



COUNCIL REPORT

June 24, 2010

The Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association met on June 24, 2010. Here is a summary of their discussions.

FROM THE REGISTRAR

Council approved an application from **Peter Walker** to be transferred from the active member register to the retired member register.

Council approved applications from **Gordon Repp** and **Vince Voss** to remove their names from the register of retired members and register of Alberta Land Surveyors respectively.

Council approved **Canadian Surveyors Ltd.** as a surveyor's corporation. **Clive MacKeen** will be the Alberta Land Surveyor responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council approved **Integrated Geomatics Inc.** as a surveyor's corporation. **Jason Matichuk** will be the Alberta Land Surveyor responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Council approved a request to change the name of **ACL Surveys Ltd.** to **Allnorth Land Surveyors Ltd.** subject to receipt of additional information.

Allnorth Land Surveyors Ltd., under the supervision, direction and control of **Jeff Olsen**, is an Alberta surveyor's corporation but is based in Kamloops, BC.

Council approved requests from **Stephen Fediow** and **Robert Morrison** to be exempt from the provisions of the mandatory professional liability insurance bylaw as they are not currently practicing land surveying in Alberta.

Council is pleased to re-instate **Blair Anderson** as an associate member.

Council directed the Registrar to cancel the registration of all practitioners who have not provided proof of professional liability insurance pursuant to Section 65 of the ALSA bylaws following the expiration of 30 days notice unless the practitioner, on whom the notice was served, complies with the notice.

Council was informed that the Registrar would be cancelling the memberships

of two retired Alberta Land Surveyors and one associate member for non-payment of fees.

UPDATED/REVISED COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE & VOLUNTEERS

Council added "explore the possibility of putting on one-hour lunch-time sessions on topics of interest to the membership" to the Professional Development Committee terms of reference.

Council added "investigate means of recognizing the historical significance and presence of A.O. Wheeler in the Banff area" to the terms of reference of the Historical & Biographical Committee.

Council has asked the Director of Surveys Liaison Committee to discuss the use of statutory declarations.

Council appointed Rosalind Broderick and Constance Jangwa to the Standards Committee, Steve Fediow and Ryan Man to the Professional Development Committee and Bruce Drake, Colin Jeschke, and Cathy

Sprott to the Legislation Ad Hoc Committee.

Council accepted with regret the resignations of Geoff Hobbs from the Registration Committee, Craig McBride from the Safety Committee, and Leanne James and Mike Michaud from the Standards Committee be accepted with regret.

PRIORITY SPENDING AREAS

Council continues to closely monitor the Association's finances and, in particular, post sales. For the year ending April 30, 2010, the Association ended up with a surplus primarily due to a strong rate of return on its investments.

For 2010-2011, Council had projected post sales to be similar to 2009-2010. For the first month of the fiscal year, post sales were higher than expectations although the Association continues to spend more on ministerial order activities than it receives from post sales.

Council reviewed a list of 23 possible expenditures that were not included in the 2010-2011 budget and established some priorities for spending should post sales continue to be stronger than expected.

Some financial commitments were made at this time. The Executive Director was authorized to pursue hiring an additional staff person to replace Sharon Armstrong when she eventually retires.

A budget of \$1,500 for the Director of Surveys Liaison Committee for the 2010-2011 fiscal year was unanimously approved.

Council unanimously agreed to donate \$500 to the 2011 David Thompson Canoe Brigade and \$1,000 to the North American Land Surveyors canoe team. The 2011 David Thompson Canoe Brigade is modeled after the extremely successful David Thompson Brigade in 2008. For 2011, the Brigade will approximate the 1811 route of Thompson when he linked the Columbia River from its source to its mouth. The 2011 Brigade will leave Invermere, BC on June 1, 2011 to paddle a 45-day, 1,800 km route. The Brigade will arrive at Astoria, OR on July 15, 200 years to the day after David Thompson.

ALSA INVESTMENTS

Council welcomed Julie Brough of Morgan Meighen in Toronto to the meeting to update Council on the status of the Association's investments.

Ms. Brough provided Council with an overall perspective on the current economic situation and potential outcomes. She discussed the status of the Canadian bond markets and Canadian and global equity markets.

Ms. Brough then commented on the Association's portfolio and the rationale for specific investments and what type of investments she is looking for the account in the future.

In 2009, the Association's investment portfolio returned 8.7% (gross of fees). The asset mix remains near the conservative end of the ranges established in the investment policy statement.

POLICY CHANGES

Council gave second and final reading to the following amendments to Council policy.

Discipline Revolving Fund

Council policy 2002.05.009 was revised so that the Discipline Revolving Fund is set at \$30,000 at the start of each fiscal year instead of \$20,000.

Oath of Office

Council established the oath of office for the president, members of Council and Practice Review Board members as policies.

President's Oath

I [state your name] do solemnly and sincerely swear, that I will execute the duties of the office of President of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta; and uphold the traditions established by my predecessors.

This function I will perform without affection, partiality, or prejudice to any member of this Association; or any member of the public. The importance of the rights of the public and minorities; and the protection of these rights; will always be considered paramount in all matters brought before me.

I will treat all confidential information presented to me as privileged; and will maintain the honour and dignity of this office as if it were my own; so help me God.

Council Oath

I [state your name] do solemnly swear, that I will fulfill the duties and responsibilities as a member of Council of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to the best of my ability, and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta; and uphold the traditions

established by my predecessors.

As a member of Council, I will serve without affection, partiality, or prejudice to any member of this Association; or to any member of the public.

I will treat all confidential information presented to me as a member of Council as privileged; and will maintain the honour and dignity of this office as if it were my own; so help me God.

Practice Review Board Oath

I, [state your name], do solemnly swear that I shall fulfill the duties and responsibilities as a member of the Practice Review Board of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to the best of my ability and in accordance with the laws of the Province of Alberta and the traditions established by my predecessors.

As a member of the Practice Review Board, I shall serve without affection, partiality, or prejudice toward any member of this Association or any member of the public.

I shall hold in strict confidence all information acquired in the course of my duty and shall not make any use of such information or divulge it, except as required

by the Land Surveyors Act or other law.

I shall maintain the honour and dignity of this office as if it were my own, so help me God.

Prorating Membership Fees

Council rescinded policy 2000.04.004 and replaced it with the following:

For pupils, associate members and retired members, membership dues are not prorated.

Practitioners receiving their certificate of registration or permit to practice between May 1 and March 15 of any given year are required to pay their annual dues for every full or partial month left until April 30, the convention levy, and any other application or registration fees as permitted by the bylaws and approved by Council, before the certificate or permit is issued.

Practitioners receiving their certificate of registration or permit to practice between March 15 and April 30 of any given year are required to pay the full amount of following fiscal years dues and levies, the current fiscal year's convention levy, and any other application or registration fees as permitted by the bylaws and approved



by Council, before the certificate of registration or permit to practice is issued.

SHORT CUTS

Council would like to thank Ken Allred and Paddy Marshall for their respective comments. All members are encouraged to make their comments, ideas and suggestions directly to any Council member or the ALSA office

The ALSA president and executive director recently

met with Alberta Registries to discuss recent changes at Alberta Land Titles and how the ALSA and Land Titles can work together.

Council agreed to write a letter to the Government of Alberta concerning an online registry of buried facilities.

The Association had the opportunity to participate in a round-table discussion on the future of geomatics in Canada at the Canadian Geomatics Conference in

Calgary and agreed that land surveyors across the country need to be involved in the discussion.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

August 20 – Golf Tournament

August 25 – Administrative Law Seminar

August 26 - Council