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PRESIDENT'S message

"March"ing into Spring!!

My part of Central Florida is in "full spring mode" – the days are getting longer and warmer, trees are starting to bloom, and the Surveying & Mapping world is very busy! Hope all is well in your part of the world.

Our State legislators are in session, so FSMS has been keeping a close eye on filed bills that could impact our profession. Again this year, a bill was filed in the House (HB 821), together with a matching bill in the Senate (SB 1132) to remove the 4 year degree requirement and roll back experience requirements for licensure as Surveyor & Mapper in the State of Florida. As a profession, our 4 year degree requirement is vital to our professional status, and supporting the professional, technical, and legal skills required of our profession. The current licensure requirements, including a 4 year degree, and at least 4 years surveying & mapping experience serves to protect the public, and maintain the high quality of Surveyors & Mappers that we have in the State of Florida.

Please reach out to your local State House and Senate members to oppose these bills, as they would degrade the skills of our profession.

Our 66th Annual FSMS Conference is ON SCHEDULE for July 28 – 31, at the Marriott Resort Sawgrass, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Last week Tom and I did a walk through the resort to finalize conference rooms, and layout. It is a BEAUTIFUL facility, and I am excited to see everyone "in person" again. Please make plans to attend the conference, to see old friends, make new friends, and see the newest surveying equipment in the exhibit hall!!



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"We are looking forward to working with the talented and entrepreneurial team from Colliers Engineering & Design" said Elias Mulamoottil, Head, Strategic Investments | Global of Colliers. "By combining their best-in-class service offerings with our globally recognized brand and service platform, we can accelerate the success of clients and continue to exceed their expectations in the years to come."

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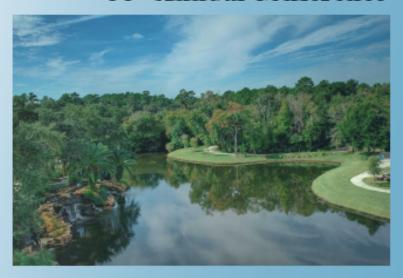
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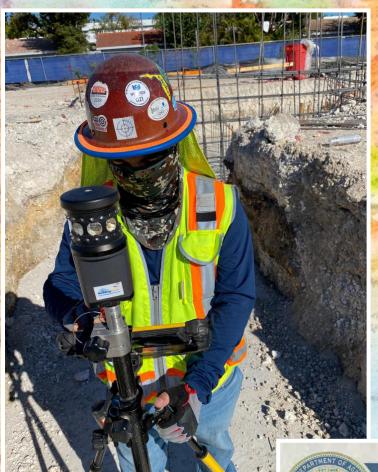
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Left: Jenelle Schmidli and her daughter Ava Jade.

"Let me introduce you to the next Surveyor In Training, my daughter, Ms. Ava Jade. I feel absolutely blessed that she is interested in the family business and we got to spend the day together while she learned the tricks of the trade. Here's to the next generation of surveyors," says Jenelle.





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Above: "I am proud to announce that after years of hard work and dedication, I am officially a Professional Surveyor & Mapper! I could not have done it without the great education from the University of Florida Geomatics Program and all of the great mentors I've had throughout my last four plus years of real world training and experience," Erick Bennett, PSM.

Congratulations Erick!

SURVEYORS IN government

By: Richard Allen, PSM, CFM Photo by: Macu Ic



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Another year is upon us, as is new legislation from the Florida Legislature that impacts the surveying profession. Last year and again this year, there is a desire to remove or alter the education requirement for licensure and the amount of time to learn the profession before licensure can be sought. As we have seen in the past, this was due to someone not being qualified for licensure as it currently stands. Should a license be reciprocal in every state? I would say no, especially when you bring into account the requirements that are required are so diverse state to state. Most states require a four-year degree to be able to secure your license. This has become the minimum requirement to ascertain your license in Florida and most of the other states and territories. There was a case decades ago not to have a four-year degree requirement. That is when there was an apprenticeship within survey companies and survey businesses.

