

**Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors
Annual Report to CCLS**

The Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors 59th Annual General Meeting was held on 22 October to 24 October 2009 where the membership approved a new proposed Land Surveyors Act and Regulations to be forwarded to government for their consideration. We welcomed five newly licensed members and Glenn Crews was installed as President of our Association.

Proposed Land Surveyors Act and Regulations

The proposed Land Surveyors Act has been presented to government and the Minister of Natural Resources who is responsible for the Land Surveyors Act has indicated his support for the proposed legislation and we are hoping to have it brought before the Legislative Assembly at the fall 2010 sitting.

Practice Review

During the past year we have changed the focus of our Survey Review Program and have gone to a much more comprehensive Practice Review. The job of managing our Practice Review has been contracted out to Survey Review Inc. a Nova Scotia company with a great deal of experience in practice review. Some of you may know of this company who has been contracted by the ACLS to provide similar services. We have just received our first Annual Report and Council was pleased with the progress and the result of the reviews.

Wetlands

Liability issues continue to be a concern to Nova Scotia Land Surveyors and our Wetlands Committee has been meeting with government officials with the goal of working towards limiting surveyors liability while meeting the requirements of Nova Scotia Environment.

Labour Mobility - Agreement on Internal Trade

Labour mobility is a reality and we are prepared to set exams for licensed land surveyors wishing to become licensed in Nova Scotia under the Agreement on Internal Trade. In the future we hope to have an online examination available to our candidates and work continues on this initiative. Work also continues on a final Mutual Recognition Agreement amongst all the Canadian licensing bodies.

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