

**Association of B C Land Surveyors
Report to CCLS Annual General Meeting, September 2008**

2008 Board of Management



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Peter Mueller - Member, Mike Thomson - Surveyor General, Chuck Salmon - Secretary/Treasurer
Front Row (left to right) John Armstrong - Vice-President,
Neil Bennett - President, Joe Johnson - Past President

The office is managed by our Executive Director, Janice Henshaw and her highly dedicated staff of three assistants.

There are currently:	312	Practicing members
	38	Nonpracticing members
	20	Life Members
	72	Retired Members

Our AGM in Kelowna was very successful and was highly attended. This year, the focus was on our survey students and land surveyors in training. Dr. Brian Ballantyne put on a seminar entitled *Re-establishing boundaries: Ambiguities and riparian rights*. There was a special student evening with approximately 50 students in attendance. These students had a chance to have their many questions answered and the opportunity to share their specialized knowledge and experiences with others.

So far in 2008, we have commissioned eight new Land Surveyors, with a hope for an equal amount by the end of the year. It is very encouraging to see so many successful new members.

There are currently:	52	Land Surveyors in Training
	22	Land Surveyor Associates
	129	Survey Students

TILMA

Shortly after our AGM, a delegation attended the Alberta AGM in Lake Louise to take part in the signing of the Tilma agreement. In January of 2009, a Land Surveyor from Alberta will be able to present himself to our Association, write an exam and if successful, become a British Columbia Land Surveyor. The opposite holds true going to Alberta. This was a historic moment.

Continuing Professional Development

The CPD Committee is working on a series of programs to benefit not only the members, but all survey students, LST's and LSA's. This spring a series of business seminars were held in conjunction with the Regional Group meetings. These were very popular and well received by all who attended.

A program based on Alberta's highly successful "Getting it Right Program" is being developed, hopefully to start in 2009.

National Surveyors Conference, Canadian Hydrographic Conference

Victoria, British Columbia May 5 to 8, 2008

The conference was held in the theme of “Bringing Land and Sea Together” and promoted the transfer of ideas, knowledge and technology within the greater geomatics community.

David Thompson National Geomatics Awards 2008

The David Thompson Geomatics Award celebrates excellence in the field of geomatics in Canada. It is awarded jointly by the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors and the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors. This year, the awards were presented at the annual National Surveyors Conference by Marie Robidoux, ACLS president.



Bill McIntosh of WD McIntosh Land Surveying of Vanderhoof:
First for Innovation in Geomatics



John Blair of McElhanney Associates of Vancouver:
First for Contribution to Society

Practice Advisory Department (PAD)

The PAD performance goals are to complete 60 Practice Reviews and one Plan Review per BCLS in the upcoming year. Typically, a Practice Review consists of a review of two files. One file will have as its final product a statutory plan. The second file will have as its product a non-statutory plan. Manager George Fenning, BCLS reports that the process is having a very positive outcome.

Career Awareness Committee

The Committee has launched a number of engagement activities to attract new members into our profession. These include photo contests, presentations at career fairs at middle and high schools and an enhanced segment of our website designed to provide relevant information and access to application forms. Considering the large number of students in the stream, the program has been a tremendous success.

BCLS Foundation

The Foundation had a successful silent art auction at the Kelowna AGM. The paintings, photography carvings, woodwork, tile work and quilting were the work of either BCLS members or their family members. The dedication of BCLS members to the continuance of his honorable profession and their willingness to assist students in their journey to become Land Surveyors is to be applauded

The Foundation has a number of scholarships available to students. Please check our website for a full description of all awards and bursaries.

Digital Survey Plans

The Land Title and Survey Authority (LTSA) is receiving a fairly steady stream of posting plans and simple statutory plans for registration. A majority of plans being registered in the Crown land side of things are digital, especially in the north-east corner of the province.

LTSA is currently offering a number of webinars for members to familiarize themselves with the process of digital submissions.

To sum things up, it has been a great year for land surveying in British Columbia.

Richard J. Wey, BCLS

CCLS Director for British Columbia