

LSAW Foundation

Promoting and advancing the surveying, mapping and land information professions

Message from the 2015 Foundation Board Chair

Welcome to our third annual report, which is meant to provide you basic information regarding our corporate operations and to ensure your donation dollars are being managed for the benefit of qualifying full-time students who are enrolled in a Surveying degree program or certificate program.

The Foundation is managed by a seven-member Board of Directors appointed to a four-year term. I served as the 2014 Chair and will also serve as Chair in 2015. The Foundation strives to keep overhead costs as low as possible. For instance, Board members do not receive reimbursement for mileage, lodging or meal expenses when traveling to attend Board meetings. I want to thank the 2014 Directors for their personal commitment and support this past year.

Our profession should continue to invest and provide assistance for students seeking higher education. Surveying education programs all over the United States are under extreme pressure to be complete. Scholarships can help attract students and build enrollments for these programs that continue to struggle all across the United States.

The Foundation is committed to helping students seeking financial aid and I hope you will continue to support our efforts. Support can be as simple as becoming a member of the Foundation for as little as \$35.00 a year, donating an auction item, or just bidding on silent auction items during the LSAW Annual Conference.

I want to again thank the following for the 2014 Silent Auction donations.

—Ken Swindaman

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--Ken Swindaman

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2015 Scholarship Apps Available Now!

Scholarship applications for 2015 are now available for downloading from the Foundation Website. To get your application, go to <http://www.l sawfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarshipapplication.html>

Applications are available in both Microsoft Word and Adobe PDF formats. To be eligible for consideration, applications must be received or postmarked by June 1, 2015.

Mail your completed application to:

Rich Waltrip, Scholarship Chairperson, LSAW Foundation, 702 West 21st Avenue
Spokane, WA 99203 (richwaltrip@gmail.com)

You are eligible to be considered for an LSAW scholarship if you are enrolled in a two-year Washington school that offers a Land Surveying curriculum, or if you are enrolled in classes in the Geomatics programs at the Oregon Institute of Technology or Idaho State University. Other restrictions may apply, see the application and instructions for details.

Along with the application form, you should also download the Application Instructions document from the website. Remember to include your college transcripts (if any) and a copy of the course curriculum of your school's surveying program. You must also sign and date your application, or it will not be considered.

*For scholarship
applications and
instructions, visit*

www.l sawfoundation.org

2014 Board of Directors and Past Directors

2014 Board

Ken Swindaman – Chairman (Vice Chairman 2007-2013)

Rich Waltrip – Director (2007-present), Vice Charman, Scholarship Chair (current)

Michael (Mick) Sprouffske Jr. – Treasurer (2011-present)

John (Tom) Brewster – Secretary (2013-present)

John R Christensen – Director (2011- present)

John Thomas – Director (2013-present)

Carla Merritt – Director (2014 –present)

Past Members of the Board

John Thalacker – Founder and Chairman of the Board of Directors (2007-2013)

Walter O. Dale – Founding Director, Treasurer (2007-2011)

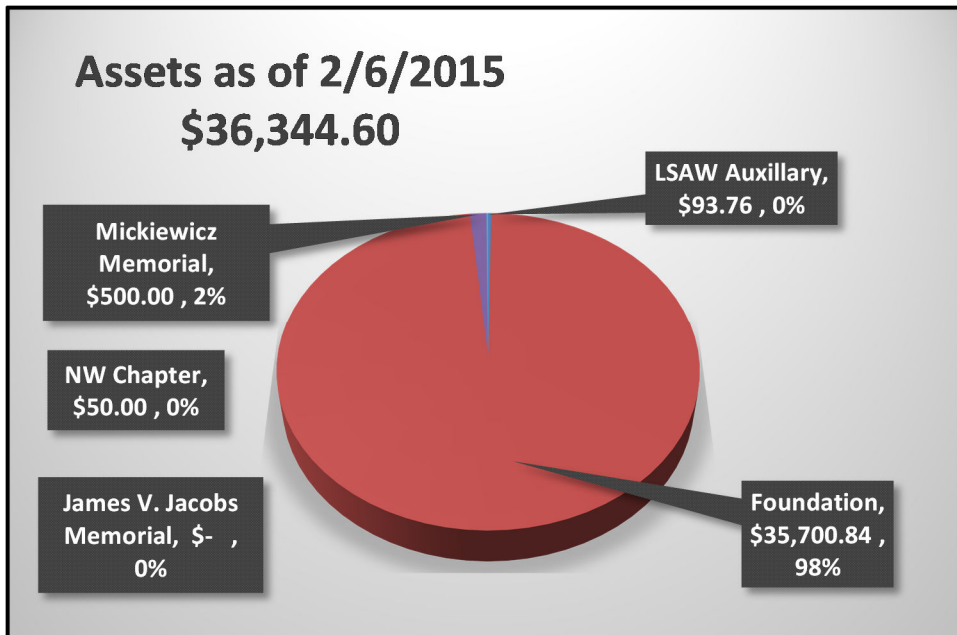
James Main – Founding Director (2007-2011)

