



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

ACLS REPORT

MEMBERSHIP, COMMISSIONS, LICENCES AND PERMITS

On April 23rd the statistics were as follows:

Membership:

Regular:	512 (2009)	516 (2008)	489 (2007)	501 (2006)
Retired:	53	47	41	45
Associate:	3	4	5	5
Student	3	1		
Honorary Life:	7	7	7	7
Honorary:	1	1	1	1

Licences and Permits

Licences:	372(2009)	391 (2008)	361 (2007)	371 (2006)
Permits:	181	183	166	182

Since last years AGM, the ACLS awarded 24 commissions.

Complaints & Discipline

In 2008, we received three formal complaints. On recommendation from the Complaints Committee, Council forwarded two complaints to the Discipline Committee. The last complaint was dismissed. At the time of drafting of this report, discipline hearings were held in Whitehorse on May 6th and 7th, 2009. We are waiting for the decisions from the Discipline Committee.

So far no complaints were received in 2009.

David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

Unfortunately no submissions met the standards set for the awards by the evaluation committee and based on the previous year's recipients. So there will not be awards given out this year.

Major changes will be made to the Awards program in preparation for next years call for submissions.

National Surveyors Conference

The National Surveyors' Conference will be held in Canmore, AB, from May 27 to 29, 2009. A total of 125 attendees have registered so far.

Next year's conference will be held jointly with the ANLS AGM in St John's, Newfoundland on May 5th to 8th, 2010.

Distance Learning

The Association of Ontario Land Surveyors and our association have entered into discussions towards a partnership in conjunction with the Chang School at Ryerson University to provide certain courses. The Chang School expressed interest in the project. At this point we are looking for course topics and instructors. In June, a letter of invitation will be sent to all sister associations to join the project.

Promotion

The ACLS is in the process of implementing its new communication plan and at this time is moving ahead on the following initiatives:

- Launch of a new logo at its business meeting on May 29th
- Production of a new display kiosk
- Production of a new video to replace the one that is at the front page of the ACLS Web page and to be used in career fairs and schools. We are discussion this project with the same contractors who made the recent ABCLS video.
- Looking into a television add in the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network (APTN)
- Launching of our GeoCoin to celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

Mandatory CPD

At our next AGM, we will begin discussion on implementing Mandatory CPD. If all goes according to plan, we should have a membership vote on that next year.

May 20th, 2009

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