



**Association of Canada Lands Surveyors
Association des Arpenteurs des Terres du Canada**

ACLS' REPORT

MEMBERSHIP, COMMISSIONS, LICENCES AND PERMITS

On September 2nd the statistics were as follows:

Membership:

Regular:	520 (2008)	504 (2007)	501 (2006)	508 (2005)
Retired:	45	43	45	44
Associate:	4	6	5	5
Honorary Life:	7	7	7	6
Honorary:	1	1	1	

Licences and Permits

Licences:	383 (2008)	373 (2007)	371 (2006)	380 (2005)
Permits:	182	171	182	183

Since the CCLS meeting last year, the ACLS awarded 20 commissions.

Complaints & Discipline

So far in 2008, the ACLS received 3 formal complaints. The ACLS only received 4 complaints since becoming self-governing in 1999.

Two of those complaints have been forwarded to the Discipline Committee who will hold hearings in November. The Complaints Committee is presently investigating the third complaint.

David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

The second awards have been presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference on May 7th at the Royal British Columbia Museum in Victoria, BC. The winner for the "Innovation in Geomatics" category was W.D. McIntosh Land Surveying Ltd. for the "Support of the 2007 emergency response to the Vanderhoof flood" project. Finalists were Bennett Land Surveying Ltd. and the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia. In the category "Contribution to Society", the winner was McElhanney Associates for the "Land Management and Land Registration in the Tsunami Recovery Program" in Aceh, Indonesia. Finalist was Monroe Kinloch, ALS.

The next awards presentation will be held in May 2009. All commissioned surveyors, who are members of a Canadian surveying association, and who submit projects that have been completed within the last three years are eligible. The deadline for submissions is

March 30th, 2009. For details on the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program, please visit: www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/awards/award.htm.

National Surveyors Conference

The Conference was a great success. It was the first joint Hydrographic-National Surveyors' Conference with a total of 511 surveyors from both the wet and dry sectors in attendance. The joint "wet" and "dry" joint conference concept seems to be well appreciated by most attendees and exhibitors so it may happen again in the near future. Next year's National Surveyors' Conference will be held in Canmore, AB, from May 27 to 29, 2009. Please visit the ACLS Web site for information: www.acls-aatc.ca

Practice Review

The ACLS Practice Review Department is well in its second review cycle. It's winding down BC and is just about to begin in Alberta. The process is working very well with no report of non-cooperation and the feedback is very good from the members.

Distance Learning

The AOLS is looking more closely at distance learning options in support of its project to improve access for foreign trained professionals and students as well as its own needs. The ACLS CPD Committee began to discuss a possible partnership with the AOLS and both associations agreed that more players would be welcomed, so the ACLS sent letters of invitations to all sister associations.

FIG Membership

Last Spring, ACLSs application to become a member of FIG was not supported by CIG. CIG struck a task force with ACLSs involvement as well as CHA to look a way to way to have better Canadian representation on the International scene.

New Web site

Work is progressing well in building our new Web site. The new site will have e-commerce capabilities. It should be on line by the end of September.

Future of the Profession

At the last AGM, a motion came from the floor to invest an amount of \$100,000 for the Future of the Profession in the 2009 Budget. The ACLS Council struck a task force that will make recommendations on how to spend this money at the November Council face-to-face meeting.

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