



Council REPORT

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

May 19, 2005

The Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on May 19, 2005. Here is a summary of their discussions.

From the Registrar

Council approved the following members' requests to be placed on the retired list: **Harold DeWitt, Amin Kassam, Len Leiman, Doug Pearce and John West.** Mr. DeWitt's and Mr. West's retired membership was subject to the resolution of issues identified on their retirement application form.

Council accepted, with regret, the request from **Lyle Ford** to resign as a retired member. **Alex Sekella** will not be renewing his associate membership as he has retired.

Council approved **1160544 Alberta Inc., (operating as Eclipse Planning Geomatics and Engineering)** as a surveyor's corporation. **Mike Fretwell, Jeffrey Johnston and Ross Woolgar** will be the Alberta Land Surveyors responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council approved a branch office for **Crape Geomatics Corporation** in Edmonton. **A. James Hume, ALS** will be the Alberta Land Surveyor responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the office.

Council also approved a branch office for **All West Surveys Ltd.** in Lloydminster. **Reid Egger, ALS** will be responsible for the branch office.

Council welcomed four new associate members. **Jeffrey Anderson** works for Millennium Geomatics and is also an ASSMT member. **Jeremy Dawson** replaces Matt Parrish as the geomatics technologist within Systematic Practice Review. Jeremy recently graduated from NAIT. **Yimy Garcia** works for Crape Geomatics in Calgary and **Milton Lemke** is

employed with Maltais Geomatics in Calgary. Welcome All!

Council approved an application from **Don McNeil** to be exempt from the provisions of the Association's mandatory insurance bylaw as Mr. McNeil is not actively practicing surveying in Alberta.

Council issued 30-day notices to those members who have not yet paid their 2005-2006 membership dues.

Practice Review

Lyall Pratt has announced that he will not be renewing his contract to serve as the Association's Director of Practice Review when his current contract expires on December 31, 2005.

Lyall has been the Director of Practice Review since 1997 and has served the profession very well in this capacity. We wish Lyall all the best in his future endeavours.

The Association is seeking a new Director of Practice Review and an employment notice is attached to this edition of *Council Report*.

Jeremy Dawson is the Association's new geomatics technologist. He replaces Matt Parrish who is going back to school at the University of New Brunswick.

Searching Land Titles Records

Council, on behalf of the Practice Review Board, will send a letter to the Land Titles Office requesting that the Director of Practice Review Board be given the ability to search land titles records by individual Alberta Land Surveyor registration numbers.

Until late 1998, anyone could view the types and registered plan numbers of all plans registered by any Alberta Land Surveyor through the LRIS Gateway System, maintained by the Director of Surveys Office. Systematic Practice Review (SPR) would, until the system was shut down, pull

up a list of plans registered over the past twelve months (or any other period) by any land surveyor under review before conducting the office visit. This list provided an indication of volume and type of work undertaken by all land surveyors in a practice before commencement of an office visit. If, for instance, a land surveyor registered very few plans, Systematic Practice Review would be able to see at a glance the last plan or plans registered, and determine if a longer search period (greater than twelve months) should be done. The list was of assistance in selecting typical type of surveys undertaken for examination during the review. It also showed what part of the province the land surveyor did work in, and allowed SPR to selected plans in surveyed or unsurveyed territory based on the numbers in each area. It made it easier to plan field inspections by selecting surveys in an area of the province that had upcoming inspections. This is more important today than in 1999 since all Phase Three plans are to receive a field inspection.

Without some form of ALSA authorization, Land Titles will not grant SPR the ability to search individual land surveyors registered plans even though all of the plans are available through the Land Titles public record. With Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy legislation, Land Titles will not provide SPR with any lists of registered plans for any individual land surveyor without authorization. The recommendation, if approved, would allow the Land Titles Office to provide SPR with individual Alberta Land Surveyors listing of registered plans. It should be noted that this information is available through a public record but that searching for it would take considerable time and effort without the bulk search capability.