Vicky Thalacker – Founding Director and Scholarship Chair (2007-2013)

Jon B. Purnell – Founding Director, Secretary (2007-2012)



Financial Status

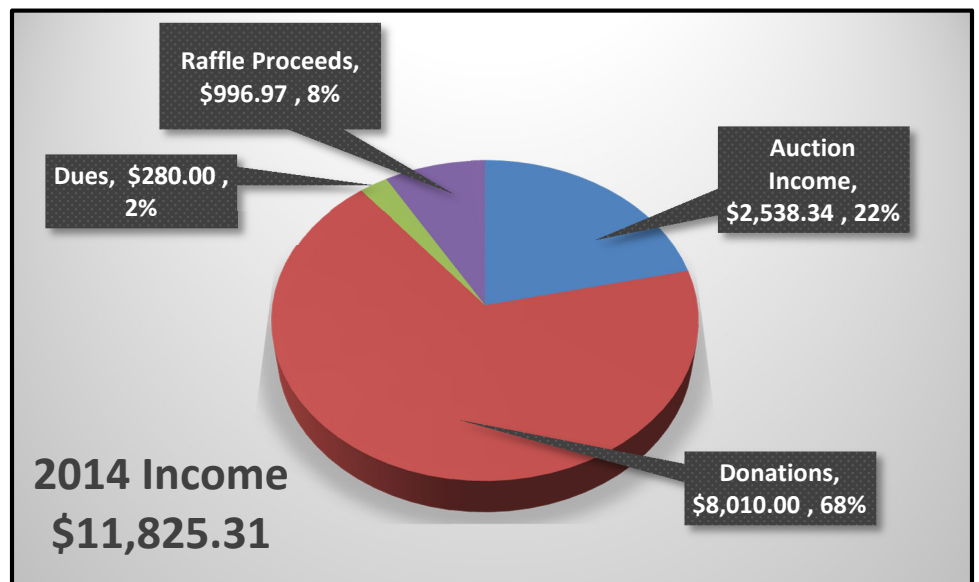


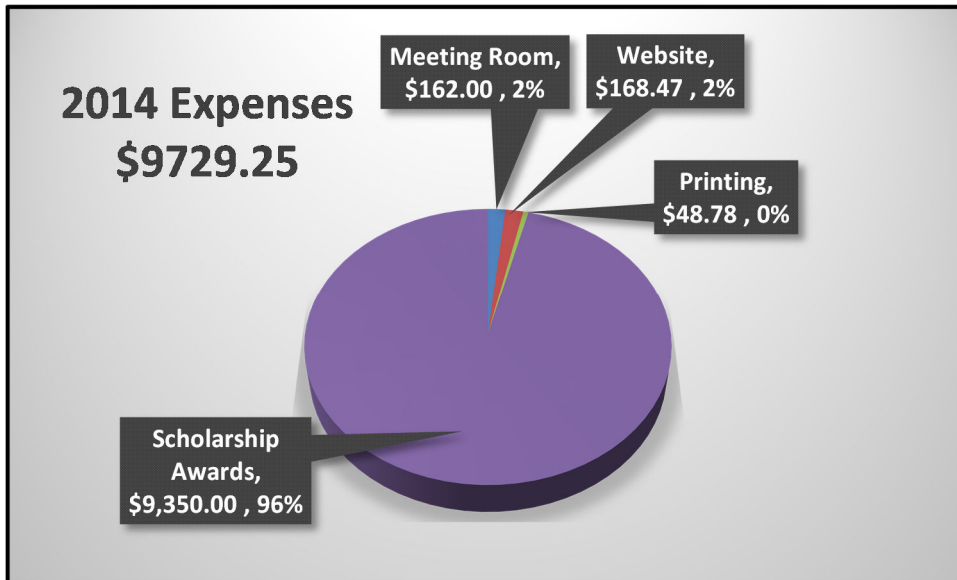
The Foundation had a total of \$36,344.60 in its accounts as of 2/6/2015. At its inception, the **LSAW Auxiliary** transferred \$14,394 to the Foundation for annual scholarship awards. \$93.76 remains in the LSAW Auxiliary Fund. **Snohomish chapter** of LSAW funds the Mike Mickiewicz Memorial Scholarship and \$500 remains in that account. **Northwest chapter** also funds a scholarship award; \$50 remains in that account. **North Olympic Chapter** funds the James V. Jacobs Meanwhile, funds for 2015 are pending from that source.

The **LSAW Foundation Scholarship Fund** totals \$35,700.84. That fund receives annual support from the **LSAW Board of Trustees**, and has also received contributions from the **Northeast, South Puget Sound and Lower Columbia Chapters**, the **Washington Council of County Surveyors** and **Chris Brod** as well as earnings from Foundation fundraising activities and membership dues.

