these protections for the public as offered in the legislation that defines our profession, are further defined in the Constitution of the United States. In the context of our rights to own and enjoy property, the Fifth Amendment is quite clear. In its capacity, the Fifth Amendment serves to protect the individual against the abuse of government authority in legal procedures. It states, in part, that **"No person....[shall be] deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law, nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation."**

Stern warnings from the wisest men of the ages, the potential for a curse being placed upon you, specific guidelines in our state laws, and the promises of freedom and protection in our nation's Bill of Rights all direct us in a very well defined direction.

So, why is it that, as a group, we have such a problem with getting monuments in the ground in the correct place, and convincing others to maintain the positions of these monuments once we set them? O.K., getting them into the ground accurately is another topic entirely, but maintaining the monument, or, more importantly, **the actual position it purports to represent**, is my gripe. It is also the subject of many discussions throughout the state. From our current President, Bill Hofferber, our incoming President, Frank Lehmann, and down through the Executive Committee and various other sub-committees, a substantial amount of effort is being expended to examine the current wording of § 8771 and to revamp and revise it so as to be a more comprehensive piece of legislation. Key to this revision is the concept that there really are two issues at hand. One is a

question of the standard of practice issues surrounding how this preservation effort should be accomplished. The second is a question of when this action must take place and who is responsible, in the end, for initiating and policing that process.

I think it's safe to say that, on the whole, surveyors are pretty ready, willing, and (for the most part) able, to tie out and replace monuments in the context of a large scale construction project. These 'standard of practice' issues are not the subject of this writing. The issue of responsibility for oversight and enforcement, however, is an issue of extreme importance, and, unfortunately, an extremely difficult issue to tackle. The problem seems to be that the individuals who are in charge of the initiation, regulation, and enforcement of the process of monument preservation are not even subject to the sections of the P.L.S. Act. For the most part, agency policy surrounding this issue is managed by a Director of Public Works, or perhaps a City Engineer, neither of which are necessarily beholden to the terms and conditions of the P.L.S. Act. The central issues of participation and , unfortunately, accuracy, often becomes shrouded in a distorted trail of 'responsible' actions. See if this sounds familiar:

A set of construction plans is issued for a construction project covering a street, curb, and sidewalk improvements. It spans a residential portion of your city several blocks in each direction. The plans, created and approved by the city, state that the monuments are to be preserved in conformance with § 8771. You have been asked by a local general contractor to provide a proposal for the construction staking. As a part of that proposal, you include a line item cost to tie out and replace, if necessary, the 4 well monuments that are shown on the plans as "protect in place". Ever so carefully, you also include wording that the actual number of monuments that are in peril can not be ascertained without extensive investigation, and you include a 'price-per-monument" fee to cover the unknown monuments. Your proposal is accepted, ***your contract is signed***, and off you go. Once on the site, you discover that there are over 75 additional monuments that fall directly within the areas of pending construction. Please choose the most probable outcome for this situation from the choices below:

1. You dutifully tie out the monuments, prepare and process the necessary pre-construction Corner Records, and, once construction has progressed, you re-set the destroyed monuments in their original position, documenting that follow up process with a set of post-construction Corner Records. Your invoice to the contractor is gladly received, promptly processed without quarter, and you are paid in full for your efforts within 30 days.

2. You dutifully tie out the monuments, prepare and process the necessary pre-construction Corner Records, and, once construction has progressed, you re-set the destroyed monuments in their original position, documenting that follow up process with a set of post-construction Corner Records. You have kept the contractor apprised of the situation as it developed, documenting each new set of monuments with written submittals to the contractor during the weekly status meeting. They have, in turn, submitted these additional costs to the agency. The agency is shocked at the magnitude of the cost, but your documentation, the terms of the contract, and the diligence of the contractor on your behalf all work together to convince the city that the costs are justified, and the funds are released within 60 days.

