



St. Albert MLA Receives Honorary Life Membership

April 27, 2010

Ken Allred, ALS (Hon. Life) of St. Albert was made an honorary life member in the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association for his signal service to the profession over the course of the last 45 years. Mr. Allred is perhaps best known as the MLA for the provincial riding of St. Albert and a former St. Albert city council member. As an Alberta Land Surveyor, Mr. Allred served as registrar of the Association from 1977-1991; president of the Association in 2001-2002. He has also been vice-president of FIG – the International Federation of Surveyors. Mr. Allred has contributed to numerous publications including chapters to *Survey Law in Canada* and *The Law and Practice of Land Surveying in Alberta*. Mr. Allred was presented with the honour at the Association's 101st annual general meeting held in Jasper from April 22-24, 2010

At the same meeting, Brian Ross, ALS, of Calgary, Alberta was elected president of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association.

“I would like to see our Association become more visible to the public, become more aggressive with our viewpoints, and become more vocal in the community,” said Mr. Ross during his acceptance speech. “Most people know what a P.Eng is, what a CA is, what an MD is, but not an Alberta Land Surveyor. I want to spend this year moving our Association towards a goal of becoming a profession that the public embraces, because proper land ownership depends on us.”

Brian Ross received his license as an Alberta Land Surveyor in 1993 after graduating from the SAIT Survey Technology program and the University of Calgary Surveying Engineering department and serving a period of articles under former Association president Stephen Green. Mr. Ross has worked in the United Arab Emirates and the Bahamas and has been employed by Caltech Surveys Ltd. of Calgary since 2000. Brian Ross is also licensed as a professional engineer and Canada Lands Surveyor.

The Alberta Land Surveyors' Association also recognized Connie Petersen, ALS who received the President's Award for her work in leading a group of elite Alberta Land Surveyors in creating a new continuing competency program for the profession. Ms. Petersen and her working group have developed a new continuing competency review program which will assess each individual land surveyor's practice at least once every four years. The President's Award recognizes an individual, or individuals, who have, in the opinion of the president, gone above and beyond the call of duty to serve the Association.

The Alberta Land Surveyors' Association is a self-governing professional association legislated under the Land Surveyors Act. The Association regulates the practice of land surveying for the protection of the public and administration of the profession.

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The 102nd annual general meeting of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association will be held April 14-16, 2011 in Jasper, Alberta.

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