

CANADIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR FIG
Report to the Annual Meeting of Canadian Council of Land Surveyors
Regina Saskatchewan
March 28th and 29th, 2010

Canadian Council of Land Surveyors met several times with Canadian Institute of Geomatics in order to form a Canadian National Committee for FIG.

The following basic organisational model and terms of reference has been drafted:

Objective:

To present a national position on administrative and surveying matters relevant to the Fédération Internationale des Géomètres (FIG); to ensure appropriate representation at all levels of the FIG organization, and to prepare the National Report for each quadrennial General Assembly and International Technical Conference.

Organisation

Chair: President of CIG

Executive-Secretary: Executive Director, CIG

Membership

Canadian Institute of Geomatics (President or designate)

Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (President or designate)

Canadian Hydrographic Association (President or designate)

Other organisations that may, from time to time, seek a closer relationship with the activities of the CNCFIG, such as but not limited to: Canadian Cartographic Association, Office of the Surveyor General, Associations of Quantity Surveyors and Real Estate Appraisers, etc.

Corresponding Membership

Any Canadian holding an FIG appointment as chair or member of a Committee or higher office will be a corresponding member to the CNCFIG.

Terms of Reference

1. To review and develop a national position on administrative and surveying matters relevant to the Fédération Internationale des Géomètres (FIG).
2. To ensure that Canada is appropriately represented on Standing Commissions, Ad Hoc Commissions, Working Groups, Joint Inter-Association Working Groups and Committees.
3. To prepare for each quadrennial General Assembly and International Technical Conference by:
 - a) Publishing a national report covering government and non-government surveying activities, survey education, technological developments (including global positioning and geographic information systems), survey literature, activities of professional societies, and any special activities of interest;
 - b) Identifying key issues which will be discussed and voted on at the General Assembly and preparing a Canadian position on these issues;
 - c) Considering the nomination of Canadians for executive positions and, if appropriate, encouraging such individuals to stand for election at the General Assembly;

- d) Ensuring that high-quality technical papers are prepared by Canadian authors for presentation at the International Technical Conference and publication in the Conference Proceedings;
 - e) Providing a national exhibit, when appropriate, showing advances in Canadian surveying by displaying representative technologies, models, and other examples representative of surveying developments and improvements.
4. To encourage Canadian participation in support of FIG educational seminars, publication of survey texts, and similar special projects.
 5. The Committee shall convene annually, or more often upon the mutual consent of the members.

Budget

A budget will be prepared and approved annually by the member organisations. The budget will cover conference calls; mailings; web site development; meeting space; etc. Estimated annual expenses will be shared by the member organisations.

International Membership:

As the member organisation within the FIG, the CIG will maintain the FIG membership fee through the Government of Canada grant for International Memberships. CIG will contribute a share of the remaining grant towards the support of CNCFIG members.

The ACLS was originally proposed as a member but has since withdrawn. Other operational issues have been discussed and drafted but no formal adoption has taken place and no resources have been committed by CCLS.

In the past year the committee discussed in very general terms attendance and coordination of delegates at the FIG conference in Sydney Australia in April 2010, and the possibility of submitting a bid to host the 2018 conference in Vancouver.

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