

Hello,

If anyone out there happens to know where the summer went, please let me know. I'm sure someone shorted us a month or two. It can't have gone by as fast as it did. I wanted to thank each individual and Chapter for helping out with the Katrina Relief Fund for our fellow surveyors hit by the hurricane. I'm sure every little bit helps and more than anything it shows our support and unity for all surveyors throughout the United States.

My year as President is going by a lot faster than I had anticipated and with only a few short months left I want to remind everyone that MARLS has Health Insurance through Blue Cross Blue Shield. I don't pretend to understand how all these insurance programs work but between John Cicon and Roger Olsen I know that they can get you whatever information you need if you wish to change policies. Remember, it doesn't matter if you own your own firm or work for an engineering firm, BCBS is available to you if you are a member of MARLS. From what others have told me it has been a great savings to them. (Did I sound like a billboard there?)

Corner Records? Questions concerning the new corner recordation form are relayed to me on a weekly basis. Yes, there are two forms. One form is for PLSS corners only. The other form is for corners reset in a recorded document such as a COS or Subdivision Plat. Both these forms are available on our web site. This site will be updated in the near future to clarify which form to use. Please review the new rules for corner recordation forms. From all the responses and questions I get it tells me that people are actually using these forms and getting something filed when pins are replaced. To me this is a good sign and follows the whole purpose of establishing this new corner recordation form.

I am going to suggest that the committee chair for our Standards of Practice take on the responsibility of checking our web site periodically and making sure that it is up to date on MCA and ARM and any other data that we, as surveyors, rely on. Unless anyone has an objection to this I will appoint this new responsibility at our next Board of Directors Meeting in December.

Enjoy the Fall, become involved in MARLS and mentor those around you.

With thanks and admiration for our profession,  
Debra Anderson  
MARLS President 2005 - 2006