



Council REPORT

Alberta Land Surveyors' Association

May 18, 2006

The Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on May 18, 2006. Here is a summary of their discussions.

From the Registrar

Council approved the following members' requests to be placed on the retired list: **Bob Fulton, Ron Grattan, Ken Longstaff and Ken Weimer.**

Council accepted, with regret, the request from **Doug Bouck** to resign as a retired member.

Council approved **Global Oilfield Surveys Inc.** as a surveyor's corporation. **Jim Stuart and Jason Thisle** will be the Alberta Land Surveyors responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice. Global Surveys Group Inc. remains a surveyor's corporation. Vice-President Wallace was not present during the discussion and vote on this matter.

Council approved **Mission Geospatial Ltd.** as a surveyor's corporation. **Mike Fretwell** is the Alberta Land Surveyor responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council approved **All West Surveys General Partnership Corporation** as a surveyor's corporation. **Tony Melton and Daniel Lachance** will be the Alberta Land Surveyors responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council approved **All West Surveys Limited Partnership** as a surveyor's partnership using permit number 064. **All West Surveys General Partnership Corporation** will be re-

sponsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council then approved branch offices in Calgary, Grande Prairie, Lloydminster and Medicine Hat for **All West Surveys Limited Partnership** under the direction of **Dennis Regan, Reid Egger, Philippe Breau and Real Comeau** respectively. Council then approved an application to cancel All West Surveys Ltd. as a surveyor's corporation.

Council approved applications from **Summit Geomatics Inc.** and **The-riault Consulting Ltd.** for cancellation as surveyor's corporations.

Council approved applications from **Connie Hanrahan, Francis Prefontaine and Allan Theriault** to be exempt from the provisions of the Association's mandatory insurance by-law as they are not actively practicing surveying in Alberta.

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

Trig-Alta

Council gave first reading to a recommendation from the Public Relations Committee to approve \$20,000 for the first year of a high-school math contest and sufficient funding per annum thereafter to fund the math contest based on a review by Council.

The purpose of the Trig-Alta math contest is to interest students in the activities and career opportunities available in geomatics. The exam allows students to see how the mathematics that they are learning in school is applied in real life.

The exam will be 50 minutes in length (in order to accommodate a typical school period). It will contain a mix-

ture of multiple choice, short answer (numerical response) and written response questions.

The questions, which will be developed jointly by retired math teachers and Alberta Land Surveyors, shall have a survey-related theme – showing how Alberta Land Surveyors use the math the students have learned in a real-world setting.

The exam will be aimed at Grade 11 Pure Math students and based on content primarily included in the Grade 10 Pure Math curriculum.

It is estimated that 2,000 students out of approximately 12,000-13,000 students in any one grade in any one year would write the examination.

Trig-Alta is the next step in promoting careers in land surveying to students (Made to Measure crate, career presentations, University of Calgary first year BBQ, and the University of Calgary Beef and Bun reception being the other components in the overall plan).

Each student will receive something for writing the exam. Any student who earns a certain mark, or over, will receive a certificate. The top five students will receive a cash prize.

As the Council motion did not pass unanimously, it will come back to the June 27 Council meeting for second reading. Second reading allows ALSA members the time to contact a Council member to let them know their thoughts on this issue.

Made Bylaws

Council made the bylaws approved by the membership 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/bylaws2006.pdf

Timber Management Regulations and the Forms Regulation

The Alberta Land Surveyors' Association has been asked to comment on proposed changes to the Timber Management Regulations that would increase penalties for unauthorized removal of permanent sample plots.

It is suggested that the "penalty needs to reflect that any person who cuts, damages or destroys a Permanent Sample Plot, Temporary Sample Plot or Research Plot shall pay to the Minister an amount to cover the Minister's costs to re-establish the plot...."