RPR Ad Hoc Committee

The terms of reference for the RPR Ad Hoc Committee have been assigned to the Public Relations Committee and Council has asked the Public Relations Committee to re-examine and prioritize its terms of reference and make recommendations to Council in light of the draft five-year public relations and marketing plan prepared by Rose Country Communications.

Council appreciates the work the RPR Ad Hoc Committee has done and is concerned what effect title insurance will have on the public. However, Council felt that the terms of reference were best handled by the Public Relations Committee as part of the Association's overall public awareness initiatives.

Council will still be considering the title insurance and Western Torrens Initiative position papers that were prepared by the RPR Ad Hoc Committee.

Convention & Social Group

Council reorganized Convention & Social for the 2005-2006 Association year. Instead of a standing committee, the Convention & Social group will consist of the president and his wife, the vice-president and his wife, and Association staff. ALSA members will be a resource to the group to provide input and ideas but will not be expected to organize and carry out the various functions at the golf tournament and annual general meeting. Executive Director Brian Munday will chair the group and President Stephen Green will be the Council liaison.

Government Liaison

The Association met with the Hon. David Coumts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, earlier this month. The Association spoke to him and his deputy minister about the digital integrated dispositions program, proposed amendments to the Surveys Act as debated by the membership at the AGM, and the Boundary Resolution Process. The Association had previously met with ministers Ty Lund and Mike Cardinal.

On April 4, the Association met with the Director of Surveys to discuss the status of the Calgary baseline. Mr. Banham of the Director's office will put together a background document for June 2005 as the basis for discussion with the membership on the needs for a new Calgary baseline.

The Minister of Energy, Hon. Greg Melchin, is seeking examples of global energy leadership. These can be current projects/practices or examples of things that address goals of the future. The information will be incorporated into communications and speeches.

The Association has been asked to provide comments on the government's review of the Land Agents Licensing Act and Regulation.

Business Arising from the Annual General Meeting: Budgeting Post Sales

At the 2005 AGM, the membership passed a motion under new business asking Council to consider replacing the following policy, "the annual budget for iron post and marker post revenue shall be established by averaging the previous four years actual revenues for iron post and marker post sales" with a forecasting approach to budgeting iron post and marker post revenues.

The Association is looking at what historical Alberta-specific economic information is available and what forecasted Alberta-specific information would be available to help budget iron post and marker post sales for future years. A recommendation to Council is expected soon.

Student Member Bylaw

Council made a bylaw to create the student member category as approved by Alberta Land Surveyors at the 2005 annual general meeting.

According to the Land Surveyors Act, it is Council, and not the membership, that makes bylaws. However, the Act also states that a bylaw "...does not come into force unless it is approved by a majority of Alberta

Land Surveyors present and voting at a general meeting...."

The current version of the Association bylaws is available online at www.alsa.ab.ca/pdf/bylaws2005.pdf

MSP Index of Resource Information

Council approved adding Part E, Section 7 (Index of Reference Information) to the Manual of Standard Practice as a housekeeping item.

At the annual general meeting, the membership approved taking the compendium (Bulletin 38, Control Survey Standards and Specifications, History of Re-Establishing from Road Plans and The Commitment to Property Damage Mitigation) out of the Manual of Standard Practice and placing it on the ALSA website. Council, at its March 1 meeting, had approved creating the compendium.

The rationale document referred to having what is in the compendium just listed in the Manual of Standard Practice. This was not, however, part of the motion passed by the membership.

Part E, Section 7 will read:

In addition to the material contained in the Manual of Standard Practice, there is other reference information with which Alberta Land Surveyors and their staffs should be familiar.

Please include the relevant reference information depending on your type of practice in your Manual of Standard Practice.

This reference information is located on the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association website and includes (but is not limited to the following):

Commitment to Property Damage Mitigation (Best Practices)
Boundary Surveys Act
Bulletin 38
Control Survey Standards
Court Decisions
Dominion Re-surveys Act
Good Practice Resolutions: 1980 to 1988
Good Practice Resolutions: 1959 to 1977
History of Re-establishing from Road Plans (1942 Surveys Act)
Indian Reserves Surveys



Land Surveyors Act: 1910 to 1981
Manual of Instruction for Survey of
Canada Lands
Manual of Standard Practice
Oil & Gas Related Legislation & In-
formation
Practice Review Board Interpretive
Bulletins
Surveys Act: 1922 to 1987

Practitioners should use the search
feature on the ALSA website to find
relevant articles that were printed in
ALS News or other ALSA publications.

