

ACLS' REPORT FOR CCLS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2006**(Marie C. Robidoux, CCLS Director for ACLS)****MEMBERSHIP, COMMISSIONS, LICENCES AND PERMITS**

Statistics were as follows:

Membership:

Regular:	502	506 (2005)	514 (in 2004)
Retired:	45	45	41
Associate:	5	5	5
Honorary Life:	7	6	5

Licences and Permits:

Licences:	380	377 (2004)	380 (2003)
Permits:	183	182	194

We are witnessing a drop in the regular membership numbers.

DISCIPLINE

There were no complaints against our members and no discipline cases.

PRACTICE REVIEW

The ACLS Practice Review Department is in full swing now and the process of reviewing all practices in Canada has been underway by regions, the west being the latest.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The ACLS continues to work diligently on its strategic objectives - Continuing/Improving Statutory Requirements; Public Recognition of Contribution to Economic, Social and Cultural Development; Aboriginal Involvement in Geomatics Sector; Providing Value to the Expanded Profession; National Responsibility and Integration; Importance of the CLSS and the Property Rights Infrastructure to the Orderly Development of Lands and the Offshore.

A further strategic planning session will be held in December 2006 to continue work on the strategic plan.

NEW BOARD OF EXAMINERS

The Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS) is the new federally incorporated entity that took over all activities of the Western Canadian Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (WCBELS), the pre-professional activities of the ACLS Board of Examiners, and the administration of the National Common Core (pre-professional) examinations for surveyors on May 8th, 2006. The ACLS Board continues to manage CLS professional exams.

The five member parties of this Board are: the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors, the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association, the Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association, the Association of Manitoba Lands Surveyors, and the ACLS.

Due to ACLS's expertise in the field of licensing of professional surveyors and running the National Common Core (pre-professional) examinations, CBEPS signed a service contract with the ACLS for administrative support of CBEPS activities. The ACLS Registrar was appointed the CBEPS Registrar at the CBEPS first AGM on May 8th, 2006. An added benefit is that there has not been any interruption of services since the ACLS staff was already doing all Board administrative work.

STUDY MATERIAL

Another priority of the Board of Examiners was to update some of its study material. The new book entitled "Canada's Offshore: Jurisdiction, Rights, and Management" is now a reality. It started off as a project to update the "Offshore Management" book which is used as study material for one of the Canada Lands Surveyors exams. It became a major undertaking to fulfill a need in the offshore community. This publication will help to affirm the role of the CLS in the Offshore. Copies are available at the ACLS Office and at Trafford Publishing (www.trafford.com).

A fairly comprehensive marketing program is under way. Key to this effort were two book launches – one was held in conjunction with the Canadian Hydrographic Conference 2006 (CHC 2006) in Halifax on June 7th, and the second one was held at the last ACLS AGM.

The translation of this book into French has begun. We are hoping to have the French version out before year end.

The Board is also working on a new edition of the book entitled "Property Rights and Boundary Systems on Canada Lands" which is 16 years old. At this point, a few chapters have been written.

OFFSHORE ISSUES

The ACLS is committed to heightening awareness of the responsibilities and concerns of respective stakeholders in offshore Canada lands, and to find a common strategy to move this industry sector forward for the betterment of all. One of the ACLS Offshore Issues Committee objectives is to have government agencies recognize the role of the profession with the delimitation of the outer limits of the continental shelf and possible future role within a Marine cadastre context. Progress is being made especially with respect to the delimitation of Canada's Claim under UNCLOS

ACLS SCHOLARSHIP

The ACLS Foundation Geomatics Scholarship program provides 3 scholarships per year, each worth \$1,500 to a geomatics student.

2007 AGM

Will be held In Québec City at the Loews le Concorde June 19 to 22, 2007. The first two days are always organized around CPD activities and the last day is the AGM.