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reality. Let things flow
naturally forward in
whatever way they like."

~ Lao Tzu



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When you just have to get the shot.

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The Mask - The Sign of the Times

The mask has become our new accessory; attire or rearview mirror decoration. There's the blue surgical mask, the cloth mask with or without a filter, and then there's the N95 mask, which is usually meant for healthcare workers.

Suppose we expect to be wearing them every day, until we know for sure that things are safe again, but will they be? How can we be sure? Will there be another virus down the road? Should wearing a mask become a daily habit?

What do you do for those who choose to NOT wear one? Stay away from them, even though we're supposed to stay six feet from anyone even with a mask. These certainly are trying times and unfortunately things change every day, suppose it's a wait and see game, but this isn't a game. As of this writing, over ~~130,000~~ 138,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, and the numbers are going up every day.

Although we expect to wear masks for the near future for events, we hope you all stay as safe as possible. Masks are undoubtedly more comfortable than a ventilator.

Even this little guy gets it. Thank you to David Mann for sharing this photo, a gift from his son Michael, he just added his new accessory.



VHB's growing Bedford, New Hampshire team is looking for a [Survey Instrument Operator](#) to join our Surveying team.



VHB's passionate professionals include engineers, scientists, planners, and designers who partner with public and private clients in the transportation, real estate, institutional, and energy industries, as well as federal, state, and local governments.

Together, we work to improve mobility, enhance communities and economic vitality, and balance development and infrastructure needs with environmental stewardship.

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Perform various land surveying tasks under the direction of the crew leader including:

- Operation, transport and setup of Total Stations, Data Collectors, GPS, and other land surveying equipment.
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- Able to communicate clear directions to other crew members.
- Reconnaissance and recovery of land surveying markers.
- Ability to transport land surveying equipment, navigate and traverse through difficult terrain, environments and wooded areas.
- Maintain proper care of all survey equipment.
- Perform surveying tasks related to Boundary and Topographic Surveys.

Skills and Abilities

- Desire and ability to learn and use different types of GPS/GNSS, Robotic, and Total Station Instruments.
- Understands and uses mathematical concepts related to surveying.
- Understands the basics of Boundary and Topographic Surveys.
- Critical thinking skills.
- Good communication and interpersonal skills with survey staff and clients.
- AutoCAD experience desirable.
- Experience with construction stakeout.

Qualifications

- 2 - 4 years of prior surveying experience.
- Must be detail oriented, willing to travel and work in a variety of weather conditions with exposure to outdoor elements.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record and successful completion of a negative drug screen.
- Must be able to lift 50lbs

At VHB, we're invested in what we do, compelled by intellectual curiosity, and driven to work collectively to best serve our clients and help shape the future of our communities in a meaningful way. We're proud, yet humbled, to have been doing this for 40+ years. We are dedicated to making a positive impact, and providing opportunities to grow personally and professionally.



We're Hiring!

→ Survey Department Manager ←

Do you want to join an award-winning, well established, progressive company that promotes respect, collaboration and have a passion for giving back to the community?

Do you have experience in boundary, topographic, and marine surveys; ALTA surveys and title surveys; utility, route, and ROW surveys; subdivisions, precise construction layout and as-built surveys?

Are you licensed in NH or MA as a Land Surveyor (LLS), with licensure (or ability to obtain licensure) in other New England states?

Do you have 10+ years of applicable land survey experience and are proficient with data processing and plan preparation in ACAD Civil 3D and Carlson Survey software?

Would you like the opportunity to manage the office staff and field personnel to ensure the technical accuracy of all survey work performed by the office, for writing proposals, preparing cost estimates, managing project budgets, and soliciting new work, as well as for scheduling the field and office personnel and equipment?

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President's Message



I hope this message finds you well or as well as can be expected. COVID-19 has taken over our world and our lives have been a lot different, some more than others. We don't know when it will be behind us. Although New Hampshire has not been hit as hard as other northeastern states, I am sure you know or have heard of people being directly infected, and possibly they did not make it. We need to stay strong to get through it.

Our businesses and jobs have also been affected. Although we have been considered an essential service, work loads have fluctuated. There have been surprisingly more homeowners requesting services than expected. This is good. They are putting in fences, pools, and additions in spite of the pandemic. I see less commercial or development work, however. Part of this is probably due to not enough available land to develop, either commercially or residentially. I am told that land or lots on the market sell quickly, but there is minimal inventory.

