

**REPORT FOR CCLS ANNUAL MEETING 2006**  
**From Alberta Land Surveyors' Association**  
(Larry Pals, CCLS Director for Alberta)

The current membership in our association is as follows

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| 340 | Active Members                     |
| 26  | Honorary Life Members              |
| 72  | Articling Students                 |
| 19  | Affiliate Members – MRA Candidates |
| 33  | Associate Members                  |
| 67  | Retired Members                    |
| 2   | Honorary Members                   |
| 85  | Corporations/Partnerships          |

At our AGM in April 18 new members received their commissions, as Alberta Land Surveyors. Even with 18 new members one of the continuing topics of discussion is the future of our Association. Many of our existing members are fast approaching their retirement years. In this regard as an Association we continue to have a “Future of the Association Committee” examining the issue of membership demographics. For those who may not be aware the ALSA hired a consultant who prepared a report on the “Current State Assessment” this report is available at [www.alsa.ab.ca/pdf/papers/assessment.pdf](http://www.alsa.ab.ca/pdf/papers/assessment.pdf).

We have taken other steps to try and inform young students about a career as a land surveyor through our “Surveyor in a Crate” project with Science Alberta for grade 8 students. Also this year we are in the process of developing a math competition for Grade 11 students. This competition will focus on trigonometry and there will be cash prizes awarded. We have involved some retired high school teachers to develop the questions and provide the answers.

We continue to support the National Harmonization of Entrance Standards and look forward to some action in the near future. There is a real need to investigate some other options to attract future members to our profession.

The ALSA recently approved a \$90,000 fund to support research at the University of Calgary. The first request to access this fund has been made by Dr. Barry. Over the next two years he will research the use of multi media data to enhance land survey records. Dr. Barry will receive up to \$30,000 per year for his research.

We have also indicated that although we may support the idea of integrated surveys we are not fully convinced that a national system of integrated surveys is currently a high priority item.

As an Alberta Land Surveyors Association this year we activated a corner recordation website where without registering a plan a surveyor can record a monument that he has restored with the need to register a survey plan. This website address is [www.cornerrecordation.ab.ca](http://www.cornerrecordation.ab.ca) please feel free to look this site over. If any questions arise please contact our association offices.

These are a few of the issues on the table in Alberta at the present time. I would welcome any questions to be directed to our president Dirk at the AGM if any of these issues have tweaked your interest. Dirk our president will see you in Wolfville in September and we will both see you at our next AGM April 26-28/07 in Lake Louise, Alberta

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