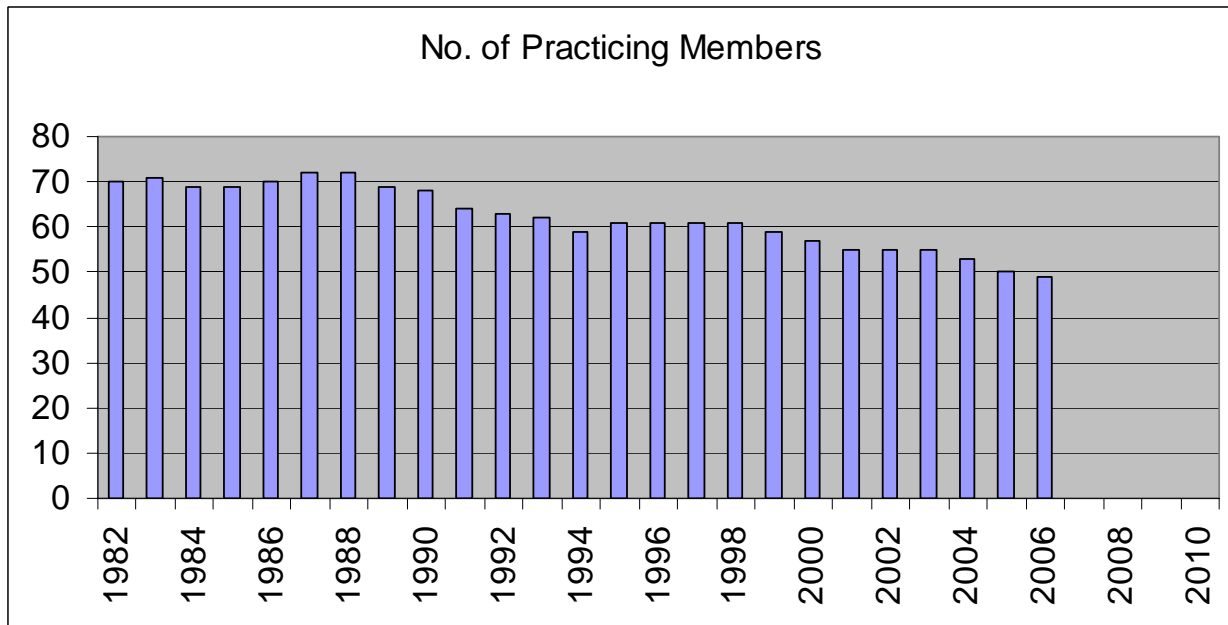


REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MANITOBA LAND SURVEYORS  
TO THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF LAND SURVEYORS  
AT THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AMLS held its 126<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Brandon at the Canad Inn, Keystone Centre. The meeting began with a professional development seminar on Surveying for Profits by Mr. Wayne Newell of Nova Scotia. At the meeting members voted to set the annual fees for practising members at \$1,712.26 plus GST and the annual fee for retired members at \$50.00 plus GST.

The declining number of practising Manitoba Land Surveyors continues to be a major challenge for the association. Presently, we have 49 practising members (30 in private practice, 16 in public service and 3 in retirement but still paying practising fees), 21 retired members and 11 active students. Of our practising members we estimate 0% are in their twenties, 9% are in their thirties, 16% are in their forties, 62% are in their fifties and 13% are in their sixties or beyond. Limited job prospects, number of candidates/students and articling opportunities are at the core of this challenge. The following chart shows the number of practising members in our association since 1982.



The Association continues to negotiate with a government committee towards a new Land Surveyors Profession Act. Significant changes from the present act include public participation in the operation of the association, an improved definition of the practise of land surveying, a streamlined discipline process, an opportunity for members to incorporate, an ultimate limitations period for liability, and the delegation of certain matters to by-laws. Members are very concerned over the committee’s position that

they want the “Exclusive Right to Practice” provision to read “Subject to subsection (2), no person other than a Manitoba Land Surveyor or professional corporation shall, for gain, engage in the practice of land surveying”. The committee has added the words “**for gain**” to our proposed wording.

The Association is reviewing the objectives, curriculum and resources of the Geomatics Technology Program at Red River College with a view towards recommending changes that will encourage students to pursue a professional career in land surveying within Manitoba.

The AMLS dealt with 3 incidents of unauthorized practice during the 2005/2006 year. The Unauthorized Practice Committee resolved the first incident with an educational letter and the second incident through the cooperative rewording of an advertisement. The Joint Committee of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba and the Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors will consider the third incident at its meeting this fall.

At a Special General Meeting on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 members defeated the following resolution: “When a Manitoba Land Surveyor renders an opinion on the location or state of a natural boundary, he or she is to personally attend the site to access the relevant evidence”.

This year's Charity Golf Tournament was held at Portage Golf Club, Portage la Prairie, Manitoba on June 22, 2006 and was the second held by the AMLS in association with the Children's Miracle Network. The local charity is the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba. The tournament included 43 golfers and 16 sponsors, which accumulated after expenses \$4,200.00 for donation to the Children's Hospital Foundation.

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