3. You dutifully tie out the monuments, prepare and process the necessary pre-construction Corner Records, and, once construction has progressed, you re-set the destroyed monuments in their original position, documenting that follow up process with a set of post-construction Corner Records. You have kept the contractor apprised of the situation as it developed, documenting each new set of monuments with written submittals to the contractor during the bi-weekly status meeting. They have, in turn, no idea whatsoever these silly requests actually mean, and they ignore them for two months. As the project nears completion, you attend one of the last bi-weekly status meetings and state your case. The project foreman requests that you split the extra costs from your invoice, and asks that you re-submit separate invoices for the contract work and the extra work, and assures you that they will be 'processed immediately'. The project winds down, you give the a call in 30 days to check on your invoice, and no-one has any idea what you are talking about, or where the project foreman, who was your only contact, is currently assigned. You contact the city, and they, too, have no idea what you are talking about – your contract was with the contractor. The city has not seen any request from the contractor for these costs, and they have already closed out the project and paid the final 10% retention, thus surrendering any sort of control they might have had over the contractor. You have just filed 75 pre and 75 post construction corner records on your own nickel.

4. You perform some preliminary research of the site prior to offering your proposal to the contractor, and you determine that there may be between 70 and 80 monument locations involved in the construction areas. Given that you are willing to work with a certain

economy of scale, you are willing to do the necessary work for, oh, let's say, \$350 per location. You include a line item for the pre and post construction Corner Records totaling \$26,250, which is nearly equal to the cost of the actual staking of the project, thus doubling your fee. You never hear back from that contractor again, and, in fact, he has burned your business card and erased all digital contact information for your firm.

Well, which answer did you choose? If you chose No. 1, I have a beautiful pet Unicorn I would like to sell you – your daughter will love you forever. If you chose No. 2, your best business habits and due diligence may have prevailed – your documentation was thorough, your attention to detail and follow up were admirable, and, in the end, you were able to 'extract' the money eventually. If you chose No. 3, you have just been initiated into what I have come to know as the 'Bucket of Money' shuffle. The foremen or contractor has convinced (hoodwinked) you to believe that there are buckets of money available to pay you, but that they must make the correct request to the proper bucket. They can run that scam out for 90 to 120 days, until all the culpable parties have been either laid off, re-assigned to other projects, or have gone into the witness protection program, leaving you with a very empty bucket. If you chose No. 4, you will probably try your luck with another process in the future, perhaps the one outlined in No. 2.....

What is the common denominator here? I believe it is the fact that we are not dealing with the city, we are dealing with the low-bid contractor who won the contract from the city. The city believes that it has done its part by stating that the monuments are to be preserved in conformance with § 8771. Often, in their eyes, they have fulfilled any legal responsibility. The contractor may or may not realize what that phrase actually means. What's worse is that by the time the order of magnitude is revealed, your chances at actually getting compensated have shrunk dramatically. It is simply a question of responsibility, and § 8771 actually sets the stage for this conundrum. ***"It shall be the responsibility of the governmental agency or others performing construction work to provide for the monumentation required by this section."*** OH REALLY!!!! Just who might that be??? The government has, in their eyes, fulfilled their responsibility by stating that the monuments must be protected. The contractor may have included a line item to actually 're-construct' the 4 well monuments, but was totally ignorant as what the additional ramifications would be. And, both of them could point to you, and calmly say that you fall into the "...or others..." category, and based on the P.L.S. Act, it is really ***your*** responsibility, not theirs.....

The bottom line is this – the agency must be held responsible:

- It must be up to the agency to provide for this process in the beginning phases of their project planning;
- It must be up to the agency to initiate the process directly with the surveyor, or, if necessary, through the contracting process:
- It must be up to the city to establish an enforcement policy to insure that the monuments are initially tied out and eventually re-set.

