



MARLS 2020 Conference February 19 - 21, 2020

**Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT
Hosted by the MARLS Northwest Chapter**

December 18, 2019

Greetings,

On behalf of the North Central Chapter of the Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, we would like to invite you to the 2020 MARLS Conference. The conference will be held February 19 - 21, 2020 at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana.

We will begin the conference on Wednesday, the 19th with a full day pre-conference seminar and ending on Friday, the 21st. We are also providing breaks during each seminar to allow attendees more time to converse with our exhibitors.

On Thursday, February 20th, the evening conference activities will commence with an exhibitor's reception followed by our annual MARLS banquet and the MARLS Scholarship Foundation's annual scholarship auction including games, raffles and MSF silent auction. We hope this is a fun filled event that everyone enjoys while supporting our worthy cause. MSF Auctions forms attached.

While the conference itself is a very rewarding and educational experience for attending members, one of the most important aspects of the conference is the correspondence that takes place between member surveyors and the equipment and service providers that keep everyone updated with the newest technologies available to our profession.

We look forward to seeing you at this year's conference.

◆ **SLEEPING ROOM RESERVATIONS:**

Hosting hotel is the Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Road, Great Falls, MT 59904

Please make your sleeping room reservations by 2-1-20. Cutoff date for MARLS blocked rate is 2-6-20.

Phone reservations: 1-406-761-1900 and ask for a room under the block of Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors with code (MARLS). Or you may book online at www.gfheritageinn.com and use the MARLS code: MARLS with your stay dates.

◆ **Alternate hotel: Historical Hotel Arvon, 118 1st Ave. South, Great Falls, MT 59401**

Hotel Arvon is another hotel under our rooms blocked for rate of \$105.68 including tax. Available block rate check in date is from 2-18-29 and last check out date is 2-22-20. Single Rate including tax: \$105.68.

Phone: 406-952-1101 – or www.arvon.com Use code "MARLS". Cutoff date for MARLS blocked rate is 2-6-20.

Conference Registration: Register in advance ~ EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION must be received by February 6, 2020. (Late Fee \$50)

MARLS accepts Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express (a 4% convenience fee will be added to your total amount for registration)

Contact Kay at kay@marls.com for a membership application or at www.marls.com or to renew your MARLS membership.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Thank you for your continued support of MARLS and the surveying profession.

MARLS Contact information: Attn: Kay McDonald

PO Box 359, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 Ph: 406-253-5527 or 406-892-4579 Email: kay@marls.com Website: www.marls.com

More information and registration forms available at www.marls.com. MARLS membership applications are available online at www.marls.com

A full conference schedule will be posted on the MARLS website at www.marls.com at a later date.

MARLS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REFUND POLICY: Full refund will be given if cancellation is prior to February 5, 2020. No refunds after February 5, 2020.

2019 MARLS Conference fees include Wednesday's Pre-Conference Seminar lunch and breaks. Thursday and Friday breakfast and lunch, Thursday banquet & MARLS Scholarship Foundation's scholarship auction and Thursday and Friday breaks.



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Pre-Conference Seminar - February 19, 2020
Conference - February 20 - 21, 2020

2020 MARLS Conference

February 18, 2020 (Tuesday) - Registration opens 4 PM - 9 PM

Hospitality room open each evening of conference
 Exhibitor setup begins February 18th - Tuesday afternoon
 Spouse Program activities from Wednesday (19th) to Friday (21st)

February 19, 2020 (Wednesday)

Registration opens 6:30 AM
 Pre-conference seminar 8 am to 5 pm (lunch included)
 MARLS Board of Directors dinner meeting 5:00 PM

February 20, 2020 (Thursday)

Registration opens at 6:30 AM
 Breakfast & Opening Ceremonies at 6:30 AM

Thursday morning concurrent sessions
 Lunch & MARLS General Membership Meeting
 Thursday afternoon concurrent sessions
 5:30 Exhibitor's Reception opens, MARLS Banquet, MSF Annual Live Auction, MSF Scholarship Raffles, Silent Auction and games

February 21, 2020 (Friday)

Breakfast 6:30 AM
 Past Presidents Breakfast 6:30 AM
 Morning Concurrent Sessions
 Lunch
 Afternoon Concurrent Sessions (ending at 5:30 PM)
 MARLS Board of Directors Meeting (5:30 PM)

2020 MARLS Conference Speaker (Tentative)	Presentation	PDH
Wednesday - February 19, 2020		
Pre-Conference - 8 am to 5pm		
Jeffrey N. Lucas, PLS	Boundary Dispute Resolution	8
February 21 & 22, 2019		
Conference		
Jeffrey N. Lucas, PLS	Land Surveyor as Equity Judge	4
Dan Martinez, PLS	NSPS Certified Flood Plane Surveyor	4
Lisa Isom - Assurance Risk Managers	Insurance issues - NSPS program	2
Val Smeiser	Title Errors and Fraud	2
Bart Crattie, PLS	Flood Plane Surveying Issues	4
Kurt Wurm, B.S., M.S., Ph.D	The Future of Surveying, Young Surveyors, and Quad Finder	2
Gregory Schultz - Attorney	A Critical Look at Recent MT Supreme Court Opinions of Interest to Surveyors	2
Whitney M. Kolivas - Attorney	Part 1. The 2016 ALTA/NSPS Survey Standards Part 2. Surveyor Malpractice	2
Tara DePuy	Land Use: Legislative Updates and Hot Topics	2
Kurt Wurm, B.S., M.S., Ph.D	The Future of Surveying, Young Surveyors, and Education	2
Bart Crattie	Bibly Steel Towers for Triangulation and the Transcontinental Traverse	2





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MAIL REGISTRATION TO:

