The membership of the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association met on April 21, 22 and 23 in Jasper, Alberta for its 96th Annual General Meeting. What follows is a summary of the results of the recommendations and new business motions.

Recommendation #1: Student Member Bylaw
It was MOVED by Mr. Partridge, seconded by Mr. Ziegler, that Student Member be added to the list in Section 51 and that a new section be added as Section 51(7) as follows:

(7) Student Member
(a) Council may upon application, confer membership in the Association as a Student Member to any individual who is enrolled as a full time student and who currently complies with one or more of the following criteria:
(i) enrolled in a geomatics program or a related academic program;
(ii) enrolled in a high school with the intentions of entering a geomatics program or related academic program;
(iii) has an interest in geomatics.
(b) A Student Member is not required to pay an annual fee.
(c) A Student Member may attend any annual general meeting, special meeting or regional meeting of the Association and is entitled to discuss any motion or resolution before the meeting, but may not vote and may not propose any motion or resolution to the meeting.
(d) A Student Member may sit as a member on any non-statutory committee of the Association.
(e) A Student Member may use the designation “Student Member/Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association” (Student Member/ALSA).
(f) Membership may be cancelled by Council.

...and that a new Section 52(5) be added to read as follows:
Student memberships are valid for one year and applications become due on October 31. Students must reapply annually.

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Woolgar, that That Section (7)(a)(iii) be deleted and replaced with “(iii) has an interest in geomatics.”

Motion Carried

Recommendation #2: Curve Information
It was MOVED by Mr. Moloney, seconded by Mr. Prefontaine, that the following change be made to the Manual of Standard Practice at the end of the first paragraph of Part D, Section 1.4:
When a circular curve boundary is non-tangential to an adjoining line segment boundary, radial bearings or a chord bearing and distance must also be shown.

Motion Carried

Recommendation #3: Grid Co-ordinates
It was MOVED by Mr. Prefontaine, seconded by Mr. George, that the following be added to Part D, Section 2.2 of the Manual of Standard Practice as Section 2.2.4:
Grid (NAD83) co-ordinates must be shown on the plan or on a separate document registered along with the plan.

Motion Carried
Recommendation #4: Compendium to the Manual of Standard Practice  
It was MOVED by Mr. Jamieson, seconded by Mr. Prefontaine, that the compendium (Bulletin 38, Control Survey Standards and Specifications, History of Re-Establishing from Road Plans and The Commitment to Property Damage Mitigation) be taken out of the Manual of Standard Practice and be placed on the ALSA website.  

Motion Carried

Recommendation #5(a): Establishments  
It was MOVED by Mr. Hudema, seconded by Mr. Frederick, that the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association recommend to the Government of Alberta that the Surveys Act be amended by adding Section 39.1 to give governing status to Part 3 monuments placed at non-monumented Part 2 positions.  

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mr. Stoliker, seconded by Mr. Loeppky, that “…and shall not be questioned by any court…” be removed from the proposed section 39.1(5) of the Surveys Act  

Amendment Carried  

Main Motion as Amended Carried by a vote of 113-53 (68% in favour)

Recommendation #5(b): Re-establishments  
It was MOVED by Mr. Hudema, seconded by Mr. Frederick, that the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association recommend to the Government of Alberta that Section 44 of the Surveys Act be amended to give governing status to re-established Part 2 monuments and re-established Part 3 monuments placed at non-monumented Part 2 positions.  

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mr. Schirrmacher, seconded by Mr. McBride, that the proposed wording relating to section 44(5) be amended to read as follows, “…if evidence of an original… in accordance with sections 44(1), (2), (3) and (4), then the position of….”  

Amendment Carried  

AMENDMENT MOVED by Mr. Schirrmacher, seconded by Mr. McBride, that the proposed wording relating to section 44(4)(c) be amended to read as follows, “a monument placed in accordance with section 44(1), (2), (3) or (4) shall govern the position as if it was placed as a Part 2 monument.”  

AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT MOVED by Mr. McWilliam, seconded by Mr. Loeppky, that “…or (4) be replaced with or (4)(a) and 4(b)….”  

Amendment to the Amendment Carried  

Main Motion as Amended Carried by a vote of 104-42 (71% in favour)

Note on Recommendations 5(a)/5(b)  
Recommendations 5(a) and 5(b) were conducted by secret ballot as requested by a majority of the members present at the annual general meeting.  

Recommendations 5(a) and 5(b) did not amend the Surveys Act; the same Surveys Act is still in effect. The Association will now, however, ask the Government of Alberta to amend the Act.

New Business

Recommendation #1  
It was MOVED by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Wiberg, that Council consider replacing the following policy: “the annual budget for iron post and marker post revenues shall be established by averaging the previous four years’ actual revenues for iron post and marker post sales” (2002.05.003) with a forecasting approach to budgeting iron post and marker post revenues.  

Motion Carried

Honours & Recognition  
Honorary Membership  
Judy Larmour  
Honorary Life Membership  
Ken Berg  
Professional Recognition  
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The 2006 annual general meeting of the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association will be held April 20-22, 2006 in Jasper, Alberta.