

Nova Scotia Director's Report to CCLS by Jim Gunn

Our first three-year Mandatory Continuing Education (MEC) period is over and we are now into our first year of the next three-year period and all seems to be working out. We did have to deal with some members who were a few points short and also about 20 members who submitted late. Some members chose to resign, retire, comply with an essay request as a penalty and one is subject to writing two professional exams.

The Survey Review Department (SRD) has been without a manager for about one year. Repeated job competitions failed to attract much interest so the association put out a RFP seeking proposals on managing the department. This effort resulted in the previous manager returning to the position with a mandate to restructure the department over time.

The association continued to work with government and the Barrister's Society to iron out difficulties with the implementation of the new Land Titles System. Description writing and description altering seems to be a bone of contention between the lawyers and surveyors. The Registries are now making digital images of deeds, mortgages and plans available online by subscription. The goal appears to be a totally digital Registry with all original data archived.

A colloquium sponsored by Atlantic Provinces Board of Examiners for Land Surveyors (APBELS) was held on April 20-21, 2007 to discuss the educational qualifications of land surveying students in Atlantic Canada as well as the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS). This meeting was very well attended by about 25 individuals. Discussion eventually focused on Canadian uniformity of credits and the future role of APBELS. Representatives from CBEPS will make a presentation at our AGM in October.

The association continues work on revising its strategic plan. The annual general meeting will be held in Ingonish on October 12 and 13, 2007. Russell MacKinnon will take over as president from Tom Giovannetti and Raymond Pottier has agreed to serve as incoming VP.