Working with municipalities have also been a challenge. We have had regular meetings remotely in some towns, but others have put their meetings on hold. Municipal staff and agencies have also been working remotely which slows the process down, but we are working through it.

Getting plans recorded at the Registry of Deeds has also been a challenge. As an association, we tried to get authorization for electronic filing of plans, but have not been successful. We are working on a legislative solution which may include changes to the Plat Law. This will take some time also, because the pandemic has slowed down the legislative process as well.

Many survey offices have chosen to work remotely. In some cases, the process has had a positive effect and may continue to be more so after the virus. We have signed up for a remote service with the help of CADNET. It allows employees to sign into their office computers remotely, provided it has been left on. They then access the server through their workstation. Printing and plotting goes directly to the office printer or plotter. This is a help now, but is very helpful if someone is out sick or has personal appointments for part of their day, and can get a little work done without travel time to the office. I live a quarter of a mile from the office, so no excuse for me.

I attended the MALSCE Annual Convention remotely in June. It went off pretty smoothly. The other Northeast Associations are seeing similar experiences as New Hampshire. NHLSA is holding our remote Spring Quarterly Seminar this month and have yet to decide on where or how to hold the Fall and Annual meetings. We have been having ZOOM Executive Committee meetings which have been well attended. Barbara has been attending remote meetings with other associations through NSPS and we will be developing a plan for the future.

As a community and a country, we will get through this. Surveyors by nature and directive are stewards of history and will use it to find answers and solutions.

Following the footsteps,
Eric Mitchell, LLS
President NHLSA



Barb:

Not sure if you knew Russ Saturley from Dublin. He was a septic designer/installer who worked with a lot of us land surveyors for many years, all around the state. I just learned that he passed away on 6/14/20 from a stroke.

You might want to make a short note of his passing in the next newsletter, perhaps the link to the obit.

Russ ALWAYS had a BIG smile and was a great guy to work with, I can only hope it was quick, I'm sure it was unexpected.

Chas

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ledgertranscript/obituary.aspx?n=russell-e-saturley&pid=196353852>



I recently took my 9 year old grandson to work since I needed some help setting a corner to finish a job. He handled himself well in the briars, brush and ticks all while carrying some of the tools. Did a good job getting us back to the truck and home the same day. He agreed to work for an Oreo per hour. So, I paid his wages--3 cookies-- and then told him about taxes and how he had to give one Oreo back. His frown was immediate. I kept it for a few miles and then gave it to him.

A week later he texted me and said he had a proposition for me: he needs to earn money and save up for a dirt bike. We agreed on 3 hours per week for actual folding money but he said, 'it's gotta be under the table, Poppa.'

Dennis D. McKenney, LPF #61/LLS #691
ACF Consulting Forester and Land Surveyor




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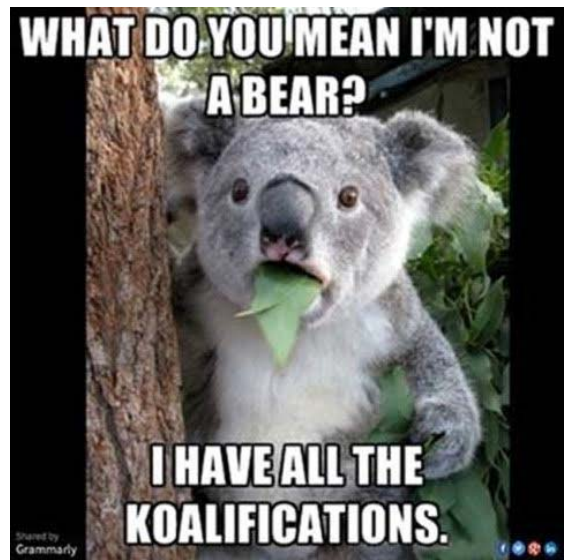
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Old Ads with Surveyors

Do you know what proves a vehicle is tough and can stand whatever rigors you might put it through? Surveyors using them. These professionals refuse to upgrade any equipment that still works "just fine". Maybe one of our members is still using one of these as their survey chariot today!

Photo courtesy: Alan M. Barnard, LLS





That this Women Surveyors Summit existed? Those of us on the Publications Committee did not, so although it was cancelled this year, we wanted you to be aware of its existence.

