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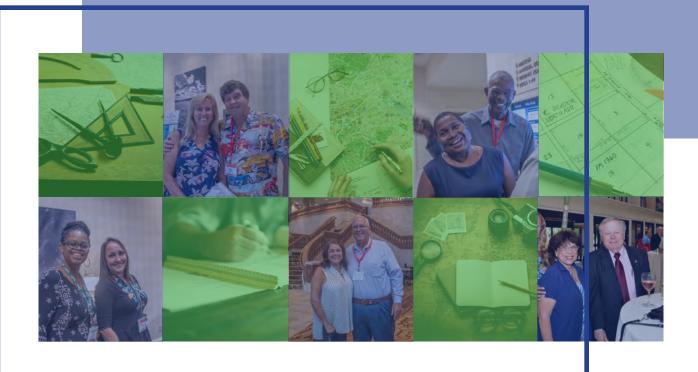
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PRESIDENT'S message

I recently ran into an interesting circumstance while making application to another state for licensure. My path through licensing and education was circuitous, as it is for many surveyors.

I got my Master's degree in Geomatics, but had done other work as an undergrad. I had read all the foundational textbooks and had years of experience in the application of those principles, so I never ended up taking the fundamental courses in surveying in college. In graduate work, I focused on the more complex and esoteric topics that I had not already worked through extensively.

As it happens, the requirements for licensure in this other state mandate a variety of the rudimentary undergraduate courses in surveying, with not much in the way of discretionary relief. As the rules are written, my years of experience, advanced degree in the field, and multiple state licensures do not address the specifics of this education requirement.

So, what to do? Petition the regulatory board of that state for an exception? Their statutes may have a little airspace in them for such an effort. Perhaps I could approach a legislator and explain that the rules for licensure are too strict, and should be revised?

I refuse to take those paths. Surveyors often come to the profession in many nontraditional ways. This means that when a state does its best to set a standard that will protect the public interest, not everyone will fall neatly within the requirements. This is just life and is not cause for whining.

I am going to address the issue by taking the required fundamental courses and respecting the requirements that the other state has set in the interest of the welfare of their citizens. I think that nobody should try to assert that they are above the rules. Fortunately, my employer is very supportive, as I would hope for most employers to be. I am very grateful to them, regardless.

The availability of online courses and the helpfulness of the staff at the University of Florida have made starting this effort as painless as possible. To be clear, there are other fine online options, but returning to my alma mater is an easy choice as I know from direct experience that they are an exemplary institution.

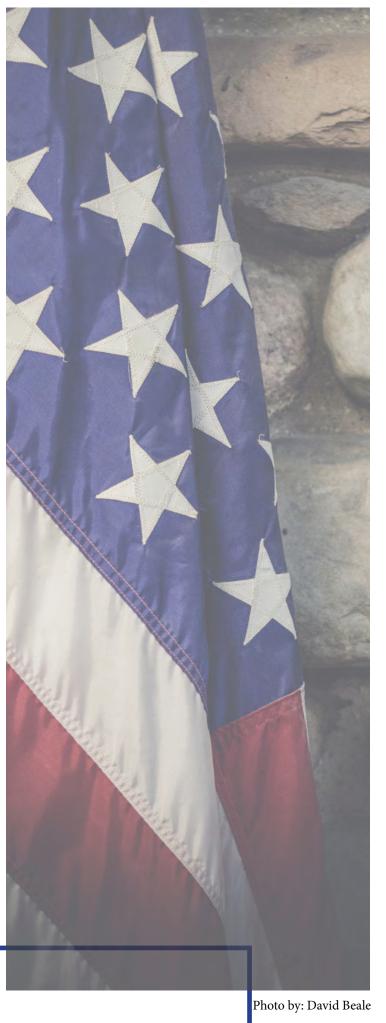
I am relating my own experience here to make this point: the protection of the public interest is a trust placed in the licensee which should not be compromised. Practical experience is just as important as education in creating a good surveyor. As the profession evolves, it becomes increasingly evident that experience alone is not a satisfactory replacement for education in meeting the rigorous demands which modern surveyors do face and will face.

This is not to slight the work of those whose licenses were grandfathered in prior to the requirement of a 4-year degree, as I have learned a lot from many such surveyors. However, as the legal and technical requirements of the industry grow progressively more complex, the mandate for advanced education becomes ever greater.

The public simply deserves the best from the profession in matters relating to the most valuable thing that most people will ever own — their home and the land it is built upon. We owe our livelihoods to our clients and it is appropriate that we adhere to the high standards that help ensure that their interests are defended.



