



Land Titling in Cambodia

The Kingdom of Cambodia is emerging from a tumultuous recent history and the implementation of a Land Titles system is a major government initiative.

Over the past 150 years there have been several changes to land tenure in Cambodia. In pre-colonial times the King owned all land, and households were free to cultivate as much land as they wished. During the French Colonial period from 1864 to 1953, control surveys were done and a formal property rights system was initiated. The system did not have nation wide coverage. After independence from France the land title system developed to date was retained, however little progress was made in further systematic titling. When the Khmer Rouge (backed by China) took power from 1975 to 1979 (in some areas up until 1997) one of the world's most brutal and radical restructuring of society took place. As part of the Khmer Rouge's goal to transform Cambodia into a Maoist, peasant dominated agrarian cooperative, land ownership was collectivized and all cadastral records were destroyed. In 1979 Cambodia was liberated by Vietnam (backed by the Soviet Union).

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President's Message

As the new Association President I am very pleased to have this opportunity to address the membership for the first time in the *ACLS Communique*. The summer season is here and we are all busy in the field. However, the ACLS Council and its committees are continuing to deal with many important issues, as seen in this publication. I would like to bring, to the attention of the members, couple of items not covered elsewhere in the *Communique*.

Firstly, the ACLS Council has begun exploring ways on how we might be able to make the path to obtaining a CLS commission more tightly integrated with those students on the path to a provincial commission. The ultimate goal being that all, or significantly more, surveyors in the future will be dual commissioned and therefore be able to survey on any lands, provincial or federal, within a province. I presented this idea at a President's Forum this spring and got a positive reaction from the attending Presidents. Thus we have given this idea to our Board of Examiners for consideration and perhaps a recommendation as to how to proceed.

Secondly, the "Expanded Profession" is a topic of discussion in BC and the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) and it is in full swing in Ontario. Alberta has also discussed it in recent years and of course the ACLS has always felt that the Expanded Profession is a responsibility. It has been suggested by some that it is redundant to have so many professional homes for the expanded professional areas such as photogrammetry and hydrography for example. So, it is the intention of the ACLS to have more discussions with the interested organizations and see what cooperative measures can be taken to avoid duplication and competition, while still giving the expanded professionals a proper home.

Thirdly, as your representative on CCLS, I attended an excellent Strategic Planning Session during their AGM this spring in Calgary. During that session, it was pointed out that the budget for the CCLS is in the order of \$120,000 (compare that to the ACLS budget in excess of \$500,000). Thus, obviously, the strategic planning is based largely on the realization that the CCLS has limited financial resources. As members of CCLS, we must all be aware of their limited resources and how their accomplishments have come from relatively small investments.

As you can see by the above three items, your Council and I deal with issues which are national in scope. This is obviously necessary because we are representing members from across Canada. This may be in fact the most significant difference between the ACLS and 10 other national self-regulating professional land survey organizations and we must keep this in mind as it certainly makes our views different.

Please feel free to contact me or any of your councillors if you wish to discuss any of the issues above or any other issues of importance to you.

Carl Friesen
President

ACLS Position in Respect to Collocation With GIAC

As most of you will know, the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada (GIAC) is currently collocating in Ottawa with CIG (which holds the lease), CCLS and us. It has been the ACLS Council's stance from the beginning that it is unacceptable for a self-regulating professional body such as the ACLS to co-locate with an industry group such as GIAC. The potential for influence or more likely, the perceived opportunity for influence of one group of companies over the policies and practices of the ACLS is the main reason for this stance.

In our joint Communications Committee with the current collocating parties, we have ensured that they were aware that the ACLS position has not changed and that we remain against professional self-governing bodies and industry groups being so closely tied. We are being asked regularly to justify this position and give examples of possible conflicts and in our minds have managed to do this. Sometimes however, there does not appear to be complete understanding of the problem.

