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SLSI
*Presents the Following
Programs by
John B. Stahl*

***The Role of the
First Surveyor-
Fact & Fallacies
&
Electronic Seals
and Signatures-
Are You in
Danger?***

***SLSI Workshop
January 11, 2019***



**Scheman Center—
Ames, IA**

The Scheman Building is located in the Iowa State Center on the Iowa State University campus. From Interstate 35, take U.S. Highway 30 west into Ames. Take the University Drive exit and go past Jack Trice Stadium. The Scheman Building is located between Hilton Coliseum and C.Y. Stephens Auditorium.

AGENDA
Friday, January 11, 2019

7:30am	Registration
8:00am	PROGRAM
10:30am	Break
10:50am	PROGRAM...(Cont.)
Noon	Lunch
1:00pm	PROGRAM...(Cont.)
2:15pm	Break
2:30pm	PROGRAM...(Cont.)
4:30pm	Adjourn
(7.5 PDHs Offered)	

**The Role of the First Surveyor -
Facts and Fallacies**

Part 1: Who's Monuments Control and Why?

We all think we understand the distinction between the original surveyor and the retracing surveyor, but do we really? When there is no "original" surveyor, where does the "first" surveyor fit into the picture? Is their monument the "original" monument, or are they simply putting forth their "best effort" to establish the monument? What if their "best effort" isn't good enough? What if they failed to follow the instructions properly? What if they blundered? When are these good reasons to reject their monuments and when are they not reason enough? How is the surveyor to evaluate the evidence necessary to resolve these important questions? Is there a set process we can use? What do the courts say about the process and how do we surveyors apply it?

Part 2: Uncalled-for Monuments – Do We Accept or Reject?

All surveyors are faced with decisions on a daily basis. Do we accept or reject that uncalled-for monument? How do we arrive at our decision? What factors enter into our decision? What practical measures should we undertake in reaching our decision? What liabilities do we face for making the proper or improper decision? How can we best protect ourselves from liability when we make that difficult decision? This workshop will explore many of those questions. We will discuss recent court developments clarifying the principles surveyors can apply when making their decisions.

Through this workshop, you will have an opportunity to examine your methods and compare them with the methods used by others.

**Electronic Seals &
Signatures – Are You in Danger?**

This course will examine the purpose of the surveyor's seal and signature. What do they truly mean?

We will review recent court rulings which have a direct impact upon the use and misuse of electronic seals and signatures.

The course will look at current and pending legislation regarding e-signatures, their use, and their application to the surveying profession.

We will also discuss the differences between imaging and electronic certifications.



Our Speaker:

John Stahl, PLS, CFedS

John is a registered professional land surveyor in the states of Utah and Montana, currently owning and operating Cornerstone Professional Land Surveys, Inc., and Cornerstone Land Consulting,

Inc., in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Stahl specializes in surveying land boundaries, resolving boundary conflicts, performing title and historical research, land boundary consultation services, mediation and dispute resolution.

He has been qualified as an expert witness in numerous boundary, access, and negligence cases and has actively participated in the preparation of amicus curiae briefs to the Utah Supreme Court.

He has furthered his education by participating in a state-qualified mediation training program and earning recognition as a Certified Federal Surveyor.

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