The only way to effect this sort of change will be through some pretty sweeping revisions to not only the P.L.S. Act, but also by getting sufficient language into the Government Code. The P.L.S. Act only defines what we are to do as surveyors, but the Government Code sets the proper responsibility for the process squarely in the agencies lap, and would serve to more closely regulate the agency roles and responsibilities in this process. That means that we must not only revise our defining legislation, but also introduce and pass regulations that will affect every city and county in California. Good luck with that one. Over two hours was spent at the last State Board meeting debating the use of the words 'may' or 'shall' as it relates to a process so arcane that most of us didn't even know what the real issues were, and yet, we think that we can enact a legislative solution (that will effect two bodies of law) to a problem that is critical to every surveyor in the state? And, in case you forgot the previous Governor's stance on any legislation on anything that would restrict anything, let me inform you that our current Governor's stance on issues such as this makes Arnold's position look positively fascist.

You see, the issue is no longer 'educating' the agencies, because with each new régime, all your good work goes out the door, and with each new 'recession' or 'depression' or 'economic downturn' or whatever we will call them in the future, the funding goes away. Without some sort of serious message, some sort of "shot heard 'round the world" that would get the collective agencies attention as a whole, there will never be any substantive progress on this issue.

This is why our Chapter Board would like to propose the following course of action, and we would love to have your support. We believe that the State Board of the California Land Surveyor's Association should fund a \$10,000 exploratory effort to determine whether or not that board has legal standing to initiate legal action against an offending agency. We, as a chapter, do not want to

sue anybody, nor do we have the authority to do so. We do, however, want to establish, through legal analysis and investigation, whether or not our State Board has 'standing', or the actual right, to become involved as a plaintiff, should the proper circumstances avail themselves.

\$10,000 – is that a lot of money to speculate with? Well, not really. Think of it this way: What if, in any single month, there are, say, 300 boundary surveys being conducted throughout the state, and the field efforts for those surveys were being conducted at an average rate of \$150 per hour. Of those 300 surveys, 10 percent of them encountered some sort of delay based on the destruction or disturbance of a monument or two that could have been prevented by a comprehensive and stout 8771. Those 30 surveys that were delayed each spent an additional 4 hours each based on the missing monument issue. 120 hours of crew effort at \$ 150 per hour equals \$18,000.

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Across the state, on an annual basis, that totals \$216,000. Over \$200,000 spent, billed, or wasted on efforts that could largely be averted. Over \$200,000 pushed off onto the public, who, remember, the protection of which "**...shall be the highest priority for the Board...in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions....**" We must, as a professional association, ready ourselves to face a growing menace, and to fight, if necessary, this fight on an agency level. Only then will our Board of Registration have the necessary motivation, or fuel, if you will, to pursue broad and effective change.

Would the agencies find this 'offensive' or 'intrusive'? Well, if the agency is already in conformance, no. In fact, this type of approach would make it easier for those agencies to maintain a high level of compliance. If an agency is not in conformance, than, yes, I would hope that it would cause their collective stomachs to turn inside-out.

Why would the State Board need to get involved? Well, do you have what it takes, as an individual or even as a firm, to mount some sort of meaningful legal challenge? Probably not – the agency that you target more than likely has staff legal council that gets paid no matter what they do. Their effective 'cost' to defend themselves would be nil, while your costs would be considerably high, and all out of pocket. Add to that the fact that you will probably be attacking an agency that you work in, or maybe even for. Are you going to be comfortable potentially biting the hand that feeds you?

Along that line, there are those who point out that there are very few complaints to the Board of Registration regarding this issue. I believe this is somewhat irrelevant, because of the above referenced "biting the hand that feeds you" syndrome, as well as to the fact that many of us simply do not have the resources to chase that windmill.

And, even though this might not be a serious problem in your area, it is on other areas, and we must address this aggressively, as a State Association, for the good of the public we serve, and to hopefully stave off the threat of this issue actually spreading to your area.