There was a timeline to follow and learn to apprentice and then eventually become a licensed surveyor. Those days are gone, especially when you consider the knowledge that is now needed to collect data. Many do not understand or fully comprehend how the equipment they are using is fully working or collecting the data. I am not knocking the employees and those who are out there surveying, but I am not sure how much knowledge is being passed on. I am sure many do not calibrate their total stations for the environment they are working in. I find the same thing with RTK, where many believe what they are collecting is sufficient data without localizing to known control to make sure it is good data and continually redundantly checking to make sure it is. This is the knowledge that used to be gained through the process of starting as a rodman or chainman and working your way up to instrument man and party chief. Then one would work up to become a drafter and then ultimately a signing surveyor once they had the knowledge to do so. I hear nowadays that employees are promoted to party chiefs with just one year of experience. I find that difficult to understand, as I have been in this profession for over 25 years, and I am still learning all of the time.

Surveying is not just a job; it is a lifelong dedication. This is pushing the responsibility of ensuring a proper survey on the licensed professional to ensure they are instilling knowledge into their staff and making sure proper procedures are followed.

With the change of moving to a degree requirement, this was a necessary change, we need to understand how important this job is and the dedication required to become a professional. That is not to merely have the title as a professional, in which it has been deemed as a requirement by the Florida Supreme Court, but more importantly our role of protecting the public. The land surveying profession is absolutely important and the methods in how surveys are being conducted is critical. Remember we are working with an individual's or a family's most valuable asset. Having the necessary education and job knowledge is critical. In HB 821, three years of surveying experience would replace the college degree requirement. Then with two additional years could be a licensed surveyor if they pass the licensure exam.

With an Associate's of Arts degree in four years working for a surveyor, not even explicitly under responsible charge could sit for the licensure exam. As long it is of a nature that construes, they are under responsible charge. These acts if passed are likely to lead to substantial damage to the public in having the public interest and protection removed for the existing statutes. The seriousness of the knowledge required by a surveyor is not clear in the re-write of this language.

I see the language proposed relegating land surveying to a vocation and not a profession. A profession in Florida has been clearly defined as one that must have a four-year degree.

"More significantly, the Fifth District held that: [t]he Moransais 'exception' to the economic loss rule is limited to suits against individual 'professionals,' which our supreme court narrowly defined as a person engaged in a 'vocation requiring at a minimum a four-year college degree before licensing is possible in Florida (emphasis added).' Id. at 1181, citing Moransais at 977 (quoting Garden v. Frier," https://www.floridasupremecourt.org/content/download/346711/file/11-263_Jurislni.pdf (1995)

A compromise to add more avenues for licensure will require reestablishing the apprenticeship programs of years ago to make sure those who could be licensed without a college degree have the necessary knowledge of working with real property, understand how senior and junior rights are involved and have a comprehension of how to write, find, understand, and apply legal instruments to the boundaries, easements, or other conveyances affecting the survey in which is being prepared. This would be just a minor part of the overall knowledge needed to prepare a boundary survey, let alone having the knowledge of locating monumentation and the order of importance in what to hold and accept.

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RICHARD ALLEN, PSM, CFM

We are in the era of measurement heavy decision making; further degradation of principles and knowledge will only worsen the impact that landowners will experience. Most of the points I am making in this article relate to boundary surveying, but they carry into every aspect of the profession or possibly soon to be trade. That will take the action of my fellow professionals and government counterparts to participate in if that change is to occur or if we continue to grow the profession to a place of importance that it truly should be. Milton Denny, a well-known professor and land surveyor, told me that boundary surveying is the most crucial role of a land surveyor, and if we cannot do that, then we should not be allowed to practice.

As a government surveyor, I truly see HB 821 as detrimental to the public and all of the landowners in my jurisdiction but to those across the state. Now mind you, I take nothing away from those who were grand-fathered prior to the degree requirement being enacted, some of you are the best surveyors I know, but as stated you worked up through an apprenticeship or devoted your life to a profession and not just a paycheck. To you I commend you, but times have changed and so have the needed requirements of our profession. A degree is vital, as too are the current years of experience needed to sit for licensure.

Sincerely, Richard Allen You can reach me at Richard.Allen@orlando.gov or 407.246.2788.



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Trimble Launches Dimensions Spotlight Series for 2021

On-Demand Series Kicks Off with Focus on Infrastructure

SUNNYVALE, Calif., Feb. 25, 2021—Trimble (NASDAQ: TRMB) announced today the launch of its new Dimensions Spotlight Series. Beginning in March, the on-demand series will be available throughout 2021 and include topics on Reviving the U.S. Infrastructure, the Evolving Workforce, Sustainability and Automation.

