

**Annual Report to the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors
from the
Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors
2008 CCLS AGM**

Demographics

- Demographics and succession planning continue to be top issues for the ANBLS. The figures shown below indicate a continuing downward trend in the number of practicing members:

ANBLS MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON 2006 to 2008 (as of July 30, 2008)

	Full Member	LIFE	HONORARY	RETIRED	AFFILIATE	SIT	ASSOCIATE	COMPANIES
2006	88	25	3	10	4	5	7	40
2007	82	24	3	14	4	8	7	38
2008	81	24	3	17	2	9	6	38
Change +/-	-1	N/C	N/C	3	-2	1	-1	N/C

- Members over 65 - 6%
- Members over 60 - 26%
- Members over 55 - 42%
- Members over 50 - 64%
- Members over 45 - 84%
- 16% are under 45
- 6% are under 40

Budget

- The Association continues to face challenges with increasing costs and decreasing revenues. At the January 2008 AGM, members voted against an increase in a proposed plan validation seal fee (base fee plus \$5.00 per parcel created). Resolutions passed for increasing the budget expenses for the AGM and delegate travel resulted in a deficit budget which had to be tabled until a special meeting could be convened to “increase revenues by any means available to Council” and to vote on a balanced budget. Options may include a special levy or increasing the seal fee by \$6.00 to \$25.00. A resolution in 2003 stated that no future budgets will ever be presented or adopted that leaves the Association in a deficit situation.

CBEPS

- Jeff Fee, NSLS, CLS, on behalf of ACLS, made a presentation on CBEPS and the possibility of New Brunswick moving to this examining board in place of APBELS. A subsequent resolution was unanimously adopted by the membership to move to CBEPS. Ratification of related bylaw amendments are proposed at our Annual Summer Meeting in September.
- On July 24, 2008, Dr. James Secord, Chair of APBELS, and a member of CBEPS, gave a presentation to a joint Council/Board of Examiners meeting outlining the joint Board of Examiners’ proposed core and electives structure, as part of the CCLS’s Harmonization

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initiative. Plenty of discussion ensued resulting in a decision to adopt the structure in principle. Suggestions to expand on electives and core content will be forwarded to the CCLS Harmonization Task Force at a later date.

- As a result of the above adoption, Dr. Secord will convene a meeting of APBELS to determine how that organization may be dissolved.
- Council has appointed the Chair of the ANBLS Board of Examiners and the Registrar as New Brunswick members of CBEPS.

Future of the Profession

- At the 2008 AGM, Norm Coté, CCLS Director for New Brunswick, presented the members with an overview of the CCLS Futures initiative. This included a brief history of the CCLS and some of the significant accomplishments made by this organization. Similar presentations were given to the APEILS and ANLS groups later in the spring. Feedback common from all groups included the statement that all members should have a say in the future of the profession, and not only a select few from across Canada.
- A subsequent presentation to Council on the future concepts a new national model for the surveying profession was made. A motion to adopt the concept was tabled, but approved at the next Council meeting following clarifications.
- Council has appointed Executive Director Louise McSheffrey and Councillor Wayne Hodges as members of the expanded Futures Task Force Advisory Group.

Harmonization

- The ANBLS has completed an overhaul of its SIT manual, just in time for the adopted resolution by the ANBLS to move to CBEPS. Appropriate revisions will be necessary pending ratification of the proposed bylaw changes related to the move to CBEPS.

Other

- Certain GPS vendors are attempting to establish Active Control Stations (ACS) in the province. The Director of Surveys advised our members that these stations are not integrated with the Provincial Survey Control Network. Our Surveys Act states that all surveys performed under this Act shall be referenced to the NB network of control monuments.
- Reports of Lyme Disease are apparently on the rise. Information cards were ordered and sent to all members. A presentation on the subject is planned during our ASM in September.
- UNB President Dr. John McLaughlin has officially announced his retirement from that position effective late 2009. He has held the position since 2003. Dr. McLaughlin notes that next year will mark 40 years since graduating from UNB. His intentions are to return to teaching and research with the GGE Department.

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