Moses, King Solomon – men of action, no doubt, but also men of action. (O.K., Moses had a bit of a problem with directions, but I think if he had a good map, it might not have taken 40 years to get across the desert) Moses was so enraged at the decadence and decay of the Children of Israel that he actually destroyed, in a fit of what must have been immeasurable rage, the original tablets that were inscribed by God. That got everybody's attention. And King Solomon, in an effort to divine simple justice as to a question of who the actual mother was of an infant boy, was prepared to slice the child into two pieces, delivering an equal half to each woman. Serious stuff, indeed.

We can no longer rest on our knowledge of what we believe is right – we must take a stance, and we must take it sooner rather than later. We must at least ascertain if this issue can be faced in the most direct manner possible, and to do so, we must, as a unified body of professionals, obtain the knowledge necessary to make the next decision. We must petition the state to fund this exploratory action, in the name of protecting the public, and in the name of preserving their valuable and un-alienable rights as they pertain to property ownership.

Please join with me in supporting this proposition. I think it will be a lot easier than cutting a baby in half.....

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tony Cum" with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 16, 2011

Location: Johnson-Frank, Anaheim

Meeting called to order: 5:35 PM

Attendees:

Tony Cuomo – President
Dave Woolley – Vice-President
Greg Sebourn – Secretary/Chapter Rep.
Peter Fitzpatrick – Imm. Past-President
Roger Frank – OC-JPPC Chair
Alan Frank – Membership Chair
Joe Padilla – Program Chair/Alt. Rep.
Jerry Uselton – Alternate Rep.
Tiffany Padilla – SCC Chapt. Liaison
Joshua Tatman – Guest

Motion made and passed to suspend Rules in order for all to vote.

- Motion accepted.

June minutes: Unanimously approved.

President's Report: (Tony Cuomo)

- Action items: (none)
- Scholarship Auction Night is scheduled for August 19 at JT Schmid's
- OC/SD Joint Meeting Sept. 13
El Adobe – 31891 Camino Capistrano, San Juan Capistrano

Vice President's Report: (Dave Woolley)

- No Report / No Raffle Sponsor

Treasurer's Report:

- Abbreviated Report by Pres. Cuomo reflects \$15,295 in checking account. Include \$6,375 for Ray Mercado Scholarship but NOT Paul Cuomo Scholarship.
- Jim Frasier has resigned as Treasurer.

Secretary's Report: (Greg Sebourn)

- Minutes submitted and amended

Membership Report: (Alan Frank)

- 535 on mailing list
- 172 members (34 associate, 122 corporate, 5 student, 14 sustaining)
- Several unpaid memberships due to economic hardship.

Education Report: (Lisa Gaston)

- Education report:.. Lisa will be getting notifications out to professors at Cal Poly Pomona, Fresno State and Rancho Santiago to remind them to encourage their students to apply for this year's scholarships.

Legislative Report: (Dave Woolley)

- State Executive Board reviewing "Responsible Charge" legislation. Exact language still being formulated.

Trig Star and Scouting Merit Badge: (Greg Sebourn)

- No report.

Newsletter: (Rich Lopez)

- No report.

Activities Chairman: (Joe Padilla)

- JT Schmid's is reserved for the August 19 Silent Auction Night.

JPPC: (Roger Frank)

- State JPPC still looking at revising PLSA 8771 and has secured funding for meetings.
- Approx. 1,000 cases have been opened and reviewed by the OC-JPPC in the past 7-8 years.
- Next OC-JPPC meeting scheduled for 3rd Wednesday (Sept 21) at Huitt-Zollars at 3:30 PM. Meeting is open to public.

Chapter Reps Report: (Joe Padilla)

- ACSM Conference: CLSA won best magazine & best website
- List of Chapter Officers due to State Sept 30.
- No term limits for Chapter Representatives. Most reps present felt the issue is a local matter, not a state-wide problem.
- State CLSA wants to collect Chapter dues along with State dues.
- Several upcoming seminars. Check CLSA website for more information.

Website (Kurt Troxell)

- No Report

Caltrans Liaison (Don Mertens)

- Excerpts from CALTRANS NEWS dated July 2011 from the "Director's Corner".