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ACLS AGM 2004 EVENTS Advanced Notice

The following activities will be held at:
The High Country Inn in Whitehorse, Yukon
www.highcountryinn.yk.ca

Other hotel rooms are also reserved at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn just 6 blocks down the street:
www.bestwestern.com

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- SEMINAR: Wednesday, June 9, 2004.
- SEMINAR : Thursday, June 10, 2004.
- ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 11, 2004.
- ANNUAL LUNCHEON: Friday, June 11, 2004, Noon.
- RECEPTION: Friday, June 11, 2004, 5 P.M.
- GOLF TOURNAMENT: ACLS 13th Annual, Saturday, June 12

The AGM Committee needs input on seminar topics. If you have any suggestions please contact the ACLS office. The AGM Committee is working on organising activities for accompanying persons.

The dates and times above are subject to some slight modifications. Details on the program, fees and registration will be posted on the ACLS Web site at a later date.

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This stance that we have taken has potential ramifications, in that if CIG feels compelled to continue collocating with GIAC instead of ACLS after this 1-year trial period, then ACLS will have to look for separate office space. We have already begun to examine the market in Ottawa, in order to be prepared for such an outcome.

The same reasoning that prevents ACLS from sharing office space with GIAC may extend to the CCLS as well, as they are an association of self-regulating bodies. However, the CCLS is still considering the matter, as their situation is not as clear, since in fact it is not a self-regulating professional body, but instead is an association of such bodies. So, CCLS may or may not be leaving the current location.

This has been a somewhat disruptive situation for the 4 organizations this spring and potentially could be more disruptive in the future, however, I believe that the overall effect on the 4 national associations will be of benefit to all. We are all learning more about each other, how we can better cooperate and reduce redundancy and overall expense to industry. Benefits can be realized and continue whether we are all collocating or not.

I and the rest of Council are interested in hearing from any member who has thoughts to share with us on this matter.

Carl Friesen
President

Practice Review

The Practice Review Process was developed over a period of years by the Council of the Association with the assistance of the Practice Review Committee and the Practice Review Manager in consultation with the membership.

Jim Gunn was retained as Practice Review Manager in September 2002. Between October 2002 and May 2003 consultation sessions were conducted in conjunction with Provincial Survey meetings in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, and British Columbia. Additional meetings were held with CLS members in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territories and the Yukon. A first draft of a Administrative Procedures Manual was presented to Council on June 3, 2003. Here is a summary of the proposed process.

For the purpose of Practice Review, the country will be divided into the same four regions administered by the regional offices of Legal Surveys Division, Natural Resources Canada. Once a region is selected, all practices within the region will be reviewed before moving on to another region.

A detailed questionnaire will be sent to each practice (copy available on the AGM page of the Web site). The questionnaire is structured to draw out sufficient information about the practice so as to provide the Practice Review Department with "virtual tour" of the office. A representative number of the surveyors working in the firm should participate in answering the questions.

If a practice is presently undergoing periodic reviews by a provincial association, and providing the practice and the provincial association are willing to share the results of such reviews, there may be an opportunity to fast track the ACLS practice review.

The review will be based on the information supplied in the questionnaire and a sampling of legal plans and other survey products requested from the practice. Supporting documentation may also be required for the plans being reviewed. As an aid to the Practice Review process, the PR Manager may contact Legal Surveys Division and request a random selection of the most recent « marked up » examination prints of plans representative of the practice under review.

Prior to issuing a final report, a preliminary report will be sent to the practice under review and followed up with a teleconference. After all points in the preliminary report have been discussed, a final written report will be prepared and deposited with the Registrar and a copy will be supplied to the practice under review.

If a follow up is recommended in the final report, it may be in the form of an office visit, a field check or an additional review at a later date.

Recently Council held off on the approval of the Administrative Procedures Manual because it believes that it is a living document at this time and needs to be tested. So Jim will perform reviews shortly on a test basis most probably in one of the northern regions to refine the process. Formal reviews may begin before the end of the year.

