

The Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors Report
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The Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors will hold the 56 Annual AGM at the Wilds Golf Resort in Salmonier May 28- 30 2009. We will welcome Gary Hughes as incoming President and extend many thanks outgoing President Wilf Thorne for his service to our Association. Our council has had a very active and production year. Many of the standard business items were on the council's agenda, but the primary focus of business for the 2008-2009 council relate to the following items:

Land Gazette Program

The Land Gazette program shows strong potential to enhance our property records and build a substantial cadastral fabric for the province. The survey information contained in the depository may be accessed by fellow surveyors and other professionals related to the Geomatics Industry. An agreement for ANLS to endorse the Land Gazette was signed in January 2009. Wilfred Thorne and Dominic Howard were named as our representatives to the Management Committee established in this agreement. Discussions are also underway with Crown Lands to establish a web-based mapping system to overlay with the Land Gazette registry.

Survey Marker Program

The Survey Marker Program is a big success. It is funding our Executive Director. The ANLS office is buzzing with new initiatives and is on top of all action items. Marker Sales have increased by 10% from 2007 to 2008. Compliance is high but some concerns exist. Some funding has been applied for to undertake research and to do random field inspections. Council also approved a policy which deals with this issue.

Registry of Deeds

The Registry of Deeds Act is being amended and a meeting was held with them to voice ANLS' issues. We requested that current surveys be required for all registrations and that only certified copies or original survey documents be used. The Act is currently being rewritten and our comments have been forwarded.

Revised Crown Lands Regulations

The Association continues to meet with Crown Lands personnel to discuss changes to the survey submission regulations. There had been some concern with a rate of returns containing errors and non-compliance to the Lands format. The department is consulted with Association to address these issues and new regulations were implemented in March.

Technician Course

The Association is in discussions with the College of the North Atlantic to establish a 9-month technician's course. There has been some good discussion on how to implement such a program in the very near future.

Executive Director and Assistant

Our council is very pleased with the appointment of Jeff G. Mercer as the Executive Director of our association. Jeff originally joined the ANLS in July of 2008 and signed on to a full time position effective Dec 2008. The association membership and the council of management are very pleased with the support and continuity Mr. Mercer has brought to managing of our Association affairs. We are also pleased to welcome Sarah Schubert as our Executive assistant. With the expansion of permanent staff council has moved our Association headquarters into larger suite of offices (same contact address).

Labour Mobility

Labour Mobility came into effect April 1, 2009 and a lot of time was spent this year keeping up-to-date on this. The labour mobility committee is assisting associations with various issues resulting from this. Council representatives have identified a 3 to 4 hour exam will be set to evaluate local knowledge for members certified outside province.

Association Profile

The Association membership as of May, 2009 is as follows:

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| Articled Students | 1 |
| Standard Members | 86 |
| Life Members | 15 |
| Associated Members | 3 |
| Honorary Members | 4 |
| # of Certificates Issued | 46 |

For the most part our Association and its membership are pleased with the progress made in council directed initiatives. In terms of industry activity, some regions are experiencing more economic growth than others but it would seem that our association members are meeting industry demand. Like most professional associations across the country, there are concerns of attrition and our council recognizes the need to increase our provincial and national profile. We are looking forward to May 2010 as we will be hosting the National Surveyors Conference jointly with ACLS at the Fairmont Hotel in St. John's.

Sincerely,

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