SCC-CLSA Liaison (Tiffany Padilla)

- Bon fire tentatively planned to welcome new students. No date or location confirmed but Ms. Padilla hinted that her home might be available to host the event.

New Business

- Alan brought up Cal State Fresno program funding and that Fresno may lose program in the next 2 years. Suggested the Chapter consider donating through the program's foundation to take advantage of matching funds to help fund professor endowment.
- Potential OC Seminar Topics
 - Chuck Karayan
 - Anyone with ideas for seminar speakers and/or topics should forward them to Tony
- Next board meeting at Johnson-Frank, Anaheim, Sept 13, 2011; 5:30 p.m.

➤ ***All Board Meetings are open to the public.***

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by:
Greg Sebourn, Secretary
CLSA Orange County Chapter

ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER SCHEDULE OF 2011 MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

As a general rule, the board meets on the second Tuesday of each month, and the general meeting is the following week. Below is our tentative schedule of events for the coming year. Please note that things change, and this is only tentative.

As of this writing, the board meetings will be held at the offices of Johnson-Frank & Associates, 5150 East Hunter Avenue, Anaheim, CA, 92807. Board meetings commence at 5:00 with dinner, and generally run from 5:30 to 7:00 or 7:30. Any member is encouraged to attend, but seating is somewhat limited. If you have a matter that you believe should be brought to the board, please contact Tony Cuomo (tonycuomo@johnson-frank.com) with your intent.

October 11 - Board meeting
October 18 – Guest Speaker TBD

November 8 - Board meeting
November 15 – Scholarship Night

December – No Board meeting
December 2 – Casino Night

CLSA VOLUNTEERS FOR AYSO

On Saturday August 20th and Sunday the 21st a group of surveyors and students joined forces to help the American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) in Irvine to lay out 17 local soccer fields. Laying out soccer fields for AYSO was a fantastic opportunity for the surveying profession to branch out and expose the profession to individuals that may not know about surveying as a career.

On the first day only 2 fields needed to be laid out. A small crew, consisting of Don Mertens and Tom Propst instructors at Santiago Canyon College together with Tiffany Padilla and Jeff Stehlik, students at the same college, came together and met with Michele Horwich, who was the project manager for Region 85 of the AYSO. After reviewing the plans with Michele, the total stations were pulled out and the crew went to work. Don Mertens and Tom Propst worked with Tiffany and Jeff on their calculation's and double checked each other's work. The first soccer field was done with due diligence and as the field was being surveyed the group of volunteers from AYSO, brought in sandwiches, chips and soda's which were absolutely fabulous.

The second field had the challenging task of needing to be placed in a way that soccer balls wouldn't fly over the end wall and down an embankment. At the end of the first day we all had a sense that we had possibly laid out the most accurate soccer fields in California, while also enjoying our time helping out the AYSO.

Sunday we faced the challenging task of laying out 15 soccer fields, which needed a much larger volunteer force, headed up by Bill Hofferber, CLSA State President. A large group of volunteers from the Port of Long Beach, headed up by Ed Capalaran along with, Josh Tatman, Greg Letts and Jeff Stehlik proved to be a great benefit. Once again we met with Michele and went over the plan to layout the fields. To handle the 15 soccer fields the volunteers were divided into

3 crews. The surveyors from the Port of Long Beach as well as Josh Tatman from OC Survey made up 2 crews, while the final crew consisted of Bill Hofferber, Greg Letts and Jeff Stehlik.

Each field had a field supervisor that was in charge of the layout and placement of the fields. One of the most challenging aspects we faced was to arrange the fields so that they would fit in a given area. In one circumstance the only way that 2 fields could fit in the tight quarters of Del Cerro Elementary was to lay one field diagonally to the other, which enabled both fields to co-exist and not interfere with each other during play.