2020 Women Surveyors Summit Canceled

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The 2020 Women Surveyors Summit, slated to be held in Richmond, VA in August, has been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Based on travel concerns and attendees coming from across the country, as well as hotel restrictions that could possibly still be in place, the decision was made. Organizers, led by Alison Hanson, LS, the First Vice President of the Virginia Association of Surveyors had considered a virtual event, “but we felt the actual spirit of the event would be lost and we would not be able to showcase Virginia as planned.” Ms. Hanson and a working group of Virginia women surveyors are hoping that Virginia will still be the next state to host and that 2021 allows the summit to be held in the Old Dominion. The summit had no expenses other than the organizers’ time. For those interested, to alleviate any financial burden on the individual state associations, Anna Rios, the event’s founder, has formed a non-profit organization named “Future Surveyors Foundation”. The Future Surveyors Foundation will provide the accounting requirements for the events in the future and co-host with state surveying organizations that host the Women Surveyors Summit each year. The first summit was held August 23-24, 2019 in Austin, TX. For more information about the summit or possible sponsorship for the future events, please feel free to contact Anna Rios at the email below. Any donations should be made payable to Future Surveyors Foundation and mailed to: Future Surveyors Foundation, c/o Anna Rios, 1501 Brushy View Cove, Austin, TX 78754, annaintx@hotmail.com.



Editor’s Note: When NHLSF awards someone a scholarship, most of the time, we don’t know how they’re doing or what they’re doing, unless of course, they become a surveyor and/or member. This came across as a Facebook post from Randy Ladd, Richie’s son, recognizing his daughter for her accomplishments. Cameron was awarded the Richie Ladd Memorial Scholarship in 2017. **Congratulations Cameron!** See pages 14-15 for this year’s recipients of the Spring Scholarships.

Cameron LaRoche of Candia, NH named to the University of New Hampshire's Dean's List for the Spring 2020 Semester

June 23, 2020

Cameron LaRoche of Candia, NH has been named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire for earning Highest Honors for the spring 2020 semester. LaRoche is majoring in Psychology.

Students named to the Dean's List at the University of New Hampshire are students who have earned recognition through their superior scholastic performance during a semester enrolled in a full-time course load (12 or more graded credits). Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

**Been There, Done That:
Another Tale From A Country Land Surveyor
"The Planning Board, The Fist and "THE BIRD"**

By Edward Goodrich, Jr., LLS 677

Land surveyors just love planning boards, almost as much as they adore realtors. Being in a swamp in July, wearing only shorts and flip-flops would be better than standing beside my client's real estate agent in front of a planning board. How many times have I heard the agent telling the officials, "We only want to do a good job for your town?"

It's always a joy to stand before the table of five to seven people, who have never attended a NH Municipal Association Law Lecture workshop or know the difference between a 5% slope and an encroachment. These judges want the soil type lines, building set back lines and two-foot topo on the mylar copy of the plan because the regulations say so. Damn it! They have a checklist for a reason don't ya' know.

The Planning Boards are powerful people. They guard the gateway to Nirvana, the County Registry of Deeds. Land surveyors must carefully review each of the items on the blessed checklist and make detailed reasons for waivers when needed.

There is always one member of the PB that has been on the board forever. No one can recall them not being there. There's the member who has a one issue concern, and you won't hear from them on any other item. I had a developer client, back in the eighties, who would have me purposely leave some small item on the checklist off from my plan. His reasoning was, let them find something to complain about and feel useful... funny thing, it worked.

I would frequently leave a PB meeting complaining a blue streak. People would always tell me to stop, be thankful, they provide work for you. Yes. Busy work!

One time I was making a presentation for a simple three lot subdivision, and one of my abutters was on the board. He would not recuse himself. He disliked my client, a lot, and was doing anything that he could to block the process. I asked him to please step down. The board chairman asked him to step down. The board voted for him to step down. He remained stoically planted behind the table. This meeting was going to take some time.

Finally, my client's attorney, who had a reputation as a junk yard dog, many surveyors from my area will know who I'm talking about. The attorney who had chosen to sit tight and let me make the presentation because I was less intimidating, finally decided to earn 10% of his fee. The lawyer leapt up out of his chair in the front row, screamed and banged his fist on the head table and explained, in very short, simple words, that the abutter was going to lose a portion of his anatomy if he didn't leave the table. I believe that his body is still intact today. My plan did make it to Nirvana.