Lethbridge Community College

Council unanimously approved a dona-
tion of \$500 to Lethbridge Commu-
nity College's John Harvey Memorial
Fund.

Mr. Harvey was a first year
Geomatics Engineering Technology
student at Lethbridge Community
College who died unexpectedly in
February 2005 of natural causes at
age 23. Mr. Harvey had moved to
Lethbridge from Nova Scotia and was
newly married.

Anyone interested in making a dona-
tion to this fund should contact in-
structor Andrew Bowen at Lethbridge
Community College.

Getting It Right Seminar

Council has directed the Professional
Development Committee to reserve
three spaces in each of the Getting It
Right seminars for the Practice Re-
view Board referrals. The three re-
served spaces will be released one
week prior to the date of the seminar
if they are not filled by Board refer-
rals.

The members referred to the Get-
ting It Right seminar by the Practice
Review Board will still be required to
register for the seminar.

CAPP Membership Application

Council gave first reading to spend-
ing \$1,000 to become an associate
member of the Canadian Association
of Petroleum Producers (CAPP).

The ALSA has representation on

the CAPP Geomatics Committee and
needs to become an associate mem-
ber in order to have access to the
website, minutes and agendas. In ad-
dition, CAPP produces materials such
as *Crude Oil Report* and the *Statistical
Handbook* for members only.

CAPP membership will come back
to the June 29 Council meeting for
second reading. Members are invited
to comment.

Registration Committee Appeal

Council heard an appeal of a Regis-
tration Committee decision pursuant
to Section 21 of the Land Surveyors
Act and decided to vary the decision
made by the Registration Committee.

Mileage Reimbursement

Council gave first reading to increase
the Association's mileage reimburse-
ment rate to \$0.45 per kilometre. The
reimbursement rate is consistent with
rules established by the Canadian
Revenue Agency. As the mileage re-
imbursement rate is an Association
policy, it will require two readings of
Council.

Short Cuts

The Association has learned that
CMHC recently announced that they
will be including title insurance cov-
erage as part of their mortgage insur-
ance later this fall.

The Registration Committee had
requested that they revisit the office
portion of the registration process to
determine whether six more months
of office time should be added to the
requirements under articles. Council
referred the issue to the Future of the
Association Ad Hoc Committee. The
issue came up as a result of the feed-
back forms completed by newly-com-
missioned members.

Committee Action Plans and Volunteers

Council has appointed members to the
following committees. Many thanks
to all those who put their names for-
ward and to all those who are

stepping down after years of service.

A calendar of Association meet-
ings, seminars and other events is also
available online.

Boundary Panel

Chair: Dave McWilliam

Members:

Bruce Drake, Terry Hudema,
Bill Hunter, Mark Kocher,
David Marquardt, John Matthyssen,
Ross Metcalfe, Jerry Rasmuson,
John Van Berkel, Ken Weimer,
Don Wilson

Discipline Committee

Chair: Al Nelson

Vice Chairs: Jim Halliday

Dave McWilliam, Ken Allred,
Larry Pals

Members:

Bruce Beairsto, Bruce Gudim,
Terry Hudema, Bill Hunter,
Daniel Lachance, Con Lenius,
Doug MacAulay, Tim Martin,
Roy Pominville, Dave Thomson,
John Wallace, Wayne Wesolowsky

Editorial Board

Chair: Dave McArthur

Council Liaison: Dirk VandenBrink

Members:

Mike Barry, Hugo Engler,
Greg Hebb, Terry Ingraham,
Rob Scott

Future of the Association Ad Hoc

Chair: Arlin Amundrud

Council Liaison: Victor Hut

Members:

Rick Beaumont, Jeff Blatz,
Alex Hittel, Leanne James,
Syd Loeppky, Kevin Nemrava,
Rob Radovanovic,
Mark Theuerkauf, Chris Tucker