At the end of the weekend the field supervisors as well as everyone from the AYSO were thankful that our group of volunteers came out to survey the fields. Everyone had a good time and most of all it felt good to use our skills to help the local youth while showing off our profession in a positive way.

(NOTE: I want to acknowledge and thank the volunteers from the Port of Long Beach and OC Survey. I also want to commend the work and effort of the students and faculty of Santiago Canyon College. All of these people gave up their weekend to help a youth organization bring athletics into OC neighborhoods. Jeff Stehlik, SCC-CLSA President, contributed substantially to this article. What have you done lately to advance the Profession of Land Surveying? – Submitted by Greg Sebourn)



EDITOR'S CORNER

Greetings Members,

The fall season is upon us and that can only mean two things to me, school has started and the AYSO Soccer season has begun.



Recently a few CLSA members got involved with laying out soccer fields for one of the local AYSO regions, so I thought I would take this moment to talk about this wonderful organization that has evolved throughout the years.

First of all, AYSO stands for the **A**merican **Y**outh **S**occer **O**rganization, but if you ask me, it stands for **A**ll **Y**our **S**aturday's **O**ccupied.

AYSO began its roots in the Los Angeles area and was founded by Hans Stierle in 1964. Hans was an organizer of youth soccer games for a German club in North Hollywood. This club would play against other local ethnic (mostly European) clubs.

To avoid cross town trips for games, Hans figured it would be easier to get boys from his local suburb of Torrance interested in the beautiful game of soccer. Hence Hans started a league with nine teams, stressing the fact that "anyone can sign up"; which happens to be one of the first of the six philosophies of AYSO.

When the league started out, Hans had a very good team stacked with players from his former club. To help even things out in the new league and make the experience more enjoyable for everyone the policy of "balanced teams was adopted"; which is the second of the six philosophies. This means

that the stronger players were distributed evenly amongst all the teams.

Once the stronger players were distributed, unfortunately the weaker ones found more time on the bench, this posed a new dilemma.



To remedy this new dilemma the policy of "everyone plays" was adopted; which is the third philosophy AYSO. This philosophy mandated that every player must play at least half the game.

The remaining three AYSO philosophies are:

- Positive Coaching
- Good Sportsmanship
- Player Development

Hence AYSO was started and for the last 47 years it has never looked back.

AYSO's vision is to provide world class youth soccer programs that enrich children's lives and their mission is to develop and deliver quality youth soccer programs which promote a fun, family environment based on the above philosophies.



Over the years AYSO has revolutionized youth sports and has continued to grow.

Currently AYSO has more than 50,000 teams and more than 600,000 players! Not bad for a non-profit organization that started from somebody's garage.

AYSO is also international. In 1995 two parents established the first AYSO program in Moscow. Today you will find that AYSO programs exist in the U.S. Virgin Islands, Trinidad and Tobago!

One thing is for sure, AYSO would not be as successful as it is without the volunteers that contribute their time to this fine organization. Currently AYSO is supported by more than 250,000 volunteers, and I just happen to be one of them.

I got started with AYSO 4 years ago when my daughter became of age to play. Like many other enthusiastic parents, my wife and I signed up our daughter so she could learn about discipline, being a team player, exercise and all that good stuff that we want for our kids.

So after we signed her up, a week later we received a phone call from the commissioner telling us that our daughter probably wouldn't get the chance to play this season, because there was a shortage of coaches. Wow, what a bummer. Well unbeknownst to me, my wife

gladly offered my services to coach a team. To be honest, I think this was the entire ploy of the commissioner to get someone to coach. He just happened to hit the jackpot when he called my house.



So here I am getting ready to coach a sport I never played in my entire life! I played American football from the age of 6 through high school; I didn't know how to play a sport where you didn't get the chance to clobber someone.

Well to make a long story short, I checked out a bunch of books on the game of soccer, took a basic referee class, watched a lot of soccer on the Spanish channels, and studied the game.

Getting involved was probably one of the many great experiences of my life and I am glad I had the opportunity to become a part of such a wonderful organization.



