

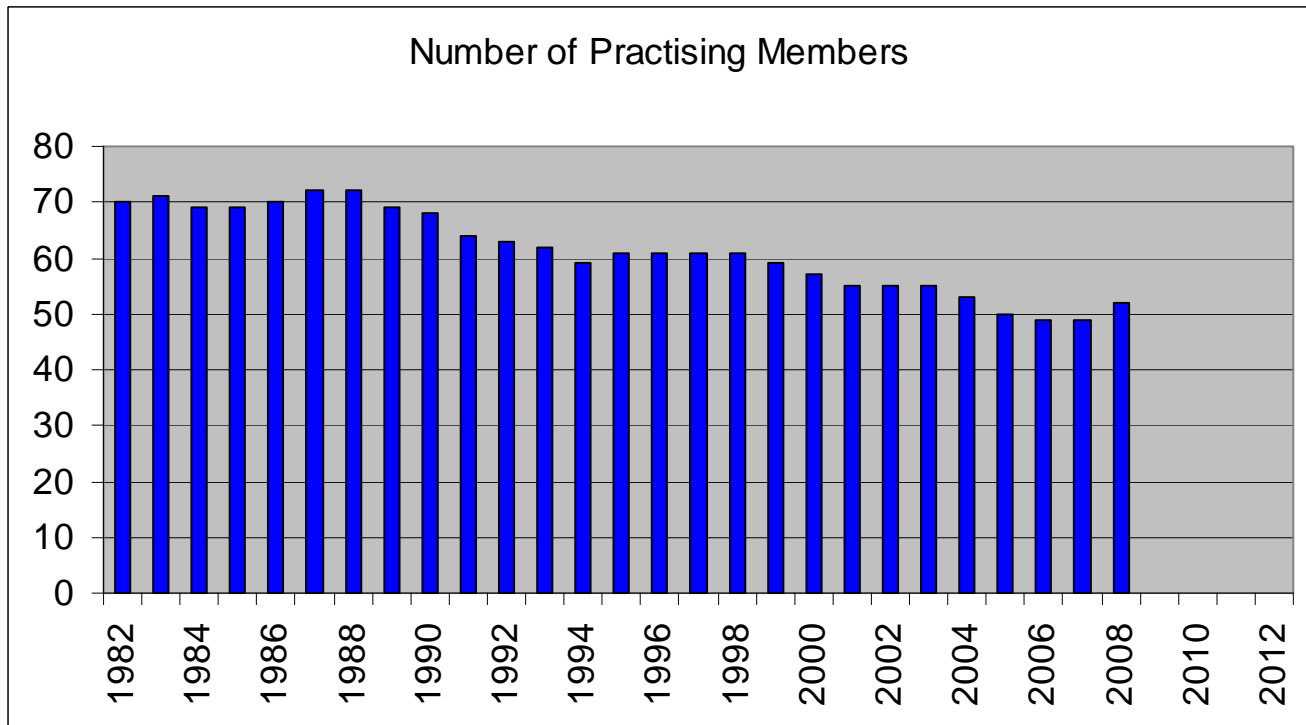
REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA LAND SURVEYORS
TO THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF LAND SURVEYORS
AT THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors will hold its 128th Annual General Meeting in Winnipeg on September 4th and 5th, 2008 at the Inn at the Forks.

Major issues, concerns and initiatives of the association include:

Declining Number of Practising Members

The declining number of practising surveyors continues to be a major concern to the association. Presently, we have 52 practising members (34 in private practice, 15 in public service and 3 others), 21 retired members and 11 active students/candidates. This year the association has a net gain of 3 practising surveyors following the retirement of 1 and licensing of 4 surveyors. The following chart displays the number of practising members in our association since 1982.



The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act

The Manitoba Legislative Assembly has passed The Fair Registration Practices in Regulated Professions Act. This Act will come into force on a day to be fixed by proclamation. The purpose of this Act is to help ensure that regulated professions and individuals applying for

registration by regulated professions are governed by registration practices that are transparent, objective, impartial and fair.

The AMLS Board of Examiners is preparing policy to address this legislation.

Executive Officer

In July 2008 the association sought proposals for the provision of services from individuals or organizations as an Executive Officer who will assist us in building and growing a strong professional association. The position includes the non-legislated duties of the Registrar and Secretary-Treasurer and requires significant involvement in strategic planning, research, budgeting, regulation, registration, accreditation, self-governance, public relations and professional development. Executive Council is currently screening the applicants.

Subdivision Process

In May 2008 the Public Awareness Committee of the association attended a meeting with the Director of Planning (Department of Intergovernmental Affairs) and his regional managers to discuss regulations governing the subdivision process. The committee's main thrust was to sell the benefits of a sketch prepared by a Manitoba land surveyor to accompany each application to subdivide. The committee is now working with the Director's office to "make it happen".

Annual Charity Golf Tournament

The Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held at the Kingswood Golf and Country Club, La Salle, Manitoba on September 19, 2007. The Association is a proud sponsor of The Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. This was the third year of operating our annual golf tournament as a charity event. In the first two years of operation the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors donated \$8,680 to the Children's Hospital. We accomplished this with less than 60 golfers. It goes to show that we are a small organization with big hearts. This year participation surpassed previous years as we contributed \$5,000 to the Children's Hospital. This puts our Association in the silver donation category of the foundation.

Land Surveyors Profession Act

The proposed Land Surveyors Profession Act continues to move forward albeit slowly. At the end of August 2007 we received from the Registrar General a copy of the draft act as prepared by legislative writers for the Minister of Finance who has responsibility for our present Land Surveyors Act. In general, the objective and substance of the draft act was the same as that approved at the Special General Meeting of April 24, 2006.

We have recently met with the Minister's staff to discuss the draft legislation, which now includes an improved definition of the practise of land surveying and provisions for

- public participation on Council and certain committees such as the discipline committee
- a streamlined discipline process

- a practise review program
- members in private practise to incorporate
- a joint board with The Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba
- an annual report to the Minister

We identified a concern in the meeting that our proposed ultimate limitation period for any member's action for negligence or malpractice was not included in the draft act. The current limitation period as set out in provincial legislation has been retained. However, the parties have agreed to discuss this matter further.

We also identified the need for a funding mechanism to support a professional practice review program. Details of our proposed funding model for a professional practice review program will be forward to the government for review.

Professional Liability Insurance

A committee of Council has examined our minimum amounts of coverage for professional liability insurance and concluded that the amount in the aggregate was reasonable at \$300,000 but that the amount for each occurrence should be increased from \$100,000 to \$300,000. The committee reached this conclusion from primarily a comparative study of minimum amounts set by other professional land surveyors' associations and by other professional associations in Manitoba.

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