The most memorable PB meeting that I ever experienced makes me laugh today, not so much back then. My clients wanted me to make the presentation before the PB because the father was an electrical engineer with the ability to short circuit easily. The application proposed subdividing off a house lot for one of his children. Simple.

There were some wetlands that were delineated and they had received approval from NH DES for the subdivision and also the proposed septic design. Home free? No!

Everything went smoothly until the final checklist review by the planning board. We got yes checks almost all of the way. Then there was a stumble. I had made a mistake! The process halted to discuss the severity of my transgression; my slip shot professional service.

My mistake was an omission. An omission great enough that the board voted to hold our application over until next month when I could make amends. My clients' daughter was almost in tears because of the delay. Dad was furious! I was dumbfounded! The board wanted to be seen as omnipotent and earning their keep.

So, what did I forget on my plan? Wouldn't you like to know? I hope that you can avoid the foolish error that I made. A revision block! Yes, the checklist called for a revision block with a space for dates and reasons, and this was before the State of New Hampshire's Administrative Rules were enlarged to include plan requirements.

We left the Town Hall and had our own little meeting in the parking lot. I apologized and took responsibility for my mistake. Yes, my clients were angry, but not at me, Thank Heavens! I was forgiven, but my clients expressed incredible frustration and anger at the board's action. I am so pleased that they did not take a nighttime drive down a back road in town while a PB member was out walking their dog. Thank goodness for small favors.

I revised my plan with a brand-new Revision Block. The first and only revision cited, was the addition of a Revision Block.

Date Of Plan: June 23, 1990
REVISIONS PURPOSE & DATE
Revision Block Added: June 25, 1990

You think my story is over? You don't know me very well.

We all showed up at the next month's meeting and fortunately were first on the agenda. So, let me set the scene for you.

The hearing was in a nice modern hall. You entered the back of the auditorium and there was a wide center aisle with banks of chairs on each side. The PB sat at the head table in the center of the front. All eyes were focused on the head table. My clients reminded me that I was to do the talking. The father did not think that he could control himself during the proceedings. He was right!

We walked in just seconds before our scheduled time. The father led the way. He walked calmly into the center of the aisle at the back of the room and stopped. Those of us following him stopped too. He faced the official table with all of the members smugly seated and delivered the famous hand salute to them! Yes, you know the salute. One hand raised, high and proud with only one finger raised! He was not telling the PB that they were number one. I was appalled, and agreed with him, but still appalled!

When our case was announced, I stepped forward to face the firing squad, wondering if they were going to offer me a blindfold or not? I apologized to the board for forgetting the Revision Block and laid my revised plans and mylar on the table.

My plan achieved entrance into Nirvana. And, I did several more projects for this landowner.

WHO SURVEYED THAT?

We are searching for the records of the following land surveyors.

"Thank you" to all of you who are responding with information about the lost survey records.

Jim Franklin, Land Records Chair
Tel. (603)483-3096 ~ website: www.JEFLS.com
Email to: JEFLS@comcast.net

[Theodore Natti](#), LLS#65 of Pembroke, NH

[Clayton Heath](#), LLS#176 of Gossville, NH

[William R. Cray](#), prepared a survey plan in RCRD book 2010 page 279 in 1970

[Peter C. Gaskill](#), possibly from Londonderry, Not licensed in NH
His name appears on RCRD Plan 1592 in 1968.

Dear State Executives:

This year has proven to be quite a challenge and with another six months to go, we face an uphill road out of the COVID-19 era and back to some semblance of normalcy. With that in mind, our organizations are facing the challenge of sustaining membership and keeping our balance sheets positive so we can do our job of advocating for the surveying profession. Most of our members know about our mission yet those might not stand out as many are struggling in these uncertain times. Attached is a short submission for your newsletter, social media posts or any other correspondence you may have with your members about the importance of the association membership. Our membership dues go a long way to help advocate and protect the profession that provides valuable income and security for their families. Please feel free to use this column to provide your membership with many examples of how staying the course and maintaining their memberships is a solid investment.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Your partner,

The NSPS Officers



ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP AND THE SURVEYOR

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines membership as follows:

Membership noun

mem·ber·ship | \ˈmem-bər-,ship

plural memberships

Definition of membership

1: the state or status of being a member

2: the body of members // an organization with a large *membership*

Membership is implied to be individuals who have something in common and therefore wish to belong to a group or organization that promotes that commonality. This is not a new concept, as various memberships have existed for centuries. The groups can be formal or informal, business or social, public or private, but the common interest is key to them all. For instance, membership was a status symbol if you and/or your family belonged to a country club, hunting club or equestrian club. Groups have gathered socially in automobile and motorcycle clubs for the past century. Civic clubs, including Kiwanis, Lions Club, and the Jaycees, were created to provide organized assistance to municipalities and neighborhoods. Museums are well known for their membership programs and those donations help keep the institutions thriving. Other membership organizations were established to help people with various causes, including civil liberties, Second Amendment rights, and retiree programs and discounts. All serve a good and dedicated purpose; however, the most important one that will most likely provide the most benefit is the professional membership.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Membership in a professional society, especially in times like these, is also important on many levels. For the surveying profession, it provides advocacy and representation for not just the licensed practitioner, but anyone who works in surveying. Some of the benefits of being a member of state and national surveying associations include:

REGULATION & ADVOCACY

Part of the association's role for professional oversight is regulatory advocacy. Professional licensing has come under fire in recent years as deregulation groups seek to eliminate licensing they see as a barrier to entry rather than to protect the integrity of the interests. State and national associations are working together to defend our profession against these efforts and maintain the regulatory requirements of the surveyor.

Another area of advocacy is political representation at both the federal and state levels. From UAV uses to fighting back against infringing uses of radio signals used by GNSS satellites, the associations work together to represent the surveying profession's best interest in potentially damaging policies and lack of funding for essential surveying and mapping activities.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

Besides advocating for licensing, the associations provide input and guidance for professional standards for technical documents and services. From working with the title examiners group to establish a national land title survey standard to specific guidelines for deliverables, our association groups work together to raise the standard of the profession. They also advocate for a higher ethical standard for all practitioners in surveying so to be seen in a respectable light.

Various certification programs are available through the national and state associations, including:

- Certified Survey Technician
- Certified Hydrographic Surveyor
- Certified Floodplain Surveyor

These certifications allow Surveyors to promote their skill set further as one who is specifically trained for a particular task.

EDUCATION

The surveying associations provide continuing education (whether statutorily required or not) for all levels and tasks of surveyors, from introductory field and office to advanced technology and legal curriculum. Many also provide material refreshers for those preparing for their licensing exams. Many of these educational opportunities are held during annual conferences and seminars specifically targeted for surveyors, whether members or not.

Labor shortages are happening in most professions and surveying is no different. Our organizations provide educational outreach for future surveyors through various conduits, including elementary and high school programs and college career days through engineering and mapping-related curriculums. We also promote scholarship opportunities for two- and four-year degree college programs through a variety of channels.

TECHNOLOGY

Along with formal surveying education topics and discussions, another substantial portion of an association's conference or seminar is an exhibitor's hall showcasing the latest and greatest in surveying technology. It is also a place for vendors to present new data services to augment existing surveying tasks.

Technology providers often utilize these associations for advertising and marketing so members are exposed to new equipment, software, and processes more directly than simply advertising in trade magazines.

AND MUCH MORE!

Many of these organizations offer member discount programs for insurance, travel, products, and more. They can provide these discounted options simply because of the buying power of more users, so the savings are passed on directly to the Surveyor.

Associations also often offer career centers for connecting people and open positions. Many also offer résumé services to help the job seeker capture their best qualities for inclusion on a job application.

THE INTANGIBLES

While the aforementioned are the main examples of the benefits of membership in your state and national surveying association, for many it is simply the opportunity to connect with fellow professionals and technicians. Whether it be for job openings, questions regarding a specific survey or simply engaging another professional in peer review, your membership in these groups helps to pave the way to completing these tasks and more.

TAKING CARE OF TODAY AND PLANNING FOR TOMORROW

Although we are living in unprecedented times, maintaining your memberships, both state and national, may become a question of necessity. For most, prioritizing expenses has become more scrutinized and membership is easily seen as non-essential cost. These memberships are an investment in your profession and career, so consider that return when your next renewal form comes in the mail. The money spent now on professional memberships can go a long way in keeping your profession and career acknowledged as an essential service for years to come.

**THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION
is seeking members to fulfill the following positions:**



Vice-President (1-year* term)

Serve as Program Chair and act as chair of the Annual Meeting Committee.

Serve as Co-chair in the New Hampshire Land Surveyors Foundation.

Perform the duties of the President in the absence of both the President & President-elect.

*4-year commitment - leading to President-Elect, President, and Past-President

Secretary (1-year term)

Minutes of the meetings of the members and of the Executive Committee.

Conduct the correspondence of the Association.

Education Director (3-year term)

Chair committee meetings and Report on Education Committee activities:

- to the Executive Committee monthly at scheduled meetings
- to the NHLSA members quarterly at scheduled meetings.

Oversee the organization of educational opportunities for NHLSA members.

Provide a report for the NHLSA annual booklet - due in October.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

In many ways, an association resembles an iceberg because the part that shows is smaller than the rest. But it's even more like a tree, whose root structure does such important jobs, and without which the mighty oak or elm would topple over and die.

Every tree we see is like the 'visible' part of an organization—its publication, special reports, conventions, and meetings, external public relations, etc. Some can be compared to the branches, foliage and needles, others to berries, nuts and fruit.

But down below, out of sight, are some of the most important works. The roots on which the visible association depends includes the committees and staff. They nourish the organization with ideas and energy to keep it blooming. Continually reaching, they ensure growth to the rest. They are the firm underpinning that keeps the trunk and branches standing up.

Many vital services are performed which members and the public seldom see. Planning, detail operation, government hearings, contacts with state and federal agencies, legislation, consultation with advisors, working with legal counsel and PR people, cooperation with other organizations, reams of correspondence—almost all take place without attracting much attention.

This is important, for survival reasons. If you want your "tree" to grow be sure to nourish the roots.

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I Found It—Now What Is It?

This month’s item was sent in anonymously. It is a wood box with metal reinforcement and six openings that have letters on the bottom. If you are looking to know how big it is, a boot toe was thoughtfully included in one of the photos for scale. If you can identify the item, please email Barbara at info@nhlsa.org.



I Found It – Now What Is It? Responses

We only received one response for last month’s mystery item. We’re not sure if Susan is correct, but sounds good. If you have another answer, we’d like to hear from you.

We’re always looking for new items. If you come across something unusual, whether you know what it is or not, send it to Barbara at info@nhlsa.org.

I've been to Iceland, and those look like volcanic rock to me. This type of rock floats on water and could have been carried a long distance.

Susan Cragin





At the May 22nd meeting of the Foundation Trustees, the spring scholarships were awarded. The Foundation received 13 applications for the Moran Family scholarship and four applications for the Richie Ladd Memorial scholarship.

After discussion, the trustees awarded the **Moran Family** scholarship to Joshua Kleiman in the amount of \$1,000, and the **Richie Ladd Memorial** scholarship was awarded to Erin Chouinard in the amount of \$400. With the investments very volatile at this time due to the current state of the economy,

they felt it was best to keep the amounts tied to the current criteria. In good times, they have been given more leeway with the Moran Family scholarship, however the Richie Ladd Memorial scholarship is to be no more than 4% of the funds balance. Below is some brief information excerpted from each of their applications.

Joshua Kleiman is the son of Robert Kleiman and Kathryn Wrenn-Kleiman and has one sister, Jenna. He graduated from Dover High School and is planning to attend Worcester Polytechnic Institute studying Civil Engineering. Joshua wondered how things work and how to make them work more efficiently. The company he created has allowed him to develop fortitude and perseverance as he encounters barriers daily that he has to solve. The hands-on experience provided by his high school's Pre-Engineering program and his extensive exposure to the field at a recent engineering camp has cemented his desire to study engineering. He has grown to love some of the CAD modeling software, G&M Coding, and 3D printing. He pays attention to the news and seeks out information about the world's problems, many global issues require engineers. Through his experiences, he has learned that making a difference in the world is a realistic aspiration. Innovation occurs when we challenge what is already set in stone and he believes engineering is the field where he can make the greatest impact because of the way his mind works, his determinations, and his curiosity.