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Publicae Prasidio, Latin for Protect the Public. The regulation of professions is in force to protect the public, but the professionals themselves must protect the public, in how they operate within the profession. This is more than just ethical responsibility, this is professional responsibility. We may have clients or organizations we work for, but when it comes to boundary surveys or other types of surveys, we are providing evidence and facts of the work in which we are doing and in the products we produce. No matter how much we may like an individual, their boundary is where it is, we cannot alter the evidence that established the boundary or the elevation upon which the property lies within and the constraints it may have. Our work may benefit the party our client is having issues with, and it should go without saying as such, but sometimes I wonder.

In retracing the footsteps of others we often find evidence that either the surveyor you come upon was lazy and did not put forth the effort to find out there is proration going on or why there may be deficiency in a block or section. I think that is the case in many situations, I would hate to think the individual set a boundary corner where it benefited his or her client. We must wonder this though, as we are seeing more and more evidence of this. Recently we had a parcel that was being purchased for low income housing and upon first inspection the corners recovered next to, and adjacent our property were out in the roadway. This was a historical part of the City and just did not make sense. The crew we had out there failed to run the entire block, which I made them go back out and run the entire block. At first look, those adjacent corners looked good with everything but the roadway, but when the entire block was closed and the evidence of the additional control was looked upon, it was clear the recovered corners were based on an old fence line and a 1/2" Rebar. The problem was there were two fence lines and both were wrong. Another thing I had to get onto the crew about was moving the debris that was on the street. They found the adjacent corners but not the one under the debris pile.

Working in the older parts of cities you come upon consistent corners that, when you find them, you hold on to them. In Orlando in the Parramore area it is 34" or larger iron pipes in many situations. Just like in Sanford, you hold the wellbox concrete monuments when running the old subdivision plats. Even in my own neighborhood, the block corners are axles in the older part of the subdivisions. These are points you hold to from experience of boundary retracement. That does not mean they may not be without error, or bad. When our crew ran the entire block, the corners in the street were way off, the surveyor would have figured this out by traversing the entire block. In retracing the block we uncovered many of the original corners, once the correct location was found. This comes back to the protection of the public. It is our duty and responsibility to properly retrace and recover the evidence that proves a boundary, a block, a subdivision and a section. We can introduce many issues and problems into future retracements, by not properly recovering and retracing what defines a boundary within such confines as a block or section. Profitability is important but not at the cost of damage to the public and the real property someone may own.

This is the biggest investment most will ever make and it is our responsibility to denote on the ground upon their deed of ownership. For those in government, it is our responsibility even more so to protect the public and to call out bogus surveys that we find come into our possession or submitted to us for review. We must question deficiencies that we find with surveys, we cannot rely solely on the Board of Professional Surveyors and Mappers to do this job, we must question and ask those submitting the surveys questions when we think there is an issue.

When questions go unanswered or the surveyor becomes unresponsive, then we must file a complaint to the board. I myself try to put myself in the individuals shoes to try and make sure that this was not an honest mistake.





They can happen, additionally I try to allow them to fix the mistake because what worries me is that you have and individual who is still out there operating and has been for some time. I may have caught one issue, but they may have 200 more. That is why I implore the boundary retracers out there, take a little more time and make sure you have sufficiently recovered the evidence that is supporting your boundary survey. I know most surveyors are out there trying to do it right with ever-tightening margins of profitability. You are doing your ultimate duty of protecting the public.

Until next time my friends.

Sincerely, Richard Allen

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





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General Business Session



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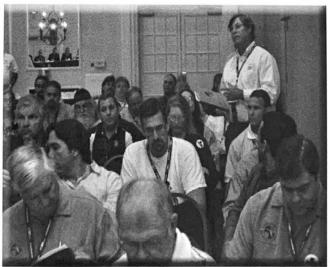
Ron Villella gives legislative report.



Education Coordinator, Rachel Simpkins, speaks.



Kathy Wade gives Chapter report.



Jim Shannon gives Director's report.

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Annual Awards

Presented by Immediate Past President Pablo Ferrari.



Tampa Bay - Chapter of the Year received by Chapter President, Joe Boyle.



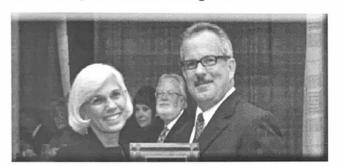
Chris McLaughlin - Chapter President of the Year.



Howard Ehmke & Tim Whitaker - Professional Development of the Year received by Chris McLaughlin.



Rick Pryce - Jim Bennett Board Member of the Year.



Mary Hanna Clodfelter - Fellow Member Award.



Steve Stinson -H.O. Peters Surveyor of the Year.



Jack Breed - Life Member Award.



Justin Ferrans - Associate of the Year.

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David Dagostino, Owner and CEO of Dagostino Geospatial Inc., Becomes United States Ambassador for International Get Kids into Survey® Initiative

BONITA SPRINGS, FL, August 13, 2020 - David Dagostino, CEO of surveying and mapping company Dagostino Geospatial Inc., announced today that he has entered into a United States ambassador relationship in support of the international Get Kids into Survey® (GKiS) project created in 2017 by Elaine Ball Ltd of the United Kingdom.