Branch Offices

In the “Executive Director’s Notes” article in the December issue of *Communique* (page 4), it was mentioned that a Task Force was set up to make recommendations in respect to the “permitting issue”. During the Task Force discussions, the issue of regulation of branch offices arose and was reported to Council as an additional issue requiring some consideration. After some study, the Task Force concluded that the current CLS Regulations were adequate to protect the public at this time and that it was premature to draft policy at this point. As long as the advertising surrounding the existence of a branch office is not misleading, there should not be a problem. In fact paragraph 3. (7) (i) of the CLS Regulations reads :

(7) Members shall maintain their competence, integrity and respect for their profession in their relations with colleagues, clients, employers or employees and the public and shall, in particular,

*(i) limit their advertising to a level that provides **adequate information and avoids misleading and self-laudatory language.***

There is no problem in opening a branch office as long as the CLS is up front with the information he or she provides to the public. Here are some examples of inadequate or misleading information:

- A local phone number is listed in the Whitehorse telephone book and the person answering the phone is in Vancouver and does not advise the client;
- Survey advice, cost estimates, etc. are provided on the telephone by non-CLS staff;
- A branch office is opened in Saskatoon but there is no CLS present on a full time basis and there is no notice to that effect for the general public (sign, Yellow Pages);
- Clients are received at an office by non-CLS staff that do not advise the client of their status and the particulars of the responsible CLS.

If you are aware of such situations, it is your duty to notify the Registrar (paragraph 3. (7) (f)).

Jean-Claude Tétreault
Registrar

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In 1989 the right to own land was re-established, allowing farmers to claim possession rights of plots up to five hectares after five years of continuous cultivation. Households were able to gain ownership to residential plots of up to two thousand square metres. Land left vacant for 3 years reverted to state ownership.

In 1992 a Land Law was enacted and a program initiated calling for applications for land tenure certificates to confirm occupancy and use. Over four million applications for title were submitted, however only 15% had been processed by mid 2001.

A new Land Law enacted in 2001 provides the required legislation for addressing land titling in Cambodia. Under this law, ownership to land held before 1979 is not recognized. The Ministry of Land Management, Urban Planning and Construction is undertaking a 15 Year Land Management and Administration Project (LMAP). Project funding consists of a loan from the World Bank and technical assistance from the Governments of Germany and Finland. LMAP has five components - development of land policy and regulatory framework; institutional development; land titling program and development of a land registration system; strengthening mechanisms for dispute resolution; and land management.

During the Khmer Rouge conflict Cambodia was heavily land mined. The country was also subject to heavy bombing by the United States during the Vietnam War. The largest concentration of landmines was in the northwest, one of the last regions of Khmer Rouge control. The impact of minefields on occupation based land ownership is significant. The lack of a certificate of ownership to land's being cleared of mines and unexploded ordnance can result in more powerful elements of society acquiring the cleared land. The first phase of LMAP concentrates on regions closer to the capital of Phnom Penh and does not specifically address mine-affected areas.

Geospatial International of Phnom Penh is a land information company that recently completed a database of suspected mine and unexploded ordnance areas for Cambodia. They interviewed residents in 14,000 villages over the course of 4 years. McElhanney is a Canadian consulting company involved in the land surveying, mapping, engineering, and land information fields. The two companies initiated a pilot project for Land Administration in Mine Affected Areas (LAMAA). The project is being conducted in seven villages of Banteay Meanchey Province in north-western Cambodia.

Staff from Geospatial's Level 1 Mine Survey, as well as 25 employees seconded from the Cambodian Department of Geography, were put through 3 months of intensive training, including: Introduction of the Land law, systematic and sporadic titling, benefit of titling, demarcation, adjudication, land surveying techniques, dispute resolution, land registration, socio-economic impact and gender equivalency, data and information management systems, operating procedures in mine affected areas and first aid.

The plans being produced to accompany the certificates of title are 1:2000 scale cadastral index sheets (D size) without dimensions. The parcel polygons are georeferenced and identified with a unique parcel identifier number and input into a geographic information system. Parcels are being mapped based on imagery when possible and by conventional ground survey in areas of tree cover or development.