Participating in community service events has given him the opportunity to understand how a community, when supported in the right ways, can work together to bring about positive changes. The field requires multiple, diverse minds and he is very understanding of different cultures, beliefs, and ideas. Diversity allows for unique perspectives on the same issue and this broad range of ideas is crucial for teamwork and serves as stimuli for new thoughts—diversity is an asset, not an obstacle.

At college, there is a large repertoire of opportunities that he can't wait to take advantage of. He plans to take part in basketball, community service, and clubs relating to both engineering and entrepreneurship. His goal is to learn as much as possible in academics and about people while becoming as involved as possible in the community. He goes on to say that he doesn't have to wait to graduate until he can positively impact humanity and gain experience in the real world—there are opportunities to do research, study abroad, and participate in third-world countries. He thinks it is important to work in the real world to solve complex problems while still in college and hopes his curiosity and ability to think mathematically and scientifically will help him reach his goals.

Joshua feels that scholarship money is going to be very crucial in helping him go to college and achieve his goals in the engineering field. He feels that he will be a good recipient for this scholarship because he is responsible and a hard-working student. He points out that we can always count on him to put forth his best effort each and every time.

After graduating from Kearsarge Regional High School, **Erin Chouinard** plans to attend Middlebury College majoring in Political Science. She chose this profession because of her passion for advocating for others and her own experiences living through tough times. She grew up in a low socioeconomic class in Atlanta Georgia with two younger siblings, an epileptic mother, and her boyfriend who emotionally and verbally abused them all. She's worked very hard to get her family out of the situation they were in and her efforts were successful. They moved to New Hampshire, and since then she has been active in helping others in similar situations.

Erin is now a volunteer with the New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Abuse, and she shares her story as testimony on bills that pass through the New Hampshire statehouse. For example, her testimony on House Bill 508 will take place this spring, which seeks to extend the statute of limitations for victims of abuse. She has also taken initiative in the legislative process by drafting a bill that will mandate New Hampshire public school health class curriculums educate students on patterns associated with domestic violence, abuse and subsequent recovery; she plans to have this bill reviewed by the New Hampshire Legislature during the 2021 legislative session. She actively volunteers with the New Hampshire Crisis Center as well, and she directly works with victims of abuse by taking phone calls, serving as a source of support, and she uses her own personal experiences to help victims in their recovery process.

Overall, Erin's life experience has come full circle and paved the way for her advocacy work. What she has dealt with has shaped who she is and has given her the motivation, strength, and courage to go out into the world and make change for what is right. Her enthusiasm for helping others and being able to serve her community for the greater good is why she wants to enter politics in order to be able to make greater change in the world around her. After Middlebury, she hopes to go into law school so she can become a lawyer and represent victims of violence and assault.

Editor's Note: We invited both Joshua and Erin to join us at our next event, whether it be in person or virtual, so all members can recognize and congratulate them.



2020 Fall Meetings

Greetings NSPS Officers and Directors,

Please read this announcement in its entirety before taking any actions!

I have been asked to inform you that the NSPS Executive Committee has taken the decision that the 2020 Fall NSPS Board of Directors meeting and other associated meetings (i.e. Committees, Fellows, Foundation, Young Surveyors Network, etc.) will be conducted remotely in a similar fashion as were the 2020 Spring meetings. We learned a lot about scheduling meetings, etc. from that experience which will be helpful in the approach taken for the Fall meetings. This decision was taken after a lot of consideration of the factors associated with conducting live/onsite meetings at this time in history, and looking at examples of what other organizations are doing.

For your information, we are told that Tulsa is currently among the locations that are designated as *high-risk* regarding the COVID-19 situation.

Our plan is to negotiate with the host hotel in Tulsa to hold our 2021 Fall meetings there so as to negate penalties that may otherwise be imposed due to cancellation this year. With the conditions being as they currently are, we believe that the hotel may be more amenable to negotiate terms relatively soon.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you are among the few people who have already made sleeping room reservations with the hotel in Tulsa, please do not immediately cancel (prior to our opportunity to communicate with the hotel). We expect that our dialog with the hotel will result in a better resolution for cancellations. We will keep you informed regarding that dialog.

Apologies to you all that it has become necessary to take this decision, but it is better to err on the side of caution rather than to risk the health of potential attendees. A separate message will be sent to other potential attendees, i.e. Committee Chairs, Foundation Board, Fellows, YSN).

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