

**Annual Report to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors
2007 CCLS Annual General Meeting – October 2007
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2007 Statistics

Active Full Members	Licensed	549
	Registered	99
Other Members	Associates	162
	Articling	46
	Honorary	4
	Retired	178
Total Membership		1038
Certificates of Authorization		240

2007 AGM Held in Ottawa – February 21st – 23rd 2007

Total Registrations 367

Priority Issues

AOLS Council identified three priority issues for 2007.

- Monumentation – solutions are being considered to deal with the disparity between current monumentation regulations and regulations concerning safety with respect to underground utilities.
- License expansion for professional land surveying, taking ownership of the non-exclusive professions defined within professional land surveying and ensuring fair access to professionals trained or certified in foreign jurisdictions.
- Georeferencing and its value to the public in areas of safety and cost.

AOLS Website

A new website and updated version of Workbench was installed during the year. In addition to appearance and functionality improvements, the new software allows a much higher level of internal control.

CCLS Directors may access the member's site by advising the Executive Director, Jim Statham and applying as a New User.

Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors (CBEPS)

Council approved entering into discussions with the Canadian Board of Examiners for Professional Surveyors to merge the AOLS (AERC) activities with respect to approval to articles with CBEPS. AOLS would intend to be an active partner in CBEPS and is fully supportive of the benefits of harmonization and common national entrance requirements.

CCLS Commitment

AOLS Council unanimously passed a motion, as drafted by CCLS, to articulate a policy statement to acknowledge the value of national participation and to commit to implementing basic strategies to ensure that value is realized. It is acknowledged that such a commitment must be made by all eleven associations if it is to be successful in the stated goals.

New Manuals / Guidelines

The Discipline Committee has completed a Manual of Procedures for the Discipline Committee.

A Communications Manual was completed to guide Council, Staff and Committees and ensure consistency in various areas of communication.

The Professional Standards Committee revised the Guideline for the Preparation of Field Notes and is preparing Quality Assurance Guidelines.

New Committees / Task Forces

Council created a Futures Committee to continue the work of the Task Force on the Future of Surveying. The Futures Committee will meet four times during the year to discuss possible impacts on the profession from aspects of (1) Political / Societal, (2) Technological, (3) Environmental and (4) Regulatory Regime.

Strategic Plan

AOLS prepared and adopted a formal Strategic Plan in 2003. This document was to guide Council, Committees and the membership as various initiatives were being discussed and implemented. Council is now in the process of a major review of the Strategic Plan having recognized a number of critical changes which have occurred over the past four years.

AGM 2008

The AOLS Annual General Meeting is scheduled to take place from February 20th to 22nd 2008 in Niagara Falls, Ontario.