



ROY MINNICK

Well-known California surveyor, author, seminar presenter, and book seller Roy Minnick began his surveying career with the U.S. Army in 1955, gaining both office and field experience. Beginning in 1962, he continued his training with the California State Lands Commission (CSLC). During his 30 years with CSLC Roy became proficient at identifying boundaries of navigable lakes and other state-owned wetlands. His assignments included geodetic control, property boundary, and hydrographic surveys. He quickly adapted to the advent of the electronic surveying age and was among the early users of electronic distance measuring equipment. Roy retired from the CSLC in 1992.

Between 1992 and 1994, he was in private practice consulting on land survey problems for private clients. Courts accepted Roy as an expert land surveyor a number of times, and he frequently acted as a consultant in boundary research.

Beginning in September 1994, as the waterways and boundaries specialist, Minnick consulted with First American Title Company underwriting staff on matters relating to tidelands, waterways, and land survey matters in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and other countries served by the Company.

Within the surveying profession, Roy was a giant; his quick wit, thorough research, firmness of convictions, and generous nature endeared him to all who worked with him. He took a very personal interest in promoting surveying education, and became a national leader in the field. Roy founded and chaired the Survey Technology Program at Sacramento City College, and was highly sought after for seminars and other venues where he could share, sometimes with considerable humor, his vast store of knowledge.

Roy Minnick passed away unexpectedly in September of 2004, but he left a rich legacy for the surveying profession. We honor his memory with this scholarship.