The membership of the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association met on April 14-16, 2011 in Jasper, Alberta for its 102nd Annual General Meeting.

For the sake of brevity and clarity, defeated amendments and motions to table are not included in this summary.

Recommendation #1: Definition of “well”
It was MOVED by Mr. Hansen, seconded by Mr. Longo, that the definition of “well” in the Manual of Standard Practice be amended as follows:
A well to be licensed and/or drilled for any purpose provided for in the Oil & Gas Conversation Regulations (AReg 151/71) or the Oil Sands Conservation Regulation (AReg 76/88).
Motion As Amended Carried

Recommendation #2: Articling Pupil Forms
It was MOVED by Mr. Longo, seconded by Mr. Lohnes, that the that forms A (Articles of Pupil to an Alberta Land Surveyor), B (Transfer of Articles), C (Discharge of Articles) and D (Affidavit of Service) under the bylaws be amended as follows: www.alsa.ab.ca/uploads/files/ArticlingForms2010-2011.pdf
Motion As Amended Carried

Note: Council must still “make” the bylaws before they come into effect.

Recommendation #3: Late Submission Penalty Fee
It was MOVED by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Engler, that a the bylaws be amended as follows to allow for a late penalty fee for those surveyor’s corporations and surveyor’s partnerships that do not submit their application for renewal as required by the Land Surveyors Act.

52(1) The following fees, dues and levies shall be paid to the Association:
(k) for late submission of application for renewal as a
surveyor’s corporation or renewal as a surveyor’s partnership.................................$200.00
Motion Carried

Note: Council must still “make” the bylaws before they come into effect.

Recommendation #4: Professional Practice Regulation Amendment
It was MOVED by Mr. Drake, seconded by Mr. Chiasson, that the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association recommend to the Government of Alberta that the Professional Practice Regulation be amended as follows:

It was MOVED by Mr. Winton, seconded by Mr. Stephens, that Recommendation #4 be referred back to Council for further development and stakeholder involvement.
Motion Carried
New Business #1:
Feasibility of Assuming Functions of Land Titles and Director of Surveys
It was MOVED by Mr. Pals, seconded by Mr. Green, that Council be directed to research the feasibility of approaching government to redirect, redefine and possibly establish an independent authority outside of government to assume the functions of Land Titles and the Director of Surveys office.  
Motion Carried

New Business #2: Hospitality Suite
It was MOVED by Mr. Strozyk, seconded by Mr. Landry, that it is recommended that the Council of the ALSA add a bartender course to the syllabus so that new members can serve liquor at the hospitality suite.
Motion Defeated

From the Registrar
Roy Pominville was exempted from the provisions of the professional liability insurance bylaw as he is not practicing surveying in the province of Alberta.

Council approved a request to change the name of Pals Surveys and Associates Ltd. to Pals Geomatics Corp. effective April 30, 2011.

Compass Geomatics Ltd. was approved as a surveyor’s corporation. Wayne Savoury will be the Alberta Land Surveyor responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice.

Raymac Surveys Ltd. was cancelled as a surveyor’s corporation and Ray MacDonald was placed on the register of retired member.

United Geospatial Ltd. was approved as a surveyor’s corporation. Bruce Drake and Andrew Christian will be the Alberta Land Surveyors responsible for the supervision, direction and control of the practice. Drake Geomatics Ltd. and Tigra Surveys Ltd. will be cancelled as surveyor’s corporations effective the date that United Geospatial Ltd. is registered.

Chair in Land Tenure & Cadastral Studies
During the meeting, Alberta Land Surveyors John Holmlund, Mark Kocher, Larry Pals, Michael Thompson and Bob Wallace made verbal commitments that they or their companies would financially support the Chair in Land Tenure and Cadastral Studies.

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