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 PO Box 359
 Columbia Falls, MT 59912

Pre-Conference Seminar - February 19, 2020
 Conference - February 20 - 21, 2020

Email to: kay@marls.com
 Phone to: Kay McDonald at 406-253-5527

Name for Name Tag: _____

Firm Name for Name Tag: _____

Address, City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

February 19, 2020 - MARLS PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Pre-conference speaker Jeff Lucas presenting: Boundary Dispute Resolution with Ethan V Fischer, Montana - 8 PDH

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MARLS member (PLS Active, Life or Fellow, Non-Resident or Affiliate)	\$200	_____
PLS members of other State's Surveying Societies	\$200	_____
MARLS associate member	\$160	_____
Non-Member of MARLS	\$400	_____
Student	\$ 30	_____

February 20 - 21, 2020 - MARLS CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

<u>Membership Type</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MARLS member (PLS Active, Life or Fellow, Non-Resident or Affiliate)	\$340	_____
LS or ES members of other State's Surveying Societies	\$340	_____
MARLS associate member	\$295	_____
Non-Member of MARLS	\$580	_____
Student	\$100	_____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (Pre-conference and Conference) \$ _____

Early bird registration deadline through February 6, 2020 and Late registration after February 6, 2020 - add \$50.00

Spouse Program (no charge) Please check if spouse is attending ____ Name _____

Spouse banquet ticket complimentary.

____ # ATTENDING THE BANQUET & MARLS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AUCTION (Thursday, February 20, 2020)

PLEASE: If your spouse is attending the conference she may bring an item to put in the Spouse Auction Donation Basket they will be making during the spouse program at conference.

METHOD OF PAYMENT:	
Check # _____	Make checks payable to: Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors
Visa/MC/AE/Discover number: _____	
_____ Exp. _____	3 digit code back of card _____
* Note - 4% credit card convenience fee will be added to your credit card by MARLS.	4 digit on front of AE _____
Signature for Visa/MC authorization _____	
Mail: MARLS, Box 359, Columbia Falls, MT 59912 or Email: kay@marls.com or Phone: 406-892-4579 or (cell) 406-253-5527	
Hotel sleeping room reservations info - see page 1 of conference registration packet or go to www.marls.com (click Conference Registration Packet)	
Please make your sleeping room reservations by 2-6-20. MARLS rate sleeping room block will be dropped on 2-6-20.	



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MARLS Scholarship Foundation's Annual Scholarship Auction and Fundraiser February 20, 2020 Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana

The Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors, (MARLS), is a statewide non-profit association whose membership includes Professional Land Surveyors from across Montana, the surrounding states, and Canada. The MARLS Scholarship Foundation, (MSF), was created to raise money for student scholarships and awards. MSF has been approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (C) (3) entity. Each year MARLS holds a fundraiser in conjunction with the annual MARLS Conference to provide funds for MSF. This is the main fundraising event for the MARLS Scholarship Foundation.

The MARLS 2020 Conference will be held at the Heritage Inn, Great Falls, Montana on February 19 - 21, 2020. The MSF fundraiser consists of games, raffles, a silent auction, and a live auction throughout the Thursday night banquet evening. Among the many attendees, bidders at the auction include licensed surveyors, exhibitors, seminar presenters, spouses, students, guests, and surveyors in training. This fundraiser is always one of the highlights of the conference.

The Scholarship Foundation distributes various types of scholarships and awards to eligible students.

- 1st Year Scholarships are available to students entering a curriculum recognized by the Montana Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors as meeting the requirements for a person to eventually become a Licensed Professional Surveyor.
- 2nd Year Scholarships are available to students entering the 2nd year of a 2-year surveying curriculum or the 3rd year of a 4-year surveying focused curriculum.
- Trig-Star Scholarships and Awards are available to Montana High School students who participate in the Trig-Star Program. The Trig-Star Program is a national mathematics competition held annually to test students' practical application of Trigonometry. There is no requirement on the Trig-Star Scholarship recipients to enter a surveying-focused curriculum.

In the past many years, MSF has awarded over \$190,000 in scholarships and awards to students across Montana. This has been made possible by generous donations to the scholarship auction and fundraiser. The MARLS Scholarship Foundation continues fundraising efforts to maintain support of students continuing their education.

In 2011, MSF created the MSF Surveyor Assistance Fund. This fund is dedicated to helping our surveyors and their families in times of crisis.

We would like to ask you to donate an item(s) to these worthwhile causes. The donated item does not need to be surveying related.

Thank you for your participation in the MSF annual scholarship auction and fundraiser, your support is appreciated.

William Weikel

MSF President



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A 501 (C) (3) NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
MSF FUNDRAISER DONATION ITEM TRACKING SHEET
MARLS Scholarship Foundation or MARLS Surveyor Assistance Fund

The MSF auction and fundraiser will be held at the MARLS 2020 conference at the Great Falls, MT Heritage Inn on the evening of February 20, 2020.

Email or mail this form to:
Please Retain a copy

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Website: www.marls.com
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Please check which MSF fund you prefer your donation to benefit:
If you do not specify, the item will be disbursed to the MSF Scholarship Fund.

- Scholarship Fund
- Surveyor Assistance Fund

PLEASE EMAIL THIS FORM TO kay@marls.com by February 5th to help list items for the fundraiser.
Thank you, as this enables MSF to complete the auction items list in a timely manner.

Donor's Name	
Business Name	
Address, City, State, Zip	
Phone	
Email	
Name of Donated Item	
Description of Item	
Estimated Retail Value	\$
Anticipated Date of Donation or Delivery	
Special Instructions or Considerations	

[Attach a copy of this form to your item if you are bringing your item to conference for auction night.](#)
Thank you for your donation!