According to the GKiS website, the project's main objective is to inspire future geospatial experts by bringing young people into the exciting world of survey through pioneering content and engaging experiences. GKiS project leaders surmise that to secure the future of the industry, the geospatial community must unite to inspire a new generation of surveyors by sharing their enthusiasm with young people. Project leaders endeavor to provide education on everything geospatial, including different areas of surveying, equipment, solutions, and jobs.

Elaine Ball, CEO of Elaine Ball Ltd, explained, "I consider myself a marketing evangelist for the geospatial industry globally. With deep family roots in land surveying, mapping technology, and all things geospatial, I literally grew up in the industry. From a young age, I understood the world of surveying in a very detailed way, and I loved it! However, over time, I discovered that most children (and many adults) do not understand surveying in general, let alone its opportunity as a promising career path."

Ball explained that GKiS began with the creation of an illustrated poster for children detailing common activities of land surveyors and other geospatial professionals. To her delight, what was initially intended to be a fun resource for the survey community to help children understand what their parents did at work has now blossomed into an international initiative to educate children about the geospatial industry.

David Dagostino, a Florida-licensed Professional Surveyor and Mapper who earned his Bachelor of Science in Surveying and Mapping degree from the University of Florida (UF), is eager to play an active role in the GKiS initiative. "This industry has needed an injection of enthusiasm as a viable career path for a long time. In my graduating class at UF, there were only four other students graduating with surveying and mapping degrees," said Dagostino. "During commencement, we had hoped to spell out the word 's-u-r-v-e-y' on our caps as an homage to our future careers. But sadly, we did not have six people."

In 1991 when Dagostino graduated, UF was the only Florida college offering formal education in surveying and mapping. Since then, he is thankful that Florida Atlantic University has added geomatics engineering degree programs, including surveying and mapping as a specialty.

However, it is the opinion of Dagostino that the surveying industry and its enduring potential as a career path still lacks exposure among primary school-aged students. "I hope my involvement with GKiS can make an impact because, frankly, we need more young people in the surveying industry!"

"According to statistics reported by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as of March 2020 there were 2,497 active LS (professional surveyor and mapper) licensees in Florida with nearly 50% over the age of sixty and less than 8% under the age of forty," Dagostino summarized.

In his signed agreement as a GKiS ambassador, Dagostino affirmed his commitment to spread the word about GKiS locally, participate in student educational opportunities, and present surveying as a career to young students. Dagostino's first-ever appearance as a GKiS ambassador demonstrated his interest and expert ability to uphold his commitment. On July 10, Dagostino was a guest presenter at Fran Cohen Youth Center Salvation Army of Naples Day Camp where he successfully engaged an audience of 28 student day campers, ages 8-15, for one hour and thirty minutes in concert with the camp's STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) curriculum focus.

During his presentation at the day camp, Dagostino distributed a printed version of the GKiS "Offshore U.S.A." poster which depicts many aspects of both land and bathymetric/hydrographic surveying which are very prevalent in Florida. He then gave each child a handful of Dagostino Geospatial-branded survey washers (a type of survey marking equipment used primarily when marking data points in asphalt) as game pieces so they could play "survey bingo" by marking industry-related items on the poster with the survey washers.

The students were captivated when he demonstrated the robotic capabilities of the Trimble S5 Total Station which "followed" him around the room as he pretended to collect survey data points. Dagostino also involved every student in a pace factor contest where campers estimated a distance with the number of their paces made to cover a distance; he then awarded prizes to the campers who guessed the actual distance most accurately.

While making the presentation fun and engaging, Dagostino also spoke about how interesting and rewarding his 22-year-plus year career in surveying and mapping has been, enthusiastically likening aspects of the career choice to a treasure or scavenger hunt.

"Encouraging students to appreciate the geospatial sciences needs to begin at a young age," he told Fran Cohen Youth Center Salvation Army of Naples administrators after his recent presentation. "I hope the students could tell that I was thrilled to be here today. I would love to be known as 'the guy who teaches about surveying and mapping' in schools, clubs, and other youth organizations all over Florida."

For more information, or to book David Dagostino for a Get Kids into Survey® presentation at your school or organization, call 239-352-6085 or visit DagGeo.com.

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Left: David Dagostino
working with children at a day
camp after becoming a U.S.
Ambassador for the Get Kids Into
Survey program.







More photos showing the students having a great time engaging with survey-related activities after David Dagostino spoke and provided demonstrations.

