

# HAWAII LAND SURVEYORS ASSOCIATION

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Holidays! I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving spent with loved ones and were able to take some time to reflect on things to be thankful and grateful for in your life.

I would also like to remind everyone to be extra careful during this holiday season especially with the crowds and vehicle traffic that comes along with it. If you're working along or on the road please remember to use high visibility safety equipment (cones, signs, flag person, vest/shirt, etc.) and look out for the drivers who may not be paying attention. There are a lot of drivers out there with short tempers caused by being stuck in the traffic and/or being in a rush. I've seen drivers getting into arguments about parking on several occasions over the Thanksgiving weekend. On three separate occasions this month, if I had not been cautious and driven into the intersection normally, I would have certainly gotten into an accident and possibly injured unnecessarily by individuals running through red lights or stop signs because they were either not paying attention or on their cell phones.

There's also the excitement of Christmas in the air!! Well, for some anyway. I know some are groaning at the thought of navigating the crowds and looking for parking at the malls just to shop for the right gifts for those on their Christmas list, which seems to keep getting longer and longer. Next will be New Years along with all the resolutions we set for ourselves and hope to stick too.

I hope one of the resolutions will be to increase your surveying knowledge and to bring value to our profession. We will be having the 2016 Conference on February 4th and 5th at the Hawaii Prince Hotel and I hope you'll be able to attend. Another suggestion would be to subscribe to some of the professional surveying and geospatial magazines which are available for free. POB (Point of Beginning), American Surveyor and XYHT have interesting articles and provide another source to keep informed of new technology. There are also links to some of the other professional surveying associations on our website, [www.hlsahawaii.org](http://www.hlsahawaii.org), under the Professional Survey Societies selection in the Resources menu. This is a way to see what our counter parts are doing in the other states. We will be adding links to more sites in the future.

It's also not too late to submit your nominations for the 2016 Surveyor of the Year Award and the 2016 Surveyors Lifetime Achievement Award. Please submit your nominations by December 6th.

Be safe, practice patience and live aloha,

Clayton Kaneshiro, LPLS  
HLSA President

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**Point to Point**

# National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS)

Thank you for your participation in NSPS (voluntarily or otherwise). NSPS is a great organization when you get involved. Take some time to peruse the website: [www.nsps.us.com](http://www.nsps.us.com)

Speaking of involvement, my term as NSPS Director for Hawaii has come to an end. What a great opportunity for the next person to step in! I have learned so much about surveying in general, surveyors in different states, national issues that we face as surveyors, and have made great friends through participation in various meetings. So thank you for taking part in making that happen!

If you would like to be the next NSPS Director, please contact me or anyone on the board so we can make that a reality and start you on your way to representing our state.

CST testing will be available again this year at the upcoming 2016 conference. Below are the prices. More details are also listed on the NSPS website: [www.nsps.us.com](http://www.nsps.us.com)

Non-Member	\$200.00	(\$150.00 + \$50.00 Application Fee)
Member*	\$150.00	(\$120.00 + \$30.00 Application Fee)

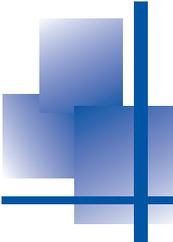
### 3. GROUP DISCOUNT of 10 or more at same site, same time, same proctor

Non-Member	\$150.00	Application Fee Waived
Member*	\$120.00	Application Fee Waived

We do have a proctor and last year we offered the testing during the first 4 hours on Thursday with 2 people passing the CST Level I exam. This is a great way to continue your career by certifying yourself, your education and experience, and proving how valuable you are to your employers.

Again thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve you. Merry Christmas, stay safe (have a designated driver if you drink), God's blessings upon you and your families, and see you at the next conference!

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