Our staff consists of Adjudication Officers, Demarcation Officers, Surveyors, deminers, and GIS operators. The adjudication role is to interview the landowners, gather supporting ownership and identification documentation and obtain the adjoining neighbours agreement. The demarcation officer walks the land with the owners and neighbours and marks the boundaries on the image plot. Generally the boundaries are readily identifiable on imagery by the earth dams surrounding the rice fields (see image in first section). The survey team conducts traverses by total station and compass and tape in areas where boundaries cannot be delineated on imagery. The deminer's role is to define a safe corridor to parcel corners in suspected mine areas. Full body

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**The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors
announces
The Second Offshore Issues Consultation Workshop
Calgary, Alberta, October 16, 2003**

The workshop will carry on the policy discussions started in Halifax in 2001. The various recommendations will be examined with the benefit of hindsight and the progress towards achieving results outlined. These and additional topics will be discussed:

- Progress made since the Halifax 2001 Workshop.
- Jurisdiction and property rights infrastructure.
- Coastal zone management.
- Marine Cadastre.
- Law of the Sea.
- First Nations rights and interests.
- Data information management.
- Competency requirements for hydrographic and offshore surveyors.

At this time, sponsors include the ACLS, the Canadian Hydrographic Service and the Canadian Hydrographic Association, NRCan and RICS Canada.

This is an invitation for persons to contribute to the marine cadastre initiative in Canada with respect to conceptual and institutional issues, as well as other pertinent topics related to the offshore. If you can make your way to Calgary for 16 October 2003, the ACLS would like to hear from you. We are identifying stakeholders and for the most part, attendance will be by invitation only. However the ACLS would like to hear from anyone who would like to contribute to these policy discussions. (Please contact **Jean-Claude Tétreault** at jct@acsls-aatc.ca or call (613) 723-9200 to provide your expression of interest and contact details)

**The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors
in alliance with
The Canadian Hydrographic Association**

announces

A Hydrographic Surveying Workshop and Offshore Seminar
Calgary, Alberta, October 14 and 15.

The Workshop will consist of an overview of the topics covered in Examination II-2, 'Hydrographic Surveying and Oceanography' of the ACLS, APBELS and WCBELS examination syllabus and will take place on October 14.

The Seminar will cover the Offshore component of ACLS Examination III-2 – 'Property Rights Systems on Canada Lands'. The Seminar will be of interest to those writing that examination and to persons interested in those aspects of the Law of the Sea and Maritime Boundaries, Jurisdiction and Sovereignty affecting Canada's Offshore, particularly the Oil and Gas sector. Included will be a session on practical examples of how this knowledge has been used in Canada and internationally.

For more details, visit the ACLS website at www.acsls-aatc.ca or contact the ACLS office at 613-723-9200 or at info@acsls-aatc.ca

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Practice Manual

The Practice Manual Committee made public a draft version of the first ACLS Practice Manual during the last AGM in March 2003. Members were asked to submit their comments and the Committee hopes to have its first official version ready by the end of this summer. The first version deals mostly with land surveying standards but the Committee is actively gathering information on disciplines such as hydrography, offshore surveying, photogrammetry, remote sensing and land information systems.

Permitting Issue

In respect to the so-called "Permitting Issue" (see December 2002 issue of "*Communique*", page 4), Council has approved the following proposed new Regulation Section:

Eligibility

32. To be eligible to be issued a Permit under these Regulations an entity applying for a Permit must meet the following conditions:

- (a) if the entity is a Company it must have at least one licensed member of the Association as a Director of the Company and if the entity is a partnership it must have at least one licensed member of the Association as a partner in the partnership.*
- (b) the entity must be covered by professional liability insurance equivalent to that required by licensed members.*
- (c) a primary or principal function of the entity must be 'surveying' as defined in the Act.*
- (d) the name of the entity must be acceptable to the Council of the Association.*

The Bylaws and Legislation Committee is presently in discussions with the NRCan Legal Counsel on the correct wording of the above-mentioned proposed section. This should be presented to the membership at the next AGM, then put up for a mail in vote and, if approved, be submitted to the Minister for his approval.

