



COUNCIL REPORT

April 8, 2010

The Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on April 8, 2010. Here is a summary of their discussions.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Council approved an application to change the name of the surveyor's corporation Diversified Geomatics Group Inc. to **Strategic Survey Services Ltd.** George Smith, ALS remains responsible for the permit to practice.

Council approved a request from **Reid Egger, ALS** to be exempted from the provisions of the mandatory professional liability insurance bylaw as he is not engaging in the practice of surveying in Alberta.

Council approved an application from **Jack Hagen, ALS** to be placed on the register of retired members.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Council determined that Mr. D. Hagen's communication of March 16, 2010 with the members of the Association disclosed confidential Council deliberations that will be ongoing and was inappropriate and Council accepted Mr. D. Hagen's apology for his actions.

CHANGES TO AGM RECOMMENDATIONS

When Recommendation #1 is presented to the membership, it will be proposed that the sentence "Most plans should be signed by the Alberta Land Surveyor who is responsible for the plan" not be struck from Part E, Section 1 of the Manual of Standard Practice.

Recommendation #2 has been withdrawn by Council. The recommendation to add a Métis Settlements Land Registry affidavit is no longer required as the Métis Settlements Land Registry has added the affidavit to their rules. The affidavit is online at http://www.mslr.gov.ab.ca/pdf/ExaminationofPlans_Sur-1.pdf

When Recommendation #5 is presented to the membership, the word "maximum" will not be struck out and "Mineral Surface Lease" will be replaced with "Wellsite Disposition Amendment" in the header.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

President Don George and Executive Director Brian Munday recently met with Les Speakman (Executive Director, Land Titles/Surveys), Roy Mosher (Director, Land Titles South) and Curtis Woollard (Director, Land Titles North).

The Association recently met with Thomas Lukaszuk, Minister of Employment & Immigration and responsible for the *Land Surveyors Act*.

A meeting is scheduled with Mel Knight, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development and responsible for the *Surveys Act*.

Council directed that a letter be sent to Heather Klimchuk, Minister of Service Alberta requesting that the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association have the opportunity to participate in any review of the *Condominium Act*.

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE POLICIES

Council authorized the Registration Committee to:

1. investigate existing policies associated with parental leave; and
2. investigate policies associated with leave requested due to extenuating circumstances.

UPDATED POLICY TO UPDATE THE MSP

Council gave second and final reading to update a 1997 policy that outlines when a recommendation passed at an AGM becomes effective.

The policy update became necessary as a result of funding allocated by Council to retain the services of an editor to keep the Manual of Standard Practice in a plain language format.

The revised policy reads:

- *The effective date for motions passed at annual general meetings is the date the motion passed unless otherwise specified.*
- *After the annual general meeting, the Association will circulate an updated Manual of Standard Practice as soon as possible. After the annual general meeting, Council may retain the services of an editor to ensure the Manual of Standard Practice is in a plain language format, update*

hyperlinks and update cross-references.

- *The Executive Director and the Chairman of the Standards Committee shall review the work of the editor to ensure there has been no change in the intent of the Manual of Standard Practice. The edited Manual of Standard Practice will then be provided to Council for approval and then circulated to the membership.*

LABOUR MOBILITY

Council authorized the president of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to sign the March 2011 labour mobility mutual recognition agreement.

The agreement is an update of the 2001 document. It was updated to reflect the amendments made by the provincial governments to Chapter 7 of the Agreement on Internal Trade.

The mutual recognition agreement formalizes the process already used by the Association in dealing with land surveyors from other jurisdictions who wish to become Alberta Land Surveyors.

SHORT CUTS

The Association sent a letter to Dr. Elizabeth Cannon

congratulating her on her appointment as president of the University of Calgary.

Bob Wallace will be working with Olds College regarding a realtor training event that would help participants have a better understanding of, and be more comfortable with, the complexities of rural real estate.

Council noted that a survey plan online checker is being developed and asked to be kept abreast of its progress.

As the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors begins to transition to the new Professional Surveyors Canada, Council directed that a review be conducted of the policy that the Secretary-Treasurer serve as the Alberta representative to CCLS.

Council agreed that the Dormant Plans Working Group can expand to non-Council members for 2010-2011 although the number of members is expected to remain small.

Council authorized the Boundary Panel to resolve a specific boundary uncertainty in whatever manner they deem appropriate.