Historial & Biographical

Chair: Allan Main

Council Liaison: Clayton Bruce

Members:

Bob Baker, Les Frederick,
Barry Neczyk, Gord Olsson,
Lew Rodney, Steven Van Berkel,
Charlie Weir, Mark Woychuk



Legislation Ad Hoc**Chair:** Terry Hudema**Vice Chair:** John Van Berkel**Council Liaison:** David Marquardt**Members:**

Jack Carter, Terry Chiddy,
 Les Frederick, Don George,
 John Lohnes, Lee Morden,
 Len Olson, Albert Rachynski,
 Andrew Roop, Garry Schirmacher,
 Mark Sutter

Practice Review Board**Chair:** Dwight Wiberg**Members:**

Blaine Benson, Jeff Boutilier,
 Bernie Jess, Bernie McKenna,
 Bruce Murray, Doug Neufeld,
 Paul Stoliker, Paul Westersund

Public Member: Russell Barnes**Professional Development****Chair:** Ross Woolgar**Vice Chair:** Andrew Miles**Council Liaison:** Murray Young**Members:**

Paul Densmore, Steve Keddy,
 Sirt Lin, Paddy Marshall,
 Ryan McMahan, Lyall Pratt,
 Martin Robinson, Andrew Roop,
 Roger Ross, Courtney Tripp

ASSMT: Cory Levasseur**NAIT:** Connie Hanrahan**U of C:** Mele Rakai**SAIT:** Greg Hebb**Public Relations****Chair:** Scott Partridge**Council Liaison:** Tony Brown**Members:**

Leslie Ewoniak, Mike Fretwell,
 Damian Gillis, Kevin Grover,
 Huong Nguyen, JarlNome,
 Heather Stairs, Al Theriault,
 Vince Ziegler

Rose Country Communications:

Brian Stecyk

Registration**Chair:** Connie Petersen**Vice Chair:** Fred Cheng**Council Liaison:** Grant Cross**Members:**

Bryan Bates, Lloyd Cridland,
 Roy Devlin, Jacques Dupuis,
 Barry Fleece, Rick Gauthier,
 John Haggerty, Tim Harding,
 Roger Leeman, Joe Longo,
 Jim Maidment, David McArthur,
 Craig McBride, Frank Meashaw,
 Roy Pominville, Brad Sawchuk,
 Rob Scott, Jim Sharpe,
 Greg Stromsmoe, Purdy Smith,
 Jim Sweeney, Scott Westlund

Standards**Chair:** Kevin Swabey**Council Liaison:** David Marquardt**Members:**

Jules Brassard, Scott Boulanger,
 David Gosling, Don Grant,
 Terry Ingraham, Al Jamieson,
 Mark Knott, John Landry,
 Doug Lundy, Pat Moloney,
 Rob Pinkerton, Francis Prefontaine,
 Ron Robinson, Mike SexSmith,
 Piotr Strozyk, Wayne Wesolowsky,
 Ian Westlake, Jeremy Zettel

ASSMT: Kathy Sprott**Alberta Registries:** Tim Grusie**Director of Surveys:** Mike Michaud**Practice Review:** Don George**OTHER COMMITTEES****ALSA/DOS/LTO/Metis****Settlements Liaison**

Tim Grusie, Stephen Green, Mike
 Michaud, Dirk VandenBrink,
 Lyall Pratt, Kevin Swabey,
 Terry Wywal

ASSMT: Grant Cross**CCLS:** Larry Pals**CCLS Professional Liability****Insurance:** Monroe Kinloch**Cadastral Mapping Specifica-
tions Advisory Committee:**

Craig McBride

Convention & Social Group:

Brian Munday

GELC: Robert King, Victor Hut**Oil & Gas Ad Hoc Committee:**

Al Jamieson

Real Estate Transaction**Committee:**

Bob Haagsma, Syd Loeppky

Western Canadian Board of**Examiners for Land Surveyors:**

Larry Pals, Victor Hut

ALSA Golf Tournament

August 19, 2005
 Lacombe Golf and Country
 Club