

Order of Quebec Land Surveyors' Report (OAGQ) presented at the CCLS (CCAG) Annual Meeting, Quebec City October 2-4 2007

The ad hoc committee OAGQ-CCAG was instituted by resolution B-06 -9337 and is composed of:

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A number of ongoing priorities, that were identified in last year's report, were implemented and new initiatives introduced.

Improving the Financial Situation of the Order

- The financial situation of the Order remains a concern. The Order has major expenses due to its legal obligations under the act. Consideration is being given to increasing revenues through two initiatives 1) new membership fees partially based on professional services 2) fees charged for survey monuments and reference points.

Streaming admission to the profession

- There is a need to streamline the admission of candidates to the profession without reducing the requirements. An interesting example is what is going on in Alberta where candidates, who have graduated from an accredited university recognized by the CCLS, only have to write the professional exams. Discussions are underway with the board of examiners to eliminate the scientific exam in such situations.

Status on current action files

- Regional meetings were held to keep the membership abreast of outstanding files. Examples include professional liability insurance, registry of certificates of locations to name but a few.

Collaborative work with MRNF on the OCTR file

- A joint committee of the OAGQ-DGAC have been actively engaged to discuss the use of meta data associated with the Cadastral base. The purpose is to render the cadastre more effectively and timely in the representation of data. Much work remains to be done despite the systemic and legal constraints.

Maximizing the public awareness campaign

- A major public relations campaign is underway where the Order is investing \$450,000. The purpose is to highlight the role of the Land Surveyor in today's society. The campaign is being directed by the major advertising/marketing National. A plea was made for written material from the membership for the print media. In the campaign emphasis was also placed on focusing on the youth for potential recruitment.

**First International Conference of Surveyors from Francophone Countries
GeoCongress Quebec 2007 and 125th anniversary of the Order of Quebec land
Surveyors**

- An initiative that will further enhance the image of the Order is the hosting of the First International Conference of Surveyors from Francophone Countries in the fall of 2007. It is also the 125th anniversary of the Order, the 125th anniversary of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics and the 100th anniversary of Laval University’s Geomatics Department. The Order is delighted that the CCLS will be hosting its annual meeting during the conference and appreciates its support. This major international event has obviously absorbed much energy of the president, executive and staff of the Order in planning for a very successful meeting cumulated by the annual general meeting of the OAGQ.

Other activities being addressed by the Order which is of common interest

- Encouraging the participation of retired members, Professional Liability Insurance, Title Insurance, Moving AGM to September from June, mandatory continuing education, revised website, property lot lines being identified by forestry engineers and technicians, the role of the profession in society,

Relevant statistical information

- Demographics: 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

Membership	957	967	971	970	952
Retired	65	63	68	68	73
Women	66	70	76	76	80
Age > 50	447 members				
< 50	505 members				

Annual Fees 2007-2008.

- Owners, partners, associates \$ 1,950.00

Salaried member	975.00
Academia	325.00
Inactive member outside of Quebec	325.00
Retired member	163.00

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