

# 86th Annual SLSI Land Surveyors Conference

Thursday-Friday ~ March 2-3, 2023

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center ~Ames, IA

**\*NEW LOCATION**

[www.SLSI.org](http://www.SLSI.org)



#### SLSI Purpose:

- To advance the science of land surveying and mapping
- To raise the standards of land surveying practice
- To advance the professional status and economic welfare of land surveyors
- To contribute to the public education of the necessity for professional land surveying
- To establish a central source of reference for land surveyors

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## Earn 15 Professional Development Hours

### AGENDA~WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 2023

#### 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM ~ Welcome Reception in the Exhibit Hall.

**Welcome Reception:** \*SLSI started this opening event in 2020, and unfortunately, we were unable to gather in-person in 2021. SLSI is trying again this year and gauge the interest of attendees in holding this event for future conferences. Attendees are encouraged to attend the welcome reception to help kick off the annual conference; meet with colleagues and visit with vendors. Please indicate your attendance on the registration page of this brochure.

### AGENDA ~ THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

#### 8:00AM REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST/EXHIBITS OPEN FOR VIEWING

Gateway Hotel & Conference Center- Second Floor  
*Thursday Session - Presiding: J. Brian Morrissey, PLS,  
President, SLSI*

#### 9:00AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS OF EXHIBITORS

#### 9:15AM IELSEB UPDATE

#### 9:30AM SLSI PROPOSED LICENSURE REQUIREMENT CHANGES Q&A

#### 10:30AM BREAK – EXHIBIT ROOM

#### 10:45AM ETHICS FOR LAND SURVEYORS *JEFF LUCAS, PRESIDENT, LUCAS & COMPANY*

Utilizing the National Society of Professional Surveyor's (NSPS's) "Creed and Canons" and state-specific codes of professional conduct as a basis for discussion, this seminar will study ethical consideration in everyday practice.

#### 12:00PM LUNCH

- Gavel Exchange
- Scholarships

#### 1:00PM STATE OF SURVEYING IN IOWA *Reports to SLSI Membership*

#### 1:30PM WHAT WENT WRONG *JEFF LUCAS, PRESIDENT, LUCAS & COMPANY*

As I continue "Traversing the Law," studying and writing about court cases involving boundary disputes and land surveyors, I have found everything from the ridiculous to the sublime. In some cases, I had to shake my head in disbelief over what I was reading, leaving me with just one question: What went wrong? This seminar will investigate the answer to this question by a detailed study of relevant court decisions involving surveyors and surveys that went terribly wrong. The painful lessons learned by others through the school of hard knocks can be painlessly explored and appreciated without the accompanying liability and damages that attach to boundary disputes and negligence actions. These cases will be studied and discussed through a Power Point presentation.

#### 2:30 PM BREAK – EXHIBIT ROOM

#### 2:45 PM WHAT WENT WRONG-CONTINUED *JEFF LUCAS, PRESIDENT, LUCAS & COMPANY*

#### 3:45 PM BREAK – EXHIBIT ROOM 4:00 PM WHAT WENT WRONG-CONTINUED *JEFF LUCAS, PRESIDENT, LUCAS & COMPANY*

#### 5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR/CASH BAR – EXHIBIT HALL

#### 6:00 PM LIVE AUCTION – HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES & CASH BAR

Various surveying related, and non-related, items will be auctioned off to help raise money for the SLSI Scholarship fund. Photo Contest Winners Announced

### AGENDA~ FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023

#### 7:30AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST *Gateway Hotel & Conference Center, Exhibit Hall* **Friday Session - Presiding: Eric Green, PLS, Vice President, SLSI**

#### 8:00AM RELEVANCY IN THE 21ST CENTURY *JEFF LUCAS, PRESIDENT, LUCAS & COMPANY*

Will surveying, as we know it, remain relevant in the 21st century, or are land surveyors destined to become the buggy-whip manufacturers of our time? Today, anyone with a smart-phone or a drone has the ability to be an expert measurer. If expert measuring ability is all that the land surveying profession has to offer, then the land surveying profession has nothing unique to bring to the table moving forward. In addition, GIS mapping is getting to the point where it is being perceived by stake-holders as just as good as a survey. In today's politically charged environment, it is clear that perception is the new reality. No matter what side of the isle one may be on, no one really cares about the truth anymore. All that matters is one's perception of the truth. When it is perceived that a GIS map is as good as a survey then it will be; when the perception is that a measurement made with a smart-phone or a drone is as good as a survey, then it will be. What the surveying profession needs (in pop-culture vernacular) is a "make-over," and surprisingly, the past may offer solutions for the future. This program will study the exclusive niche that the land surveying profession enjoys and how to exploit that niche. Power Point presentation.