Council did have some concerns with the proposed wording of the regulations, particularly in regard to the financial penalty and poorly marked plots, and those concerns will be forwarded to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

The Alberta Land Surveyors' Association was also asked to comment on proposed changes by Land Titles to the forms in the Forms Regulation. "These changes are expected to create more user friendly forms and reduce the percentage of rejections, increase production and help lower Land Titles turnaround times." The forms affected do not specifically affect the land survey-related forms and the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association indicated to Land Titles that it had no concerns.

ATS File/Supplement to the Manual of Instructions Research

Council defeated a motion to endorse setting up a research project at the University of Calgary or the University of New Brunswick to compare the use of the ATS file versus the Supplement to the Manual of Instructions for the Survey of Canada Lands. The membership had asked Council to consider setting up such a research project during new business at the annual general meeting.

Council felt that the topic, while of great interest to land surveyors, would be too narrow and too specific to attract the attention of a research student. It was also felt that Alberta Land Surveyors themselves had sufficient expertise and experience in the use of the ATS file and the Supplement to the Manual of Instructions to conduct any research or make any decisions on their use.

Alberta-BC Labour Mobility

"The provinces of Alberta and British Columbia have signed an agreement which is being hailed as an historic achievement that could have a major impact on two-way commerce and labour mobility between the participants."

The deal, which takes effect April 2007, is intended to address any remaining barriers to labour mobility that may exist for regulated workers seeking to work in either jurisdiction. In response to a letter by the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, Mike Cardinal, Minister of Human Resources & Employment, said that "Human Resources & Employment staff recognize the unique role of self-regulating professional organizations and their responsibility to assure the public that practitioners of their professions are competent in their chosen fields. Following adoption of the proposed agreement, both Alberta and British Columbia will work with stakeholders such as the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association and the British Columbia counterparts to ad-

dress how the agreement can be implemented to reflect the specific circumstances of their professions."

Canadian Board of Examiners

The Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS) has officially taken over from the Western Canadian Board of Examiners (WCBE).

The five member parties of CBEPS are: the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors, the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, the Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association, the Association of Manitoba Lands Surveyors, and the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors.

Effective May 8th, 2006, all persons who were candidates for a WCBELS Certificate of Completion became candidates of CBEPS and their records were transferred to CBEPS.

What does this mean to you as a candidate? In terms of your studying and writing examinations, nothing will change. The office location and fax number for CBEPS will not change although there will eventually be a new telephone number, email address and website. The most important change is that when you earn your Certificate of Completion it will be issued by CBEPS.

Mileage Reimbursement

Council gave first reading to a policy amendment that would tie the Association's mileage reimbursement rate to that established by the Canada Revenue Agency. The current CRA mileage reimbursement rate is \$0.50 per kilometre for the first 5,000 kms.

The policy amendment will come back to the June meeting of Council for second reading.

If you have any comments or questions on this policy amendment, please contact the Executive Director or a member of Council.



Short Cuts

Dr. Elizabeth Cannon has been appointed Dean of the Schulich School of Engineering for a five-year term effective July 1, 2006. More information will appear in the next issue of *ALS News*. Congratulations, Elizabeth!

The Real Estate Transaction Committee, a committee consisting of a broad range of stakeholders involved in the real estate industry including the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, met on May 18, 2006. The purpose of the committee is review the elements of the real estate transaction in Alberta and make recommendations.

President Dirk VandenBrink met with his APEGGA counterpart in early May for an annual meeting of the minds.

Past president Jim Halliday represented the ALSA at a multi-stakeholder damage prevention legislation task force meeting. The purpose of the task force is to seek legislation for the protection of buried facilities.

The Canadian Council of Land Surveyors has agreed to have Alberta Land Surveyors' Association representative, Victor Hut, represent the CCLS on the Enform Chainsaw Safety Certification Committee. Mr. Hut will be asked to report back to CCLS Board on the work of the committee.

Council considered the motion from the annual general meeting to fund research at the University of New Brunswick but made no decision on the matter.

Committee Action Plans

Council amended some committee action plans for 2006-2007.

