

10/09/2024:

Meeting Notes: Five Bat Area Chapter meeting.

Well attended! Over 30 chapter members of the Five Bay Area Chapters were in attendance.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm

August Hanks introduced Mr. Padilla to attendees

Joe Padialla, incoming president of CLSA was the guest and speaker for the meeting.

Mr. Padilla spoke of experiences with the Orange Co. chapter and suggested that chapters hold more in-person meetings to encourage membership. He will be organizing a gold tournament in SO. CA in 2025 to benefit the educational fund, and another in No. CA 2026.

He also explained the current situation in OC regarding the office of the County Surveyor. That office has been broken into different groups that are supervised by a licensed surveyor, and those group under an umbrella of a Director. The Director is NOT a licensed surveyor, therefore effectively there is NO county surveyor for Orange Co. Mr. Padilla further noted that the OC chapter of CLSA will be taking this matter to the Board of Supervisors to seek a resolution to this and the installation of a county surveyor.

Re student attendance, the OC chapter has invited students to attend a meeting and purchased their meal. He also pointed out that the chapter provides scholarships and encourages students to attend a OC-CLSA meeting and to get their scholarship application in before the deadline. Also, newly licensed surveyors should be encouraged to join CLSA meetings, as well as the head or owner of the local survey firms.

Kevin Nehring reminded chapters that there is a CLSA representative for every chapter and that rep is dedicated to help resolve issues for the chapters under their responsibility. This rep is also responsible for an area for a term of 5 years.

Jay Wright spoke positively of the Five BA Chapter meeting format and encouraged its continuation. Jay also expressed a need to get the legislative portion of the BOD agenda out to the chapters in a timely manner so that each Director may inquire of the local chapter members regarding support or rejection of proposed legislation.

Re Continuing Education:

Mr. Padilla expressed the difficulty of getting the requirement for continued education codified and mentioned that CLSA is monitoring the current process for continuing education for architects. He also pointed out there is voluntary education available at the CLSA website. A chapter member commented that the education link is not operational. Other reources exist, such NSPS tech program.

## **Q&A**

Questions and answers with Mr. Padilla

Q: How to prevent large non-local survey firm "ALTA's R Us", that also do not comply with CA SMA from operating, and how to prevent non-licensed persons from submitting maps (e.g. boundary added to a topo by an architect, etc.)

JP: Report them to the Board

Q: Any way to make private survey records available to the public at low cost or free?

A: Phil of Marin explained the process and cost of the several private survey records.

Q: re adding a copyright symbol to a map and state that it is not for use by public

A: KN, once a map is submitted it becomes a public record

Q: Can we get some assistance reaching out to local planning and development departments to educate them on the importance of Land Surveying to new development?

A: Reach out to Planning Dept.

There was discussion among members of various chapters, we all face the same issues with planning. Explore creating a presentation for planning departments. All chapters work together to create a basic template to be used by all five Bay Area Chapters for Planning presentation, what is a boundary? General approval of concept.

Meeting adjourned 7:30p

Thanks was given to Mr. Padilla and Mr. Nehring for attending and speaking about CLSA present and future.

Respectfully submitted,

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