

**Annual Report to the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors
from the
Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors
2007 CCLS AGM, October 2007**

Demographics

- Demographics and succession planning continue to be top priorities for the ANBLS. The figures indicated below are testimony to that end.

ANBLS MEMBERSHIP COMPARISON 2006 VS 2007 (as of September 30,2007)

	Full Member	LIFE	HONORARY	RETIRED	AFFILIATE	SIT	ASSOCIATE	COMPANIES
2006	88	25	3	10	4	5	7	40
2007	82	24	3	14	4	8	7	38
Change +/-	-6	-1	N/C	4	N/C	3	N/C	-2
% CHANGE	-7%	-4%	N/C	+40%	N/C	+60%	N/C	-5%

- We have 5 or 6 SIT’s writing papers in October with the hope that 2 or 3 will be ready for their license in January, 2008.

Budget

- A proposal to have a surcharge of \$5.00 on multiple lot subdivisions and condominiums for each seal sold was presented. It is proposed that there would not be any dues or fees increase in the 2008 budget should the proposal on multiple lot subdivisions be accepted. It is anticipated that dues or fees increases would ultimately lead to accelerated retirements.
- Some of our members have been lured to western Canada, which accounts for part of the decrease in Land Surveyor members.
- Council examined the issue of the Presidents Travel Expense and believes that the requirements of our President attending all provincial AGMs should be reviewed and guidelines for future travel should be prepared.
- The Geomatics option at the New Brunswick Community College has been terminated. The ANBLS had been awarding scholarships to the NBCC from money raised from our annual auction. Jim Martin presented a proposal that we might set up a scholarship program for sons and daughters of surveyors using the previous NBCC funds.

Strategic Planning

- Our current three-year Strategic Plan is up for renewal in 2008. The next version will address more national issues as well as the results of the Futures Task Force recommendations.
- Council expressed concerns that the CCLS Future Working Group is comprised totally of western representatives and would like to see more representation from the Eastern Provinces.
- The president reported that the Eastern Provinces have endorsed our continued participation in the APBELS, but remain open to the possibility of joining CBEPS, only if all eastern provinces agreed to join.
- The ANBLS have forwarded a letter outlining its continued support to CCLS initiatives. Under the goals and objectives of our renewed Strategic Plan, Council may be establishing a National Issues committee.

Other

- Mining Claim surveys are on the rise but existing documented claims are difficult to locate or research.
- We have been advised that the 6-month allowable time to prosecute illegal surveying activities is a provincial law and cannot be changed within our NBLA Act.
- We are very pleased to announce that our new Executive Director has survived her six-month probationary period and has become a permanent employee of the Association.
- At our Annual Summer Meeting in Miramichi, Valmore Stewart was formally recognized for having been a Land Surveyor Member in New Brunswick for 50 years. Despite some heart problems last winter, Val continues with fervent passion in his practice of land surveying on the North Shore.

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