Trimble Dimensions Spotlight Series will be a no-cost learning experience filled with insights from industry experts on topics driving change in today's fast-paced world. Each Spotlight theme will include unique episodes offering visionary thought leadership to inspire and transform the way industrial technology professionals work.

"Before the pandemic, many organizations were on a digital transformation journey. This global crisis not only accelerated that journey, it has forced companies to pivot to a 'better normal' that is redefining how we connect and collaborate now and beyond the pandemic," said Rob Painter, Trimble's president and CEO. "Our Spotlight Series is one answer to this 'better normal', which will allow us to address industry challenges and present real solutions that can help companies grow and thrive by improving productivity, quality, safety, transparency and sustainability."

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Episode 1: Unleashing the Power of Collaboration and Data for Digital Delivery – Available March 10

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Episode 2: How We Will Write the Future of Infrastructure: Our Sputnik Moment – Available March 17

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Episode 3: Digital Construction and an Evolving Workforce Lay the Foundation for Change – Available March 24

Advancing technologies and shrinking labor pools continue to impact infrastructure. In this episode, McKinsey's Jose Luis Blanco gives viewers his insights on digital project delivery and recruiting and retaining the workforce of the future.

For more information or to register for "Reviving the U.S. Infrastructure" and the Spotlight Series, visit: dimensions.trimble.com/spotlight.

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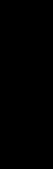
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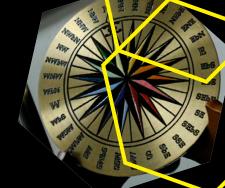
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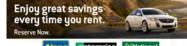
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Dann McKee, University of Florida's first Bachelor of Land Surveying Graduate.

U.F.'s FIRST BACHELOR OF LAND SURVEYING

DATELINE GAINESVILLE . . . March, 1978.

Dann Lindsay McKee steps up to the podium with proud relatives and friends looking on and accepts the first diploma from the University of Florida imprinted with the words BACHELOR OF LAND SURVEYING. So begins a new era in the education of surveyors in the state of Florida.

Dann's degree is the first awarded with the title approved by the Board of Regents this past January. Nearly 20 (Continued on page 2)

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JAMES C. TRUETT TAKES SURVEYORS LIAISON POST WITH THE FLORIDA BAR

James C. Truett, a Tallahassee attorney, has taken over the chairmanship of the Florida Bar's Land Surveyors Liaison Committee, which serves as a communications link between the legal and surveying professions in Florida.

Mr. Truett replaces Jacob Varn, a Tampa attorney and surveyor, who held the post for the last several years. FSPLS expresses most sincere gratitude to Jake for the tremendous job he did. He supplied invaluable help on at least four seminars by instructing in the coastal mapping seminar in Orlando, the Lawyer-Land Surveyors Seminar in West Palm Beach, the Boundaries in the East seminar in Jacksonville, and the Role of the Salaried Surveyor seminar in

We welcome Mr. Truett and look forward to a continued close and fruitful working relationship with Florida's attorneys.

U.F.'s FIRST BACHELOR OF L.S. GRAD. (Continued from page 1)

previous graduates of the U.F. land surveying program graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Engineering Technology.

A native of Orlando, Dann worked with the Orange County Engineering Department while still in high school. Responding to advice from co-workers and family, he began his education at Florida Technological University in Orlando and later transferred to the University of Florida into the land surveying program. Ralph Singleton, PLS from Orlando and past Vice President of 'FSPLS, was instrumental in guiding Dann into the surveying program.

Upon graduation, Dann accepted a position with Garrit International Inc. working on the construction of the largest shopping complex in Puerto Rico. He anticipates being transferred back to Florida soon.

Congratulations Dann, and welcome to the professional surveying world.

MIAMI-DADE KICKS OFF ITS SURVEYING PROGRAM THIS FALL

After several years of preparations Miami-Dade Community College North Campus is opening its doors to students entering the new two-year land surveying program.

The program is headed by Frank Saker, who has spent two years laying the ground work in guiding the college's approval of the curriculum. He has secured approval by the Florida State Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors so that students completing the program will receive an experience credit toward registration.

From the start, the Dade County chapter of FSPLS has been involved to insure that the program will be of benefit to all those seeking education in Land Surveying.