Future

The Future Committee's terms of reference were revised to read:

1. Investigate Justice Cote's comments from the 2006 annual general meeting.
2. Review the Government of Alberta's "Building and Educating Tomorrow's Workforce" and make general recommendations concerning the recruitment and registration of Alberta Land Surveyors and associate members taking into consideration the actions of other associations.
3. Conduct an ongoing review of the Strategy Summit consultant's analysis.

Professional Development

Council has asked the Professional Development Committee to consider presenting a practical GPS seminar that details field procedures and quality control utilizing practical examples. This term of reference was added on the recommendation of the Practice Review Board based on their systematic practice reviews.

Registration

The Registration Committee has been asked to review the possibility of inviting affiliate members to attend the annual interviews held by the Registration Committee. This term of reference is a result of new business motion #3 at the annual general meeting.

Standards

The Standards Committee has been asked to investigate issues surrounding the transmission of digital drawing files to the public and make recommendations to Council. This term of reference is a result of new business motion #4 at the annual general meeting.

The Standards Committee has also been asked to consider adding "or related facility" to Part D, Section 5.3 of the Manual of Standard Practice and amend other sections as required.

Title Insurance/Real Property Report Ad Hoc Committee

This is a new ad hoc committee that will meet, as needed, to deal with on-

going issues that confront the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association concerning title insurance. This ad hoc committee will be structured similar to the Oil & Gas Ad Hoc Committee.

Committee Volunteers

Committee action plans are available on the Association's web page at www.alsa.ab.ca. Council has appointed members to the following committees. Many thanks to all those who put their names forward and to all those who are stepping down after years of service.

A calendar of Association meetings, seminars and other events is also available online.

Statutory

Discipline

Stephen Green (Chairman), Al Nelson (Vice-Chairman), Jim Halliday (Vice-Chairman), Dave McWilliam (Vice-Chairman), Ken Allred (Vice-Chairman), Bruce Beairsto, Cam Cousins, Bruce Gudim, David Hagen, Bill Hunter, Daniel Lachance, Tim Martin, Larry Pals, Roy Pominville, John Wallace

Practice Review Board

Dwight Wiberg (Chairman), Blaine Benson (Vice Chairman), Russ Barnes (Public Member), Jeff Boutilier, Bernie Jess, Bruce Jones, Ed Lyster, Brent Murray, Doug Neufeld, Paul Stoliker

Registration

Bryan Bates (Chairman), Connie Petersen (Past Chairman), Bruce Beairsto (Council Liaison), Philippe Breau, John Byrne, Sandy Davies, Roy Devlin, Barry Fleece, Rick Gauthier, Connie Hanrahan, John Haggerty, Daniel Lachance, Roger Leeman, Joe Longo, Jim Maidment, David McArthur, Craig McBride, Frank Meashaw, Roy Pominville, Brad Sawchuk, Rob Scott, Jim Sharpe, Purdy Smith, Michael Stewart, David Thomas, Jim Sweeney, Scott Westlund



Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Boundary Panel

Dave McWilliam (Chairman), Jim Berry, Bruce Drake, Terry Hudema, Bill Hunter, Mark Kocher, David Marquardt, John Matthyssen, Ross Metcalfe, Jerry Rasmuson, Roger Ross, John Van Berkel

Convention & Social

Brian Munday (Chairman), Dirk VandenBrink (Council Liaison), Charlotte Carstens (Exhibitor Liaison), George Smith (golf tournament), Judy VandenBrink, Bob Wallace, Kathy Wallace

Editorial Board

David McArthur (Chairman), Dirk VandenBrink (Council Liaison) Mike Barry, Hugo Engler, Greg Hebb, T. Ingraham, Rob Scott

Future of the Association

Rob Radovanovic (Chairman), Arlin Amundrud (Past Chairman), Terry Hudema (Council Liaison), Jeff Blatz, Ali Hasham, Leanne James, Kevin Nemrava, Metin Timocin, Chris Tucker, Vince Ziegler