Since that inaugural season, I have continued to coach and referee. I am now certified as an intermediate referee and working towards my advanced badge. I am

also a certified U10 coach working on my advanced coaching certification.

If you ever get the opportunity to volunteer, do it. You would be amazed at the rewarding experience you will receive, plus you will have ties to your community that will last a life time.

As time goes on, I run into former players of mine that still refer to me as Coach Rich, who enjoyed the experience that I gave them. That to me is worth its weight in gold.

Until next time, be safe, healthy, and happy!

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PRESENTS:

**Research, Recovery,
Remonumentation, Recordation
AND
Double Monumentation**

Speaker: Steve Parrish, PLS

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SCOPE OF SEMINAR

Research, Recovery, Remonumentation, Recordation (3.5 Hours)

With the passing of time, natural deterioration of earthly materials, sometimes confusing writings, less than desirable drawings and hazy memories the task of “finding the survey” becomes overwhelming. Experience, endurance, connections and mentors are essential elements of any successful search for the “surveyor’s path” and the monuments left to mark that path. A.C. Mulford, in his 1912 treatise - “BOUNDARIES AND LANDMARKS” - sums up our responsibilities with the following statement from page 87:

“The problems of boundary lie at the foundation of all surveying, for one must know where a line is before he can measure it, and the solution of these problems calls for the same powers of accurate observation and of consecutive and logical thought that are demanded for successful work in any branch of modern science.”

During this exchange of ideas we will discuss various sources of survey related information, techniques in evaluating survey evidence, free flow of ideas within our profession and the importance of patience, precision and articulate documentation. We will review survey challenges and solutions taken from over 40 years of federal, state, and private experience liberally laced with lessons learned as an expert witness.

The importance of thorough RESEARCH, patient RECOVERY techniques, permanent REMONUMENTATION and accurate RECORDATION are threaded throughout the workshop presentation. Questions and ideas from the workshop participants will enhance the learning experience for all in attendance.

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“My monument is better than yours.” We seldom actually verbalize this thought, but it is frequently inferred in varying ways. The task of determining which (if any) of two or more existing monuments will be accepted as the single corner point is a major task associated with most urban boundary surveys.

Project costs are seldom estimated on the basis of the depth of research required to verify the pedigree of existing monuments and records. The act of calling for a corner position, a mere 2 to 4 hundredths of a foot from an existing monument, verges on insanity. In actuality it is near impossible to duplicate even our own angular and distance measurements on a consistent basis. Principles, rather than math, should govern our decisions. This workshop will highlight a variety of “real” double (or more) monument situations, solicit audience comment, and then provide the actual decision – right or wrong.

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THE INSTRUCTOR

Steve Parrish, PLS began his surveying career with the U.S. Forest Service in 1963, acquired his Utah PLS in 1973 and worked in a variety of land surveying positions throughout 9 western states. In early 1985 he began working for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management in CA and NV and was selected to serve as the BLM Nevada Cadastral Chief in 1989. Steve left the government in late 1995 to pursue private surveying experience. He is licensed in 7 western states, a Nevada water rights surveyor and contract County Surveyor for Inyo, Modoc and Mono Counties in California. Steve is one of the contributors to "The Surveying Handbook" edited by the late Russ Brinker and Roy Minnick, has presented workshops in 27 States, the District of Columbia, Australia and Canada, and was an instructor for the BLM/FS Advanced Cadastral Survey Courses for 12 years. Steve shares his 47+ years of land surveying knowledge and experience through participation in state association land surveying workshops, consulting, and expert witness testimony. He joined Tri State Surveying in Sparks, Nevada in 1999, is an adjunct professor in the 4-year survey program for Great Basin College (Elko, NV), acquired his Certified Federal Surveyor (CFedS) certificate in 2007 and received his Bachelor of Applied Science degree in May 2009. He is active in state and national surveying organizations and enjoys travel with his family, photography and fishing.

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