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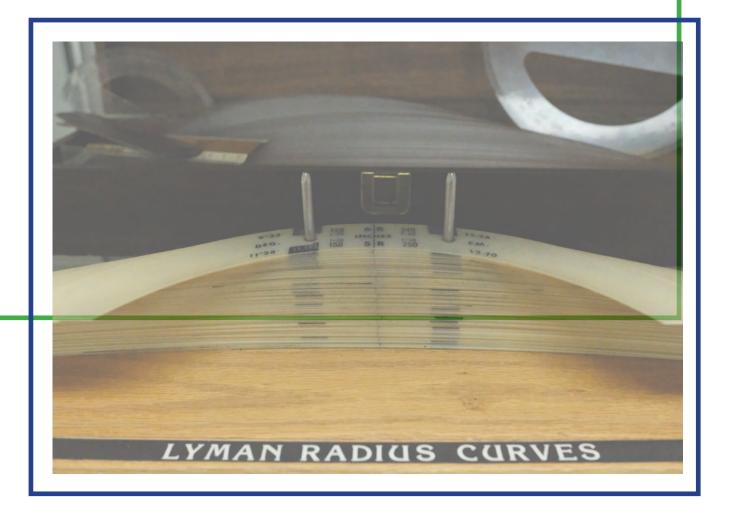
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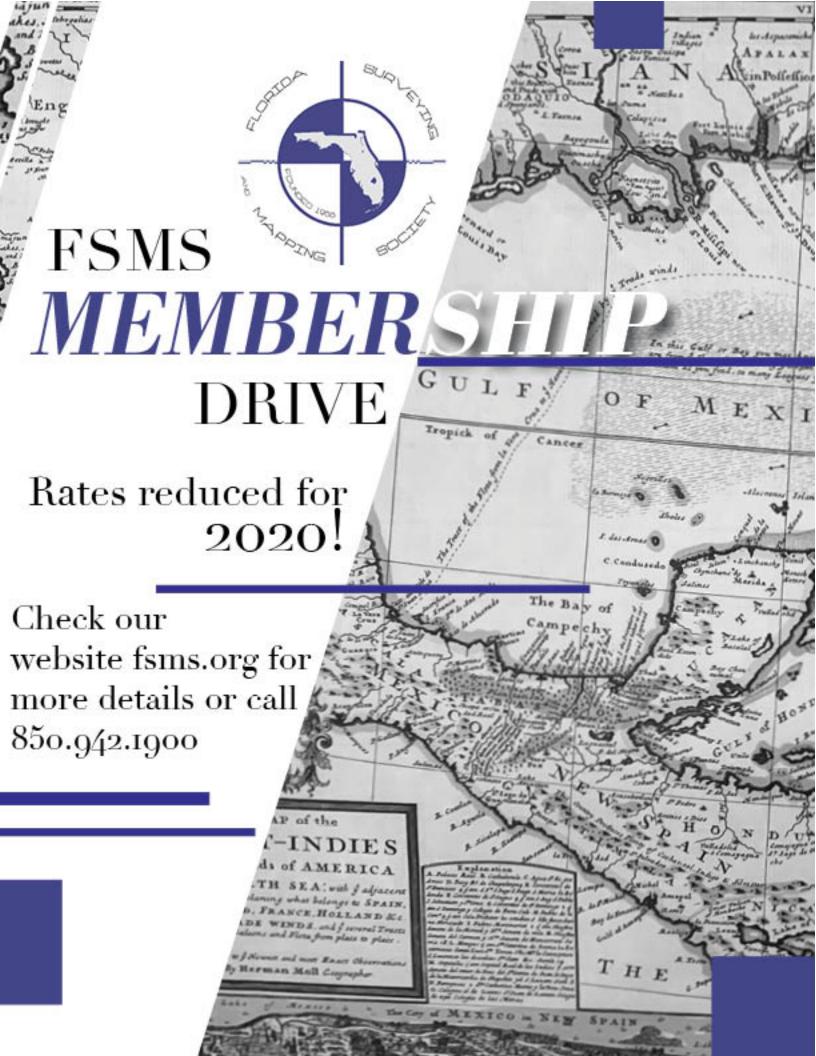
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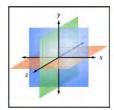
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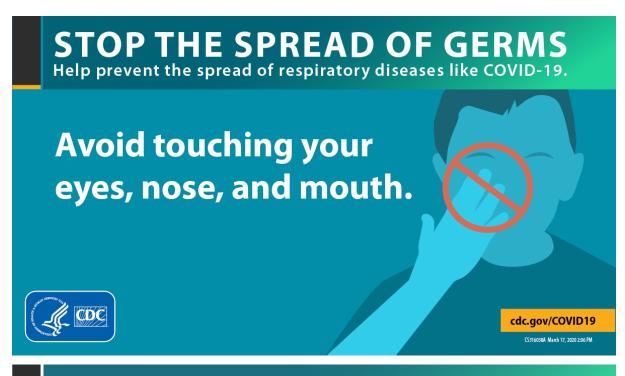
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