The program is coordinated with the University of Florida program so that a graduate can go on for a four-year degree having many courses transferred.

The fall semester classes start August 22, 1978. For those interested, contact:

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COURSE TITLE DAY TIME (SPECIAL LAND SURVEYING OFFERINGS) Elementary Surveying M W 7:00- 9:50 AM (Surveying 1) Elementary Surveying S 7:30- 1:20 PM (Surveying I) 9:00-12:50 PM Construction Surveying S Land Surveying I W 6:30-10:30 PM Subdivisions 6:30-10:30 PM M Engineering Graphics I TR 7:00- 9:50 PM (Land Surveying Section) Advanced Surveying T 6:30-10:30 PM (Surveying II)

COURSE CONTENT:

SURVEYING I: The theories and practices of surveying and the use of principal types of surveying instruments in horizontal and vertical plans.

Field problems include distance measurements, differential and profile leveling, angle and direction determinations, transit-tape surveys, stadia surveys, route curves, etc. Prerequisite: Surveying Advisor approval (2 hr. lecture; 4 hr. lab)

ENGINEERING GRAPHICS 1: (Surveyor's section): Drafting theory, lettering, geometric construction, lot survey plats; traverse plotting; horizontal, compound and reverse curves; vertical curves, highway plan, profiles and cross sections. (2 hr. lecture; 4 hr. lab)

SURVEYING II: Route surveys by ground and aerial methods, circular, compound and reverse curves, theory of errors, their determination and adjustment, triangulation astronomic observations and utilization of advanced electronic measurements (E.D.M.) techniques. Introduction to the historical notes and general scheme of subdivision for U.S. Publicland surveys. Prerequisite: Surveying I or Surveying Advisor approval. (2 hr. lecture; 4 hr. lab)

LAND SURVEYING I: U.S. Publicland surveys continued from Surveying Il course. Establishing township exteriors, allowable limits of error of closure, rectangular limits, subdivision of townships and sections, subdivision by protraction and survey, meandering, field notes, marking lines between corners, corners, witness corners, corner monuments, marking corners, corner accessories, restoration of lost corners, proportionate measurement, and field process of restoration. Also, introduction to fundamental principles of boundary law. Areas to be studied include additional systems used to describe land, transfer of real property, ownership and land location. locating sequence conveyances and simultaneous conveyances created by state laws. Prerequisite: Surveying II or surveying advisor approval. (2 hr.

SUBDIVISIONS: Actual plat construction from tract description to final record plat. Research: current plat laws and regulations, meaning of legal parts, necessary computations, and graphical representation. Prerequisite: EGN 1120C and ETC 2343C or permission of land surveying advisor. (2 hr. lecture; 2 hr. lab)

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CONSTRUCTION SURVEYING: Practice of surveying as related to the building and construction industry. The course consists of a combination of classroom instructions and practical field problems with tape, level and transit. (2 hr. lecture; 2 hr. lab)

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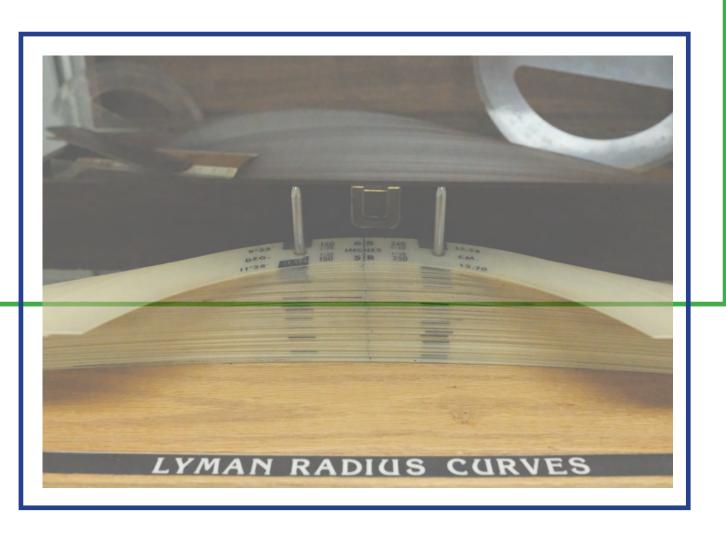
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