



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION OF LAND SURVEYORS
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Dear fellow DCALS member,

As president of DCALS this year, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to our all-volunteer *officers*. **Tom Yoakum** is past-president, **Don Falken** is president-elect, **Joe Afful** vice-president, **Matt Kirks** treasurer, **William Myers** secretary, **Rick Dreist** NSPS governor, and **Hugh Hughes, Neal Isenstein, Norbert Erickson, Joon Delfin, Chas Langelan, Joe Snider** and **Alan Schiffer** are directors. **Al Thurber** is our volunteer webmaster.

These individuals work selfless long hours for DCALS and its members throughout the year. All are listed on our website, www.DCALS.org. Feel free to contact any of us with questions, or ideas you may have about making DCALS a better organization for the land surveyors of Washington.

It's *membership renewal time* for DCALS. Dues should be paid by **May 20, 2011**. We urge you to make the most of your DCALS membership --- by coming out for talks and meetings, attending seminars, and helping with the work of the Association whenever you can.

DCALS has done a great job for a decade, providing educational programs and interesting activities. But we can only do this with **your help**. As an *all-volunteer* organization, with no paid administrator or headquarters staff, we rely on our members to share knowledge, time and talents.

This year already, we've hosted two wonderfully well-attended general membership meetings with great speakers, one of which offered full continuing-education credits. It's our plan to have many more full-credit talks. We've also greatly improved our *website*. And a new *on-line registration system* has been created, to sign up for events, renew memberships, etc.

This **May 13** we are conducting five *very advanced seminars* at Gallaudet University --- on **Precision Monitoring, FEMA** and **Outdoor Boundary Surveying**. Never before has any professional society of DC, Maryland or Virginia offered any formal classroom training in *Monitoring*, and this DCALS' session will not be repeated.

Father's Day weekend, **Saturday afternoon June 18**, come on out and join us at *Washington Nationals Park*, for the **Nationals vs. Baltimore Orioles!** Tickets are *half-price*, compliments of DCALS, for all members, families and guests. (Third-base side, under-roof this year.) But hurry, supplies are **limited**.

And this **September 6th**, we mark a *true milestone* --- our **10-year Anniversary** of the *founding night* in 2001. For a small organization of volunteers, DCALS has accomplished quite a lot over ten years. We'll convene once again, as we did back then at Union Station, for a very *special* evening.

Kindly take a moment to update your contact information and **renew your DCALS membership right now**, while you're thinking about it. If any data has changed, or isn't right, please strike it through (like a DC field-note) and provide us corrected info. If your company pays dues on your behalf, kindly forward our Membership Renewal to the administrative person responsible.

Thank you for renewing your DCALS membership and for all your support over years past. And, as always, comments and suggestions regarding your organization are forever welcome.

With warmest professional regards,

Jerry Schuessler
President, DCALS 2011