For 2014, the Foundation received a total of \$11,825.31 in income. Of this total, \$8010 came from donations; while last year's auction earned \$2538.34 and the raffle netted \$996.97. Membership dues accounted for the remaining \$280 in income

The **Foundation Board** thanks one and all for your generous and continued support.





The Foundation strives to keep overhead costs as low as possible. For instance, Board members do not receive reimbursement for mileage, lodging or meal expenses when traveling to attend Board meetings.

For 2014, only 4 cents out of every scholarship dollar awarded was spent on expenses, which included \$162.00 for meeting room rental fees, \$168.47 for website hosting, and \$48.78 for printing costs.

Scholarship Awards 2009–2014

It's hard to believe we've passed the sixth year for scholarship awards. In 2014 the **North Olympic Chapter** stepped with a new scholarship, the John V. Jacobs Memorial Scholarship and awarded \$2000 in scholarship funds. Our total for the Foundation in 2014 was a distribution of \$9,350 in scholarships to 6 recipients attending 4 area colleges. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed \$43,850 in scholarships and grants.

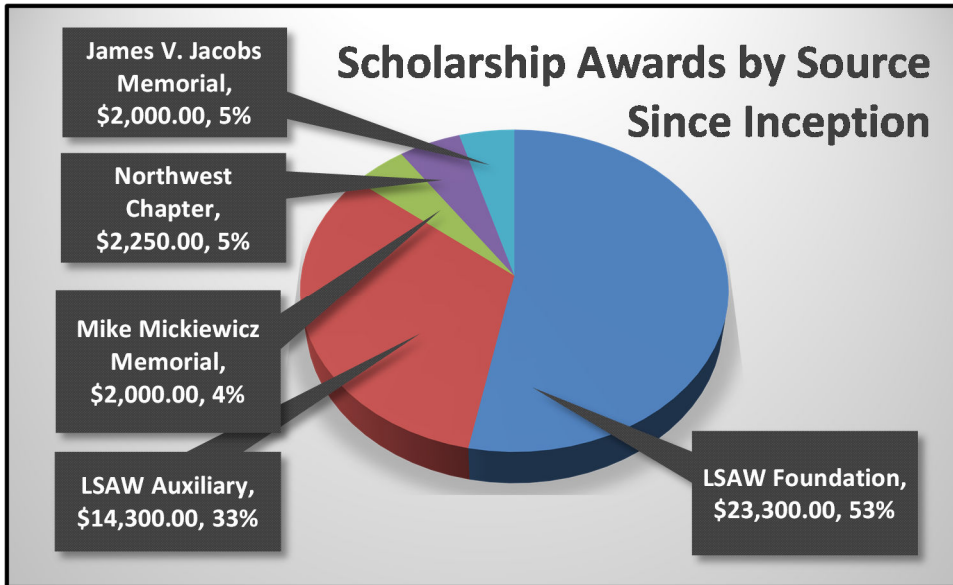
The Foundation scholarship fund continues to receive substantial financial support via grants from the **Land Surveyors' Association**

