

**Alberta Report to CCLS AGM 2010**

ALSA Council approved forwarding the Continuing Competency Review Program Framework Document to the regional meetings and eventually the AGM in April, for the membership to give their comments on. This is one more step in the ongoing revisions to the old Systematic Practice Review Program.

ALSA Council also approved entering into discussions with a professional educational consultant which will lead to identifying priorities for our continuing education, recommending appropriate delivery mechanisms, working with our Professional Development Committee to identify presenters, working with subject matter experts to develop content, and to make each presentation a dynamic and interesting learning experience for our members.

Council gave approval to proceed in the development of a protocol for entering into rural properties, the development of a “Property Damage Mitigation” document specifically designed for rural properties, and to develop a “Calling Card” for our members to use when entering rural properties when contact with the owner/occupant was not achieved. This initiative will follow the already-in-place urban program.

Council passed a motion supporting the CCLS new PSC initiative by committing to join as a corporate member, and to encourage our individual members to join the new organization and support specific programs of Professional Surveyors Canada.

The Boundary Panel has now met and heard a number of current boundary uncertainties which our members have brought forward. The Panel has assisted in resolving some and will continue to work with the members toward resolving more. A resurvey of a block within Calgary has been approved and the absent property corners will be replaced or made elementary to re-establish in the future.

Council approved the new core and elective syllabus for the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS). There are 11 core subjects and at least 2 electives required for a CBEPS candidate to receive a certificate.

Approval was also given to forward a letter to Parks Canada requesting that the “Claremount/Wheeler House” in Banff be preserved, at least for the time being so as to allow time to propose alternatives to its demolition. A.O. Wheeler was ALS #043 in 1911 and made an honorary member of the Dominion Land Surveyors’ Association in 1929. In 1913, he was BC’s Commissioner on the establishing of the interprovincial boundary between BC and Alberta. The “Claremount/Wheeler House” was built by him in 1923-24 and named after his wife. Recently the house has fallen into disrepair and as it sits in a wildlife corridor, Parks Canada would like to remove/demolish it.

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