#### 9:45AM BREAK

#### 10:00AM RELEVANCY IN THE 21ST CENTURY – CONT.

#### 12:00PM LUNCH

#### 1:00PM HOW TO MAKE A BOUNDARY DETERMINATION THAT WILL WIN IN COURT -JEFF LUCAS, LUCAS & CO.

Should you find yourself in court defending your map of survey or your opinion on the location of the property boundaries, what are the important issues to know and understand to make a boundary determination that will win in court? What are the evidence standards that will be applied, the standard of care for professional surveyors in court, and what is the criterion for boundary determinations? This course is a study of the relevant evidence standards, different types of evidence, the standard of care, and explores the process of rendering a well-reasoned opinion on the only question that is within the purview of the retracing surveyor—the location question. The importance of deeds and the role they have in boundary determination, the interpretation of deeds, finding intent, and how and when the boundary establishment doctrines come into play. The "Ultimate Issue Rule" will be discussed and its importance relative boundary determinations and liability.

#### 2:30PM BREAK

#### 2:50 BOUNDARY DETERMINATION... (CONT.)

#### 5:00 Adjourn

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Jeffery N. Lucas started his career as a land surveyor and is a licensed surveyor in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi and Tennessee. Lucas is a recognized expert in boundary surveying, land title surveys and property law. He obtained his first land surveying license in Florida

(1984) where he spent the first part of his surveying career. After relocating to Alabama, he has practiced across five southeastern states.

Lucas attended and graduated from law school later in his career. He is also a licensed attorney and member of the Alabama State Bar (2003). His practice is focused on land boundary issues and real property law, including adverse possession, boundary disputes, professional liability, real property, and zoning and land use issues. He has been an expert witness and consultant in many cases involving land surveying and boundary disputes.

## AUCTION ITEMS



Help the Iowa Surveyor's Foundation! Feel free to donate items for the annual meeting auction benefiting the Iowa Professional Surveyor's Foundation scholarships. Items auctioned in the past have included everything from old surveying equipment and books to such things as sports memorabilia and computer software. You may also make a monetary donation online at [SLSI.org](http://SLSI.org) under the About Us/Foundation Tab. Please contact Justin Scott at the state office with item description @ 515-284-7055 or email at [INFO@SLSI.ORG](mailto:INFO@SLSI.ORG).

## HOTEL RESERVATIONS – GATEWAY HOTEL

A limited block of hotel rooms have been reserved for SLSI attendees at the Gateway Hotel. Please make your reservations early. While the hotel will guarantee the lower room rate until February 20, 2023 this does not mean they can guarantee that rooms will be available. There are a limited number of these rooms set aside at the hotel for SLSI. Rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis. Mention your SLSI affiliation. Reservations can be made at <https://reservations.travelclick.com/2958?groupID=3537157> Or by calling 800-FOR-AMES (800-367-2637)

Other Lodging in and around Ames can found at:

<https://www.thinkames.com/poi/stay/>

## CANCELLATIONS

Receive a full refund if cancelled prior to **February 20**, receive a refund minus a \$30 cancellation fee if you cancel your registration between **February 20-27, 2023**. No refunds will be made after that date. Attendee substitutions will be accepted at any time. **Due to the statewide audience of this conference, planning involved and facility deadlines, this program will proceed as planned regardless of weather. Refunds will not be given for no-shows.**

## \*PHOTO COMPETITION - PRIZES

Annual photo competition! We hope to make this annual event, but that depends on your participation. **There will be three categories**, only one of which may require any photographic talents. However, the one requirement is all photos must have been taken by the person submitting the photo



### **Category 1 – Surveying Related Photos**

This is a broad category. It could be an interesting or humorous photo of surveyors at work, or unusual surveying challenges or, maybe surveying equipment.

### **Category 2 – Monumentation**

Photos may be interesting discoveries you have made when searching or finding monumentation. These photos may have a historical significance or, maybe, just made you laugh or scratch your head in wonder.

### **Category 3 – Scenic**

This category is for the land surveyor who not just enjoys the challenge of land surveying, but sees the beauty in the scenery in which you practice your profession.

### **To Enter:**

1. Send SLSI an “intent to enter” notice to [info@slsi.org](mailto:info@slsi.org) identifying an estimate of the number of photos you may submit.

2. Bring a copy of the photo(s) to the annual conference. **Photos accepted up to must be 11”x17”.**

3. The photos will be on display at the annual conference. Attendees will be given the opportunity to vote on their favorite(s) throughout the day

4. The winning photos will be auctioned on Wednesday night at the SLSI Foundation auction.

The photographers will be asked to provide the winning bidder with an electronic version of the photo so the winning bidder may choose to have the photo printed in a different size at their own expense.

6. **The winner of each category will receive \$50** and a receipt for a tax-deductible contribution for the amount the photos sell for at the auction.

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First Name	Last Name	
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Phone #	Fax	Email

**REGISTRATION FEES:** *Includes program materials, all meals and breaks on both days, along with the reception.*

**\*Please indicate (X) if you will be attending Wednesday's Welcome Reception March 1, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_**  
**and/or Auction/Reception on Thursday evening March 2, 2023: \_\_\_\_\_**

	<u>BY 2/27/2023</u>	<u>AFTER 2/27/2023</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> SLSI Member	\$295	\$310
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	\$360	\$390
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