Historical & Biographical

Allan Main (Chairman), Les Frederick (Vice Chairman), Tim Harding (Council Liaison), Jim Harland, Barry Necyk, Rich Nixon, Gord Olsson, Randy Wayne, Charlie Weir

Collections Subcommittee – Lou Breton, Monroe Kinloch, Gord Olsson, Lew Rodney

Legislation

Vacant (Chairman), Terry Hudema (Council Liaison), Jack Carter, Terry Chiddy, Les Frederick, John Lohnes, David Marquardt, Lee Morden, Len Olson, Albert Rachynski, Andrew Roop, Garry Schirmacher, Mark Sutter, John Van Berkel

Nominating

Stephen Green (Chairman), Al Nelson, Jim Halliday

Professional Development

Andrew Miles (Chairman), Ross Woolgar (Past Chairman), Murray Young (Council Liaison), Mike Spencer (ASSMT Liaison) Fred Cheng, Paul Densmore, Greg Hebb, Sirt Lin, Patrick Marshall, Pat Moloney, Marty Robinson, Ed Salmon, Metin Timocin, Courtney Tripp

Public Relations

Damian Gillis (Chairman), Tony Brown (Council Liaison), Dwight Adams (ASSMT Liaison), Carina Dunn, Lesley Ewoniak, Kevin Grover, Ray Guy, Mackenzie Lee, Art Miller, Jarl Nome, Jonathan Phillips, Javier Siu

Safety

Alex Hittel (Chairman), Mike Fretwell (Past Chairman), Victor Hut (Council Liaison), Jennifer Beaulieu, Bob Conacher, Carrie Desjarlais, Darrel Florence, Clive McKeen, Ross Metcalfe, Greg Murphy, Chielo Pronovost, Albert Rachynski, Brian Ross, Bob Stirling, Wayne Thom, Dwayne Westacott

Standards

John Landry (Chairman), Kevin Swabey (Past Chairman), Tim Harding (Council Liaison), Don George (SPR Liaison), Tim Grusie (LTO Liaison), Mike Michaud (Director of Surveys), Brian Ball (ASSMT Liaison), Scott Boulanger, Jules Brassard, Mitch Ettinger, Al Flim, David Gosling, Jeremy Howden, Al Jamieson, Hart Karasch, Steve Keddy, Jiunhan Keong, Bob MacDormand, Jason Paziuk, Rob Pinkerton, Ron Robinson, Brian Ross, Mike SexSmith, Piotr Strozyk, Cory Tucker, Wayne Wesolowsky

Other

ASSMT Liaison

Tim Harding

CAPP Geomatics Committee

Stephen Green

CAPP Resource Access Committee

John Wallace

CCLS

Larry Pals

CCLS Professional Liability Insurance Committee

Monroe Kinloch

Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors

Victor Hut, Larry Pals

Geomatics Engineering Liaison Committee

Arlin Amundrud, Victor Hut

Oil & Gas Ad Hoc Committee

Al Jamieson

Real Estate Transaction Committee

Bob Haagsma, Syd Loeppky, Bob Wallace

Title Insurance/Real Property Report Ad Hoc Committee

Bob Wallace

Multi-Stakeholder Damage Prevention Legislation Task Force Representative

Jim Halliday

University of Calgary Research

Stephen Green, David McArthur, Rob Radovanovic

Important Dates to Remember

Getting It Right Seminar (Edm.)

June 15 & 16, 2006

Council Meeting

June 27, 2006

ALSA Golf Tournament

August 18, 2006

Council Meeting

August 29, 2006

Administrative Law Seminar

August 30, 2006

President's Tour

(Lloyd., Med. Hat & Lethbridge)

September 7, 2006

Council Meeting

Edmonton Regional Meeting

September 28, 2006

Calgary Regional Meeting

October 5, 2006

Field Notes Seminar (Calgary)

October 26, 2006

Council Meeting

November 2, 2006

Council Meeting

Christmas Reception (Edmonton)

December 5, 2006

ALSA Office Closed

December 25, 2006 to

January 1, 2007