

Association of B C Land Surveyors.
Report to CCLS, March 2010

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There are currently	324	Practicing members
	42	Non-practicing members
	21	Life Members
	78	Retired Members

In addition, there are	69	Land Surveyors in Training
	36	Land Surveyor Associates
	112	Survey Students

Last year there were 23 new commissions awarded including 12 land surveyors from Alberta and 1 from Saskatchewan.

Annual General Meeting and Continuing Professional Development

The ABCLS held their 105th Annual General Meeting at The Delta Grand Hotel in Kelowna from March 2nd to 5th. The annual meeting included two days of Continuing Professional Development seminars and presentations. It also included the Third annual “student night” which was very well attended. The students enjoyed a presentation on CBEPS from JC Tetreault, a subdivision mini-seminar and then broke into groups for mock interviews in preparation for the professional assessment interviews. Ian Lloyd, BCLS and new Board member was selected as our CCLS Director.

Practice Advisory Department

Our practice review manager, George Fenning BCLS has estimated that he will complete the first full cycle of practice reviews in 2010. This will establish a bench mark of success and a chance to reflect back at the successes of the program and evaluate the ever changing challenges we face in our profession. Last year, Gord Gamble BCLS was hired as a full time assistant practice advisory manager and Debbie Palacek was hired as the technical assistant.

Career Awareness Committee

The committee continues to work on creating a diversified approach to marketing our professions to all schools. The Surveyor in a Crate program is being refined to a B C audience and land surveyors continue to participate in career fairs promoting the profession.

External Relations Committee

The ERC continued to work on a number of high priorities that involves liaising with various Government and regulatory bodies. Topics included:
Buried Facilities, Air Space and Vertical Datum, Act and Regulation Review
Georeferencing and Land Title and Survey Authority.

Getting it Right, BC

The Continuing Professional Development Committee has finalized the BC version of this very popular program which was adapted from the Alberta model. The first two presentations in Kelowna and Richmond in 2009, were well received and provided a lot of good feedback moving forward. We anticipate seminars in Fort St. John, Cranbrook, Victoria and the lower mainland in 2010. In addition to this, seminars on “Highways” and “Gazette Notices”, two subjects close to our hearts were presented through the year.

Organizational Review

In 2008 an organizational review was endorsed by the Association which identified opportunities for improving efficiency, effectiveness and the working environment of the Association. Since then we have worked towards enacting this plan, making it a reality.

The first recommendation was a transition from a ‘Volunteer-based’ Business Model to a ‘Staff Assisted Volunteer-based model’. Staff would do the production work and obtain oversight, advice and direction from various committees and working groups comprised of volunteer members.

The second recommendation was to revise the Organizational Structure: A proposed reorganization should help strengthen programs and activities related to maintaining BC land surveyor professionalism and protection of the public interest, which is the core function of the Association. The Board approved a model for the Association organizational structure that would include three units: Regulatory Services, Member Services and Professional Practice Services.

Co-ordination and integration will be supported by the newly formed Executive Committee: This is comprised of the three department heads in addition to the President, vice-President and invited committee chairs as required. The executive committee is working with the department heads to identify overlapping responsibilities and confirm strategic goals for next few years.