

**CCLS President's Report
2010 AGM**

Let me first thank all of the Directors and all of the Association Past Presidents for all of their support this past year. Together, we have set a course for our national body that will in time prove itself worthy of our members' support. As surveyors, we now have a distinct opportunity to brand our profession at the national level, to support professional development of surveyors no matter where they practice and a distinct opportunity to attract to our profession young and vibrant people who have a global outlook and see the role of surveyors in a whole new light.

I would also like to thank the Executive Committee. As past president, Sel Sanderson has been a constant source of wisdom and support. Norm Cote, vice president, had a great eye for detail and was a constant champion of a strong vision for the profession. In addition, Norm has championed harmonization of our standards. Kent Campbell, in addition to his duties as treasurer, has worked diligently on professional development at the national level.

Enough cannot be said about the countless hours and effort that our Executive Director Sarah Cornett put in this past year, it was exceptional. Above and beyond her regular duties, Sarah secured and managed \$100,000 in HRDC funding to further the harmonization of our standards, she provided invaluable communication tools that assisted us in promoting Professional Surveyors Canada and she represented CCLS at a number of forums taking her away from family for a considerable portion of the year. Sarah's knowledge and experience at a national level is one of our professions greatest assets. Please take the time to personally acknowledge her contributions to CCLS this past year.

Ria van der Veen, our Executive Assistant continues to support our initiatives and was particularly instrumental in the successful launch of our youth web site.

Counted amongst our successes this past year were fruitful discussions with CIG laying the groundwork for cooperation, cooperative discussions with CEBEPS regarding the accreditation of university survey programs, and the finalization of the core syllabus which is now before the licensing bodies for ratification. There was also a significant amount of work completed by the Labour Mobility Monitoring Committee and PLIC. My personal thanks to all of you who volunteered your time and effort in advancing these key initiatives.

This next year promises to be a busy one as we prepare to launch Professional Surveyors Canada. The initial launch effort will test the limits of our organization and the resolve of land surveyors across the country to build a vibrant profession. I am confident that we are equal to the task.

Denis Blais
President
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