



**Association of Canada Lands Surveyors  
Association des Arpenteurs des Terres du Canada**

## **ACLS' REPORT**

### ***MEMBERSHIP, COMMISSIONS, LICENCES AND PERMITS***

On August 23 the statistics were as follows:

#### Membership:

Regular:	504 (2007)	501 (2006)	508 (2005)	514 (2004)
Retired:	43	45	44	41
Associate:	6	5	5	5
Honorary Life:	7	7	6	5
Honorary:	1	1		

#### Licences and Permits

Licences:	373 (2007)	371 (2006)	380 (2005)	380 (2004)
Permits:	171	182	183	184

### ***PRACTICE REVIEW***

The ACLS Practice Review Department is well in its second review cycle. It's winding down the Maritimes and is just about to begin in Ontario. The process is working very well with no report of non-cooperation and the feedback is very good from the members.

### ***CANADIAN BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS***

CBEPS held its second face-to-face meeting on May 7, 2007 in Calgary. The operations are running smoothly. We noticed a considerable increase in the volume of activity since the Spring of 2006. The number of active candidates jumped 23 %.

The ACLS provides the administration and registrar services since May 8, 2006. The ACLS Registrar has been appointed CBEPS Registrar.

Last July, the AOLS announced that it wanted to begin negotiations in order to join CBEPS. A first meeting is expected during the week of August 27<sup>th</sup>.

J.C. Tétrault made a presentation on CBEPS, last April, to the OAGQ Management Board. He was very well received since the OAGQ is presently reviewing its entry process. J.C. also made a presentation at the last ANLS AGM.

## ***CERTIFICATION OF HYDROGRAPHERS***

The ACLS conducted a survey of the hydrographic community to see if there would be support for a certification model for hydrographers. The support was fairly strong.

Armed with the results of the survey, the ACLS President and Executive Director met again with the Dominion Hydrographer to try to get buy in. They were well received mainly because of the development of a second tier for technicians in the ACLS model. The D.H. asked the ACLS to assess if the CHS Internal Training may exempt some CHS staff from some of the requirements of the model. We did not reply yet.

## ***FIG Membership***

The only topic of discussion at the last Presidents' Forum in Québec City was the possibility of the ACLS applying for FIG membership on behalf of the surveying community as a second Canadian representative. All in attendance voice their support for this initiative if CCLS is involved. ACLS intention is to have a MOU with CCLS and CIG before applying.

The ACLS FIG Task Force has been asked to come up with a business plan for the ACLS Council face-to-face meeting at the end of November.

## ***David Thompson National Geomatics Awards***

The inaugural awards have been presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference on June 22 at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel in Québec City, Québec. It was a success.

The ACLS introduced the new David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the CCLS. All commissioned surveyors, who are members of a Canadian surveying association, and who submit projects that have been completed within the last three years are eligible. The deadline for submissions for next year is Friday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## ***Offshore Management Book***

The new book entitled Canada's Offshore: Jurisdiction, Rights, and Management was launched in the spring of 2006. So far over a hundred copies have been sold both through the ACLS office and from Trafford Publishing.

The translation of this book into French has just been completed. Copies of the French book will come out in October.

***Surveyor in a Crate***

The ACLS is now a partner with other associations in the Saskatchewan Land Surveyors' Association initiative to develop a teachers' resource kit which will be designed to use survey-related projects and exercises while teaching certain concepts required by the Pan Canadian Science Curriculum.

***2008 National Surveyors Conference***

Will be held in the Victoria Conference Centre on May 5-8. It will be held in conjunction with the CHC 2008 which is a large hydrographers' conference that alternates between the United States and Canada every year. The Theme is: "*Bringing Land and Sea Together*". Visit: <http://chc2008.ca/main.cfm?cid=912>

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