




2017 Fall Conference

Thursday and Friday, September 21-22, 2017



Stoweflake Resort & Conference Center • Stowe, Vermont


Conference Schedule

Thursday, September 21

- 12:00 PM** Registration opens | Pacing Competition opens | Lunch on your own
- 1:00–5:00 PM** **Finding Case Law for Land Surveyors**, 4 hours, with Jay Doody, PS, PE, Instructor of EGR410 Boundary Law, Charter Oak State College
- 2:30–4:45 PM** Exhibitors Set Up in Exhibit Hall
- 5:00–6:00 PM** Exhibit Hall Opens / Exhibitors Reception & Demos in Exhibit Hall /  Exhibitor Passport Visits
- 6:00–7:30 PM** Dinner

Friday, September 22

- 7:00 AM** Registration opens
- 7:00–8:00 AM** Breakfast in Exhibit Hall /  Exhibitor Passport Visits
- 8:00–10:00 AM** **The Role of the Land Surveyor: Adverse Possession and Acquiescence**, 4 hours, with Stephan Nix, Attorney at Law and Licensed Land Surveyor
- 10:00–10:30 AM** Extended Morning Break /  Exhibitor Passport Visits
- 10:30AM–12:00 PM** **The Role of the Land Surveyor**, *continued*
- 12:00–1:00 PM** Luncheon
- 1:00–1:30 PM** VSLS Business Meeting / Pacing Competition Closes
- 1:30–3:30 PM** **The Historical Ecology of Early Vermont Surveys**, 2 hours, with Charlie Cogbill, Forest Ecologist
- 3:30 PM** Final Business | Results of Pacing Competition Drawing for Exhibitor Passport Prizes

 **CONTINUING EDUCATION:** This event has been approved for 10 professional development hours by the Vermont Board of Land Surveyors.

 **QUESTIONS?** Contact Kelly Collar at 802-229-6358 or kelly@vsls.org



Fill Your Exhibitor Passport and Win!

You'll have three opportunities to visit exhibitors during the conference and fill in your Exhibitor Passport. If you visit them all, you'll be entered into a drawing for prizes including an Amazon Fire Tablet, a Vermont gift basket, and a \$50 Visa gift card.



Hotel Accommodations

The Stoweflake is offering a discounted overnight rate for those attending the conference: \$159 plus tax. To reserve your room, please call 802-253-2232 and mention the Vermont Society of Land Surveyors. Please make your reservation as soon as possible to guarantee availability. There are many other hotels nearby offering a range of overnight rates. Reserve now!

Conference Seminars

Finding Case Law for Land Surveyors

Jay Doody, PS, PE, Boundary Law Instructor, Charter Oak State College

Land surveyors must know the law. Vermont boundary law is rooted almost entirely in state statutes and regulations, and state case law. The purpose of this seminar is to learn how to find and evaluate online legal resources at our disposal and learn more about how to prioritize and weigh the results of our boundary law research. Some important legal principles of Vermont boundary law and their origins will be presented, including evidence, adverse possession and the rules of construction. We will also remind ourselves that knowing the law cannot be equated with practicing law.

The Land Surveyor's Role: Adverse Possession and Acquiescence

Stephan Nix, Attorney at Law and Licensed Land Surveyor

Stephan Nix will discuss the land surveyor's role and responsibilities in adverse possession and acquiescence cases. The discussion will compare and contrast the elements of adverse possession, acquiescence and other equitable claims to real property such as estoppel and laches. The discussion will also address the surveyor's role in applying the doctrine of "practical location." Practical location refers to the long held rule in boundary law that monuments in the field control over the mathematically calculated metes and bounds described in deeds and on plans. Common misapplication of the rule leads to the "pin cushion corner" and unnecessary litigation. Chief Justice Thomas M. Cooley's "The Judicial Functions of Surveyors" will be reviewed as background for this discussion.

The Historical Ecology of Early Vermont Surveys

Charlie Cogbill, Forest Ecologist

Paleo-botanist Charlie Cogbill will discuss the corner tree research he has conducted over the past three decades. Participants will learn what the forests looked like before Europeans arrived, and subsequent changes in species and the forest structure over time. The presentation will discuss historical maps and compare them with today's forests, providing vital insights into the forests of our future and informing the work of land surveyors today.

Conference Fees (through September 1)*

	Full Conference (includes all meals both days)	Thursday Only (includes reception, but not dinner)	Friday Only (includes all meals on Friday)
Member in good standing from VSLS or kindred association	\$230.00	\$115.00	\$170.00
Non-member	\$330.00	\$165.00	\$220.00
Life Member	\$172.50	\$86.25	\$127.50
Non-member technical staff attending with member	\$195.50	\$97.75	\$144.50
Three attendees from same firm (one must be member)	\$195.50	—	—

PLEASE HELP US AVOID FOOD WASTE. The full conference fee includes both the reception and dinner on Thursday. Please confirm whether you plan to stay: **Reception** yes no / **Dinner** yes no

ORDER ADDITIONAL MEALS FOR SPOUSE OR FRIEND. Name _____

Thursday Reception, \$10 Thursday Dinner, \$60 Friday breakfast, \$25.00 Friday lunch, \$35.00

Registration (please complete this form and mail it with your payment, or register online at vsls.org)

Name _____

Address _____

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Dietary restrictions _____

Check enclosed (payable to VSLS) for \$ _____

Credit card payment: VISA MC AMEX DISC

Card Number _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Please return form with payment to: VSLS, P.O. Box 248, Montpelier, VT 05601-0248. Questions? kelly@vsls.org

Payment will be refunded in full if cancellation is received at least one week prior to the event. Substitutions are allowed.

**Add \$50 late fee after September 1*