of Washington. In 2013, the Foundation received financial support from the **Northwest, Snohomish (Mike Mickiewicz Memorial Scholarship) and North Olympic** chapters of LSAW. The scholarship fund is also supported by membership fees and Foundation fund-raising activities. We continue to work to grow our funds and work toward financial sustainability.



This year, I am making a personal appeal to individual LSAW members. Our individual membership rate is just \$35. If we can add 25 new members this year, we can fund one more scholarship. If you believe in our mission, please consider joining.

--Rich Waltrip



Since 2007 the Foundation has awarded at total of \$43,850 in surveying scholarships

Goals and Strategies

The overall mission of the Foundation is to **promote educational, scientific and charitable activities in the fields of surveying, mapping, and land information sciences.**

It seeks to do this by **providing financial support, in the form of scholarships and grants**, to students entering the profession and to educators and others who advance and improve the profession and its standing with the general public in the State of Washington

To make this possible, the Foundation seeks to build a self-supporting endowment that will allow it to award scholarships and grants to deserving surveying students and educational programs perpetually. If this goal is to be accomplished, a portion of the funds we receive must be saved and invested. Otherwise, the Foundation would function in a pay-as-you-go fashion and scholarship and grant awards would be vulnerable

to market conditions and totally dependent upon the continuing and continuous generosity of donors.

In its fund raising activities, the Foundation seeks to avoid competing with other established groups such as the George Walker Fund, LSAW Chapter fundraisers such as seminars, and the LSAW State Conference. This makes financial support from LSAW at the State and Chapter level essential to the Foundation’s mission.

The Board continues to develop its strategic plan, which will provide a framework as it seeks to fulfill its mission in 2015 and beyond.

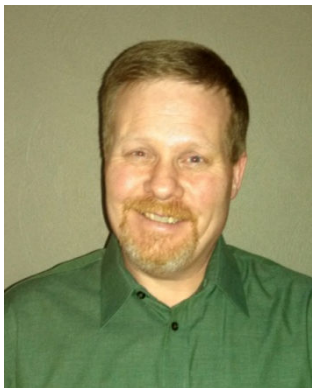
Foundation Board for 2015



Chairman, Ken Swindaman, PLS has always supported higher education. While attending Oregon Institute of Technology he was awarded a \$500 PLSO scholarship. He understands the importance of supporting students pursuing higher education. Ken Served on the Gorge F. Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund prior to serving on the LSAW Foundation. He has been licensed in Oregon since 1996, and Washington since 1997. Ken is one of the founding Directors of the Foundation and served as its Vice-Chairman from 2007-2013. He is a former president of LSAW. He is currently on special assignment in Denmark.



Vice-Chairman, Rich Waltrip, PLS received a B.S. in Geology from the University of Missouri in 1978 and completed several surveying courses at various colleges in subsequent years. He is licensed in Washington, Idaho, Montana and Missouri. He believes in the increasing importance of higher education for personal development, as well its benefit to the profession. He has been an active member of LSAW since moving to Spokane, Washington in 1999, serving as president and trustee of the Inland Empire Chapter. Rich has served as a director of the LSAW Foundation since its inception in 2007 and Foundation Scholarship Committee Chair since 2013. Besides working for a living, he enjoys camping, hiking and playing music.

