

Report of the Executive and Finance Committee for 2007-2008

Since the last Annual General Meeting the executive has met four times through teleconference. The Committee also met with the Board of Directors by teleconference seven times. There was one Members meeting.

The President's travel has been curtailed drastically this year, attending two Association Annual General Meetings, being the Association of Alberta Land Surveyors and the Newfoundland Land Surveyors Association. This was rather a blessing in disguise due to my own work load at my place of employment.

On those two events I attended, the Future Task Force appeared to be a hot topic outside the regular discussion. The executive councils of the associations were receptive to the endeavours of the Task Force and were in favour of the concept. The members not on the executive council seemed sceptical to the concept. At the last meeting of the Future Task Force, there was a feeling that real action has to take place or the concept as presented by the Future Task Force will fade away.

The other ongoing major initiatives are; Harmonization, Career awareness, Distance Learning, Survey Law Text and Communications. For the Executive Committee, the Communications issue is of vital importance. There are eleven member associations that CCLS is comprised of. Each association deals with the information from CCLS in a different manner and this may dependent on their priorities. It was found that feedback is critical for communication among the associations. Feedback is important when developing strategies for our initiatives. When I say "our", I don't mean that this is an initiative by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee does not bring an initiative to the table. It is the member associations that bring issues for the Executive and the Board of Directors to deal with.

Following are two items that make it necessary for a national surveying organization.

- The Premiers have renewed their commitment to labour mobility and strengthened the terms of the Agreement on Internal Trade in reference to labour mobility. Late August, the Director General, Labour Market Integration Human Resources and Social Development Canada, has invited CCLS to a presentation and panel discussion on Inter-Provincial Labour Mobility on September 3, 2008 in Ottawa.
- The Federation International des Geometres (International Federation of Surveyors) FIG has requested and prefers CCLS being the member of FIG.

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