

**Annual Report to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors  
2010 CCLS Annual General Meeting – March 28, 29, 2010  
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**STATISTICS**

		<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>
Active Full Members	Licensed	542	540	546
	Registered	95	94	91
Other Members	Associates	141	140	126
	Articling	51	47	41
	Honorary	4	5	4
	Retired	179	173	175
Total Membership		1012	999	983
Certificates of Authorization		232	233	233

**2010 AGM Held in Huntsville – February 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Total Registrants      463

**Highlights of Past Year (2009/10)**Regulation amendments and amendments to the Surveyors Act

The amendments to our Surveyors Act received royal assent in December and came into effect immediately. These amendments were first proposed back in 2003, but the government never found the legislation urgent so we had a difficult time getting it on the legislative agenda. We finally got it included in an “omnibus bill” that made minor changes to many Acts. The irony is that we have identified other potential changes over the last 7 years, but Council is reluctant to start the process again so soon.

The membership voted on large amendments to three regulations under the Surveyors Act last fall with 78 to 87 percent support. The changes are on the agenda for the Lieutenant Governor in Council’s approval which we anticipate to happen late spring / early summer.

Mandatory Professional Development

A series of presentations were done at Regional Group meetings in the winter. Straw votes taken at these meetings produced almost unanimous support for the implementation of mandatory professional development. Council approved the required regulation changes and the proposed changes have now been sent for legislative review. We hope to have a “black corner” copy back to us late spring / early summer and then the proposed regulation change will go out to the members for voting.

The general comment from the membership was “why did this take so long?” Council had initially had this on their agenda two years ago, but with all the other proposed regulation changes (some of it potentially controversial), they decided to forego any voting on mandatory CPD in case of a negative backlash that could have affected all the proposed regulation changes. It now appears that Council’s fears were unwarranted.

### Labour Mobility

Ontario has only one potential candidate so far. This candidate will probably write a hard-copy, slightly revised edition of our Statutes Exam that is written by all articling students. Our Academic and Experience Requirements Committee meets in two weeks and will probably consider more thoroughly the process that a candidate under the AIT will undergo, taking into account the principles developed and agreed upon by the association delegates at the Winnipeg meeting last year.

### Copyright

A large number of private firms have banded together (with each contributing \$\$) to formally, and potentially legally, pursue copyright protection for all records held by these firms. Council was very wary about getting involved, but the message has been for Council to not worry about getting involved as this is a pure business venture. Council is grateful and relieved. Also, the bulk of the membership is quite happy that this project is moving forward. The workings of this group are very private, but rumour is that governments are the large target.

### Professional Surveyors Canada

Council passed the two proposed resolutions from CCLS. The general feel from the membership is overwhelming support for PSC. We will see how that turns out financially.

After Denis's presentation to the membership, he had three members offer to volunteer to "help" PSC in any way they can.

### Pathways Project

Two years ago, the AOLS received \$647,000 from the provincial and federal governments to implement a strategy for accommodating and assisting foreign-trained geomatics professionals in becoming Ontario Land Surveyors. Most of the money was spent in consultants and software to get the program in place. Just two weeks ago, we received the news that another \$300,000 is coming in the short term. Although the system is meant to track foreign-trained students, all students will go through the system.

Two large initiatives for some of the money is the development of a strong **Survey Law** program and a **Distance Learning** program. Survey Law currently offered at the two Universities in Ontario that offer a Geomatics course designed to produce cadastral surveyors has always lacked any firm commitment from either University and this has not sit well with Council for the last number of years. There is no permanent Survey Law Chair at either University and the two courses (one at each University) are taught by a member of our Association. The development of a good, stable Survey Law program that will sit within the AOLS is well under way.

### AOLS Executive Director position

The AOLS welcomed Blain Martin, B.Sc., M.Eng., MBA, O.L.S., PMP. as our new Executive Director. Blain has a wealth of knowledge and training going back 40 years and is a huge asset to the management of our Association.

### Initiatives for Current Year (2010/11)

#### Pathways Project

This project will continue with the funds going towards Survey Law, Distance Learning and a website redesign.

#### Digital Cadastral Data Set

An issue that has come up time and again is the notion of the surveyors in this province developing and *owning* a cadastre that has marketable potential. After a very inspiring AGM regarding change and the future of our profession, a motion was put on the floor at our “open forum” on the Friday morning:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The AOLS Council consider undertaking a feasibility study to determine legal issues, ROI opportunities, Membership commitment and other factors for the establishment of an accurate and reliable digital cadastral data set.”

The motion passed with only one dissenter who is now onboard with the idea.

#### Roundtable 2010

Council is currently organizing a large meeting of Council, Committee and Task Force Chairs and other VIPs to sit down at a facilitated strategic planning session aimed at doing an internal look at our organization. This overview will include the Association’s Committee structures, communications model, etc. We are looking to have the meeting facilitated by Dr. Peter Richardson from the Queens University MBA program. This meeting is tentatively scheduled for May.

### **AGM 2011**

The AOLS Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place from February 16<sup>th</sup> to February 18<sup>th</sup> 2011 in London, Ontario.