

# MSLS 2023 Annual Conference

## Expert Speakers



**William Beardslee** is a licensed Professional Land Surveyor, Engineer and Planner with over 55 years' experience in the field of land development. He is known for his excellent presentation and writing capabilities, along with being one of the leading technical experts on land development in the engineering and surveying arena. Bill has made over 2,000 presentations on engineering and surveying

projects to local and state agencies. Prior to his retirement, he was the owner and Director of Engineering for Beardslee Engineering Associates in Sparta, NJ.

Bill is a past president of the New Jersey Society of Professional Land Surveyors and that Society's 2006 "Surveyor of the Year". He has been contributor to the geomatics resource magazine *xyHt*, as well as being listed in "Who's Who in Technology" and "Who's Who in the East."

Bill has taught numerous seminar programs at the high school, college and professional levels for over 35 years, including the NCEES National Conference. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from New Jersey Institute of Technology and a Master of Arts Degree in Corporate & Organizational Communications from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Now retired in North Carolina, he stays active in business development for Davis-Martin-Powell in High Point, N.C., as well as providing continuing education seminars around the country. Bill offers the students a professional blend of technical expertise, communication knowledge and presentation skills for discussing issues in a clear and simple format.

Bill's first presentation is **WHEN IT IS TIME TO MOVE ON**. As the average age of a surveyor nationally approaches 60, this course discusses how to assemble the right team, increase the company value and approach the transitioning from the business. This includes people who may be retiring from a management position in a larger company. Options for selling, or buying for the younger surveyors, are reviewed.

The second presentation that will be offered by Bill is on **ETHICS**. A review of this philosophical topic directed towards the codes and practices in Maine.



**Joseph McNichols**, our tech track speaker focusing on **Exam Prep Mathematics**, was licensed in 1996 as a Professional Land Surveyor in Massachusetts. He has been employed in the surveying profession continuously since 1985, initially working as an instrument operator progressing to licensed professional. He was formerly adjunct faculty in the Division of Professional and Continuing

Education at Wentworth Institute of Technology where he taught Survey Measurement, Construction Surveying, Legal Aspects of Surveying, and Massachusetts Regulations Affecting the Surveying Profession.

Joseph is a registered member of the Massachusetts Association of Land Surveyors and Civil Engineers (MALSCE) and the National Society of Professional Surveyors. In 2005, MALSCE awarded him a Presidential Citation for his work in surveying education and in 2007 he was named Surveyor of the Year.



**Richard Vannozi** will give us a briefing on **UMaine Resources and Opportunities**. He will be joined by student **Thatcher Unfried** regarding the UMO Student Chapter's participation in the recent NSPS national competition.



**Donald R. Richards** is a land surveyor and forester practicing at Richards, Cranston & Chapman, LLC and Land and Forestry Consultants in Rockport, Maine. He has been practicing for over 40 years, specializing in boundary retracement and the resolution of boundary disputes. He is active in the MSLS and has participated on several committees including the Alternate Dispute Resolution

Committee. He has authored and co-authored several articles on the topic of surveying practice and boundary law and is a frequent speaker at meetings and seminars.

Don's presentation will review the recent case of *Mabee v. Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.* in which the Maine Law Court clarified certain rules and principles and addressed other topics important to surveyors for the first time. This is a story of an ordinary retired couple who owned a small waterfront parcel of land under a clear and unambiguous deed, fighting against a large corporation wanting to spend \$500,000,000 to erect a fish farm and put pipelines through their property, against their will, with the complicity and coercion of the city. It is an ongoing David vs. Goliath saga not yet complete.



**Roberta Manter** stresses that she is not an attorney, so none of what she says should be taken as legal advice or interpretation of law. That being said, she has had forty years of studying Maine's laws and court cases regarding abandoned and discontinued roads. After two lawsuits in the 1980's failed to resolve the issues with the road they live on, she and her husband began reaching out to others who had similar

problems. This led to their formation of **Maine ROADWays**, (Residents & Owners on Abandoned & Discontinued Ways,) to work with people all across Maine. Their work includes compiling data, fighting for improved legislation, helping people find records that determine the status of their road, and generally letting people on problem roads know they are not alone. In 2022, Roberta was appointed to serve on the Abandoned and Discontinued Roads Commission to represent residents and landowners on such roads statewide.



**Knud E. Hermansen** will present a remote interactive workshop that discusses **Sources for Surveyor Liability**. It will cover what constitutes liability and what the surveyor can do to avoid and prevent liability. The workshop will also discuss what the surveyor can and should do when the surveyor is made a defendant in a civil lawsuit. The surveyor will understand what actions to take to prevent liability or defend

themselves against a liability claim.

Knud is an attorney, professional engineer, and professional land surveyor. His education includes a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the Pennsylvania State University and a J.D. (Doctorate in Law) from West Virginia University. Knud is a retired professor from the University of Maine, Surveying Engineering Technology program. He operates a consulting firm offering surveying, engineering, and legal services. He is an author or coauthor of numerous books and articles that can be found at:

<https://umaine.edu/svt/faculty/hermansen-articles/>

## MSLS 2023 Annual Conference Schedule *(subject to change as needed)*

### Wednesday, May 10

6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Maine Society of Land Surveyors Informal Welcome, Appetizers, and Conviviality - *Blue Wave*

### Thursday, May 11

7:15 am to 8:00 am

Registration, AM refreshments, Technology Equipment Show with Exhibitors, *Lighthouse A*

8:00 am to 9:45 am

**Bill Beardslee “When It’s Time to Move On”** As the average surveyor age approaches 60, we discuss how to assemble the right team, increase company value, and approach the transitioning from the business including retiring from a management position in a larger company. Options for selling, or buying for the younger surveyors, are reviewed. *Lighthouse B*

