From the Registrar
Council approved the application to cancel the permit of Douglas Surveys Inc.

Council approved an application from Purdy Smith, ALS to be exempted from the provisions of the professional liability insurance bylaw as he is not currently engaging in the practice of surveying in Alberta.

Council approved applications from Fred Hingley and Jarl Nome to be placed on the register of retired members.

Brian Munday was appointed acting registrar from August 18, 2017 to September 4, 2017 inclusive while Rosalind Broderick, ALS is away on vacation.

Retired Member Applications and Cancellations
Council gave first reading to a policy motion to clarify.

The policy will come back to the next Council meeting for second and final reading.

Members are encouraged to speak to any Council member or the ALSA office with any questions or concerns they have about the proposed policy.

If an Alberta Land Surveyor makes an application to be placed on the register of retired members or an application to cancel their registration within thirty days of the annual fees and levies becoming payable (April 30 of each year), then the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association will not charge that year’s Alberta Land Surveyor annual fees and levies and only charge the retired member dues and levies (if applicable) as long as the retirement or cancellation is effective prior to June 15 (the date the annual certificate expires).

If an Alberta Land Surveyor practices after June 15, the Alberta Land Surveyor must pay all annual fees and levies. There is no refund.

If an Alberta Land Surveyor’s retirement becomes effective between June 15 and April 30 of the following year, the member will not be assessed retired member dues for that term.

Investment Management
Council welcomed its investment manager, Julie Brough of Logan Wealth Management, to the meeting.

The Association’s investment account had a 4.5% rate of return (net of all fees and expenses) from September 30, 2016 to May 31, 2017. The Association’s asset mix is currently 45% cash and fixed income and 55% in equities and equivalent.
Ms. Brough commented that it appears that we are in the late stages of an extended bull market and that investors need to be prepared to respond to potential increases in interest rates.

**Director of Surveys**
Council welcomed the Director of Surveys to the meeting. There were four items on the agenda.

**Fort McMurray**
The Director of Surveys provided an update on the Fort McMurray resurvey process and indicated that government sign-off is still needed. The Director of Surveys thanked Council for its feedback on the concept of a temporary monument.

**Honorary Life Members/Retired Members**
The Director of Surveys asked for clarification on who can practice land surveying.

According to Section 26 of the *Land Surveyors Act*, “...an annual certificate entitles the Alberta land surveyor to engage in the practice of surveying during the year for which the annual certificate is issued.”

Retired members are not issued annual certificates.

Honorary Life members are not issued annual certificates with the exception of Dunc B. Gillmore. He was granted honorary life membership in 1992 at a time when the Council policy for honorary life membership was different.

**Communications & Public Relations**
Michael Louie

**Legislation Committee**
Nathan Dennison
Kelly Erick
Leighton Greenstein
Allan McKay

**Registration Committee**
Jason Workman

**Standards Committee**
Ivan Moldovanov

**Enform Chainsaw Safety**
Al Jamieson

**Hybrid Cadastre**
The ALSA Hybrid Cadastre Working Group provided comments to the Director of Surveys for updated hybrid cadastre standards and an FAQ document.

The Director of Surveys is currently reviewing the ALSA comments.

There is no date when the updated standards will be released.

**Committee Terms of Reference and Volunteers**
Council approved the appointment of the following volunteers:

Council approved the appointment of Dirk VandenBrink as chair of the Boundary Panel.

Council approved removing the following names from the list of ALSA volunteers and thanked them for their service.

**Boundary Panel**
Robin Arthurs
David Marquardt
Len Olson

**Discipline Committee**
Cameron Cousins

**Legislation Committee**
Gayle Noonan

**Standards Committee**
Shana Davis

Council is looking for additional volunteers for the RPR Working Group – particularly from the Calgary area. If you are interested,
please contact Executive Director Brian Munday.

Council is also looking for volunteers for the new Editorial Board. If you are interested, please contact Executive Director Brian Munday.

The role of the Editorial Board is to oversee position papers prepared by the Alberta Land Surveyors’ Association on surveying, land surveying and geomatics issues.

The Editorial Board is not to prepare the position papers themselves but recruit subject matter experts to prepare them. The Editorial Board shall, with Council’s direction, prioritize which position papers shall be undertaken. The Editorial Board shall provide the subject matter experts with general direction as to what type of information should be included in the position paper. The Editorial Board shall review all position papers before submitting them to Council and publication on the ALSA website.

The first task for the Editorial Board will be to prioritize potential position papers and make recommendations to Council.

Council updated a Standards Committee term of reference on integration based on the Standards Committee recommendation from last November. The term of reference now reads: “Review the Manual of Standard Practice to consider the addition of a reference to “integrated survey area boundaries” and to ensure that the methodologies described reflect the modern survey methods in use (for example, the use of GNSS).”

Council assigned the future of survey control discussion from last term to a new working group; terms of reference to be developed.

Amendments to the Regulations under the Land Surveyors Act

When the government has finalized the proposed wording of the regulations under the Land Surveyors Act and the regulations are to be voted on by the membership, Council agreed that the vote could be held at a special general meeting to be conducted online.

This will be a first for the ALSA.

There is no timeframe for when the regulations will be ready for a member vote.

Corner Recordination Index

The Corner Recordination Index website no longer works.

The website was working intermittently for a while but became less stable with every Windows update. It finally stopped working late June.

Council directed that the executive director investigate retaining a third-party to manage document input and retrieval for the corner recordination index.

Alternate Funding Investigation

Council directed the secretary-treasurer and executive director to poll the membership to get a greater level of detail of the volume of the types of surveys that practitioners do.
The polling will be a follow-up to the work that the consulting firm MNP did for the Association earlier this year.

The polling will ask the membership if there should be some sort of product fee associated with each type of survey to replace the prolonged decline in post sales.

Before any polling takes place, Council agreed to offer an information session to the members to provide more details about the polling and the reasons behind it.

This initiative is separate and distinct from the Land Titles project to authenticate digital signatures.

**Plan Correction**
Council would like to thank the member who wrote to the Council regarding the appointment of a practitioner making an application for a court order. Council has responded directly to the member.

All input from members is welcome.

**Association Meetings**
President Mike Fretwell will meet with the University of Calgary to discuss the future funding for the Cadastral Chair and Land Tenure position.

Vice-President Bruce Clark will travel to Ontario to meet with land surveying association representatives across the country to discuss marketing needs for the profession. As Mr. Clark will be in Ontario at that time on business, there will be no cost to the ALSA.

Executive Director Brian Munday will meet with his new APEGA counterpart in early August.

Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Drake spoke to the Canadian Bar Association Real Estate North subsection on electronic RPRs other RPR issues.

The Administrative Law seminar will be November 8. The seminar, presented by Association legal counsel David Jardine, is a valuable seminar for any person who is a member of a statutory committee but will be open to everyone.

**Short Cuts**
The 2017 AGM had a net surplus of $192.07 on revenues of $176,000.

The ALSA is hopeful that the public members on the Council and Practice Review Board will be appointed/re-appointed by cabinet soon.

Council noted that the Canadian Institute of Geomatics had voted to end its representation on FIG (the international federation of surveyors).

Since 2009, the ALSA’s traveling exhibit “Making Their Mark: the Land Surveyor’s Role in the Peaceful and Orderly Development of Alberta” has been at 18 locations with over 55,694 visitors, 60 groups, 986 students, 158 school groups and two schools reported. The story line of the exhibit relates to the Alberta school curriculum, especially to Social Studies programs dealing with Western Canada. The exhibit is booked until December 2019.