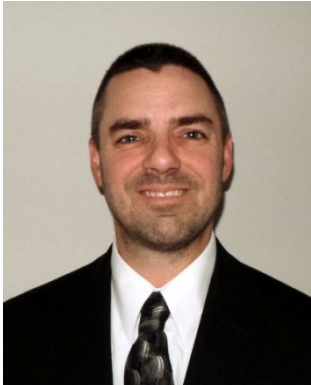


Treasurer, Michael (Mick) Sprouffske Jr., PLS is a third generation Land Surveyor. Licensed since 2002, his fulltime career started in 1989 after serving four years in the US Navy Submarine Service. He worked for several private firms in the beginning of his career including Manke Lumber Co. Mick's Public Sector employment began in 1998 with Mason County Public Works. In 2005, he moved to the Department of Natural Resources in Olympia serving as Manager of the Public Land Survey Office. In December of 2012 he transferred to the State Land Survey Unit where he is the equivalent of a DNR Region Surveyor, but is responsible for cadastral surveys for both the South Puget Sound Region as well as portions of the Pacific Cascade Region. Mick was appointed to the Foundation Board in 2011 and serves as its Treasurer. He serves on the Board because he believes in providing opportunities for students who are studying Land Surveying and Mapping. He is former president of LSAW.



Secretary, John Thomas (Tom) Brewster, PLS was born and raised in Bellingham, Washington. He enrolled in Bellingham Technical College's surveying program in 1988, after realizing that his B.A. in Philosophy from Washington University in St. Louis was not going to pay the bills effectively. Starting work as a survey technician in early 1990, he moved to Wilson Engineering in 1994, becoming their principal GPS and Hydrographic Technician. In 2001 he sat for and passed the LSIT exam, and received his professional license in 2007. He served on the Technical Advisory Board for the Surveying and Civil Engineering programs at Bellingham Technical College for twelve years, and took a leave of absence to teach there for a full year. As an instructor, he saw the impact that even a relatively small scholarship can have on a student's ability to perform and succeed. He sees his service on the Foundation Board as an opportunity to re-engage with surveying students, and perhaps help to "spread the word" about the scholarships the Foundation administers. Tom joined the Board in 2013

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Director, John R. Christensen, PLS began his surveying career in 1992 with the City of Moses Lake, Washington and received his professional license in 2002. John moved to Kennewick in 2008 where he is employed with the Franklin County Department of Public Works. Appointed to the Foundation Board in 2011, he is honored to be a part of its continuing efforts to assist students who are pursuing careers in surveying.



Director, John Thomas, PLS is a graduate of Oregon State University's Forest Engineering program, received his Washington license in 1978, and is also licensed in Oregon and California. After a stint with the Washington Department of Natural Resources, he worked in dredging and heavy construction from Alaska to California and later with Olson Engineering in Vancouver, Washington. John is recently retired from WSDOT as a Cadastral Surveyor. John has long participated in the TrigStar program, actively teaches Boy Scouts about land surveying through the Surveying Merit Badge, has taught GPS and Surveying Ethics courses at Clark College and, "teaches young men old-time surveying at Fort Vancouver National Park. John joined the Foundation Board in 2013 to further its mission of promoting education and providing scholarships to qualifying students. He was President of the LSAW Board of Trustees for 2012 and will serve on the LSAW Board of Trustees for one more year as Past President. John resides in Vancouver where he and, with his wife of 33 years, raised their three children.



Director, Carla Meritt, PLS has been a licensed professional land surveyor since 2003, currently holding licenses in both Washington and Oregon. She has been working in the private sector of the land surveying industry since 1995 and currently manages a division of the surveying group at MacKay Sposito in Vancouver, Washington. She has been a member of LSAW since 2003 and held various leadership positions within the organization, including Lower Columbia chapter president and trustee. She served as LSAW's liaison to the OIT Geomatics Advisory Committee from 2007-2012. Carla has been a part-time adjunct instructor at Clark College, teaching the legal description class, since 2011. She has been a member of the Clark College Survey Advisory Committee since 2007, and held the position of Advisory Committee Chair from 2010-2012. In 2012 she was appointed as LSAW's delegate to WFPS. With a background and a degree in Education, Carla is passionate about promoting recruitment and funding for students entering into the surveying profession and is looking forward to continued service on the Foundation Board.