9:45 am to 10:30 am

Break in the Technology Equipment Show area with Exhibitors, *Lighthouse A*

10:30 am to 12:00 pm

**Bill Beardslee “When It’s Time to Move On** continues, *Lighthouse B*

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch - *Sebago*, Technology Equipment Show area also open

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

**Bill Beardslee “When It’s Time to Move On** continues, *Lighthouse B*

2:30 pm to 3:15 pm

Break in the Technology Equipment Show area with Exhibitors, *Lighthouse A*

3:15 pm to 5:00 pm

**Bill Beardslee “Ethics** A review of this philosophical topic directed towards the codes and practices in Maine. *Lighthouse B*

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Social Hour and Technology Equipment Show with Exhibitors, *Lighthouse A*  
Hors D’ Oeuvres served, bar service available, entertainment

6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Maine Society of Land Surveyors Annual Banquet, *Sebago*  
Recognitions and Scholarship Annual Auction

### Friday, May 12

7:15 am to 8:00 am

#### Pro Track

Registration & AM refreshments,  
Technology Equipment Show with Exhibitors,  
*Lighthouse A*

#### Tech Track

7:00 am to 8:00 am

*President’s Invitational Breakfast*  
*For Past Presidents & ticketed guests, Breakwater Rm*

8:00 am to 9:30 am

**Donald R. Richard**  
**Case Study *Mabee v. Nordic Aquafarms, Inc.***  
The Maine Law Court clarified certain rules and principles and addressed other topics important to surveying *Lighthouse B*

**Joseph McNichols**  
**Survey Mathematics Seminar**  
*Monhegan*

9:30 am to 10:00 am

Break in the Technology Equipment Show area with Exhibitors *Lighthouse A*

10:00 am to 11:30 am

**Roberta Manter of Maine ROADWays**  
Abandoned and Discontinued Roads, *Lighthouse B*

**Joseph McNichols**  
**Math Seminar Con’t, Monhegan**

11:30 am 12:00 pm

**Rich Vannozi and Thatcher Unfried, UMaine**  
UMO Resources & Opportunities Briefing, *Lighthouse B*

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Lunch, *Sebago*

12:45 pm

Brief ExCom Meeting (10 minutes)

1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

Fall General Membership Business Meeting  
*Lighthouse B*

1:30 pm

NESS Meeting for visiting NESS guests, *Oxford Rm*

1:30 pm to 4:00 pm

**Professional Session with Knud Hermansen**  
Surveyors Liability  
Remote interactive presentation  
*Lighthouse B*, Refreshments in room

**Joseph McNichols**  
**Math Seminar Con’t, Monhegan**  
Refreshments in room

4:00 pm

*CEU Certificates available; thank you for attending; have a safe trip home!*

### NOTE:

Various times to be announced

**Exhibitors may conduct impromptu product demonstrations, user group activities**  
*Breakwater room or outside as weather allows*



# ~ 2023 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM ~

Or register online at [www.msls.org](http://www.msls.org) no form needed.

Thursday and Friday, May 11th and 12th

Your registration mailed in advance by May 3rd saves you registration time and extra fees. Thank you!

**Your Name Tag should read:**

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Phone	Email	

- This is an individual registration
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*Firms writing one check may attach several registrations together, please include one form for each participant indicating registration selections and total registration payments on the top registration form. Thank you.*

## Registration Selections

Member rates apply to members of Maine Young Surveyors, Area 1 Associations, and Maine Bar Association

	Fee	Quantity	Enclosed
<b>Member * Full Registration (includes banquet, lunches)</b>	\$375		
Member One Day (Thursday with lunch, excludes banquet)	\$250		
Member One Day (Friday with lunch) <span style="color: red;">Please check here</span> <input type="checkbox"/> if Tech Track	\$250		
<b>Non-Member Full Registration (includes banquet, lunches)</b>	\$500		
Non-Member One Day (Thursday with lunch, excludes banquet)	\$350		
Non-Member One Day (Friday with lunch) <span style="color: red;">Please check here</span> <input type="checkbox"/> if Tech Track	\$350		
Student Registration	\$150		
Student Sponsorship <span style="color: red;">Thank you!</span>	\$150		
Extra Banquet or Banquet Only (For spouse/guests or one day only registrants)	\$75		
Thursday Lunch Spouse/Guests	\$40		
Friday Lunch Spouse/Guests	\$40		
Postmarked After Wednesday, <b>May 3rd</b> & at the door, add	\$50		

Please advise [director@msls.org](mailto:director@msls.org) of any dietary restrictions.

Please make checks payable to **MSLS** or register online at [msls.org](http://msls.org) Total:

MSLS meetings and seminars will have a published registration deadline date for each meeting, seminar or event that will determine refund availability. Refunds requested prior to the registration deadline date due to emergency issues such as illness and family matters will be made in full less any applicable online registration payment fees. Refunds requested prior to the registration deadline date (5/3/23) due to non-emergency issues such as work and personal scheduling will be made less an amount equivalent to the event's late fee for administrative purposes and less any applicable online registration payment fees. Refunds after the registration deadline date cannot be issued by MSLS due to its financial commitments already made in administrative, program, and venue planning.

### Hotel & Additional Information:

For **hotel reservations**, the Portland, Maine DoubleTree has reserved a block of rooms for our conference at \$139 per night (pre-tax). This rate is guaranteed through **4/28/23** and you can book online at our dedicated Hilton link found at [www.msls.org](http://www.msls.org) or call **(855) 610-8733**; let the agent know you are with the Maine Society of Land Surveyors group.

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