Bylaw Amendment Vote

The following new General Bylaw sections were approved by the members by mail-in vote that ended on June 9, 2003:

6.1 (2) At least 75 days previous to the annual general meeting in each year, the Nominating Committee shall deliver to the Registrar the list of Members it has nominated.

- 13.4 (1) Proposals to amend the Regulations pursuant to the Act respecting Canada Lands Surveyors must be approved by the voting Members before being sent to the Minister of Natural Resources for consideration.*
- (2) Any Member "in good standing" may propose an amendment to the Bylaws by submitting it to Council supported by at least fifteen (15) voting Members "in good standing".*
 - (4) Proposed amendment to the Bylaws or Regulations must be presented for discussion at a General Meeting of Members. The proposed amendment must then be sent to the voting Members "in good standing" for a vote by mailed in ballot.*

So they are now in effect.

New CLS's

The following people have met the ACLS Board of Examiners requirements and have been offered a Canada Lands Surveyors Commission (since July 2002):

- Philippe J. Breau, Grand Prairie, AB
- Edward R. Davison, Calgary, AB
- Scott C. Dufour, Calgary, AB
- H. David Liddle, Abbotsford, BC
- Jade H. McLeod, Regina, SK
- Leslie L. Smith, Yellowknife, NT
- Joseph L. Harrietha, Ottawa, ON
- James R.P. Healy, Calgary, AB

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- Teresa M. Myrfield, Parksville, BC
- Gary N. Holme, Burnaby, BC
- Colin B. Jeschke, Calgary, AB
- Estelle Moisan, a.-g., Calgary, AB
- Jim Lysons, Ponoka, AB
- Wayne A. Ross, Fort St. John, BC
- Martha L. Petrie, Stittsville, ON
- Michael Fretwell, Calgary, AB

Congratulations to you all.

Membership Statistics

On June 3, 2003, the ACLS membership statistics were as follows:

Regular:	496	(compared to 502 at the end of 2002)
Retired:	45	(46)
Associate:	5	(4)
Honorary Life:	3	(3)
Student :	1	(0)
Licenses:	363	(363)
Permits:	188	(183)

ACLS Website

The Website is the ACLS main communication tool for members and is updated continually. For example lately:

In the “Public” section:

- Updated Members and Entities listings
- Publication & Info.: A new page that includes:
 - Publications: Past issues of “*Communique*” and CCLS Bulletins.
 - Links: Links to many interesting Web site.
 - Labour Mobility: A copy of the MRA and annexes.
- Seminars & Events: A new page, which is a helpful tool for planning CPD activities.

1. In the “Members Only” section:

- AGM: All reports are posted.
- Council and committees: Lists have been updated.
- Employment: New job posting are added as soon as we receive them.
- Special Notes: Various notices about CLSs receiving marks of distinction.

So visit it frequently.

ACLS Brochure

The Aboriginal Liaison Committee produced a very attractive First Nation specific brochure. It was sent to all ACLS members at the end of March 2002 and to all Aboriginal Communities in September of the same year. Later on, a more generic sheet was published that can replace page three of the inserts thus transforming the brochure into a more generic brochure for use with any type of clientele. It can also be used as a stand-alone marketing tool.

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Executive Director

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armour with helmet and face shield is used, and the safe corridor is marked by spray paint. When a land mine is located it is flagged off and a request is made to the Cambodian Mine Action Centre to have the mine removed.

The land ownership questionnaire data is input (in Khmer language) into a database. The LAMAA project utilized March 2003 high-resolution black and white satellite imagery that was controlled by a static GPS network of photo identifiable points. During the control survey monuments were left in the village centres for the total station surveys.

A public meeting is held to satisfy statutory notice requirements. The village chief arranges for the landowners to meet our team on the land where the adjudication and demarcation takes place. Any supporting documentation is gathered and taken to our office for photocopying. Every effort is made to resolve boundary disputes by a consensual approach in the field. Owners are given the option of working through the issues with our staff in the field or referring the matter to the court system, which is a costly and time consuming process. 1:2000 Scale cadastral index maps of the village showing the surveyed parcels are posted in the village centre. There is a statutory public viewing period of 30 days during which time a protest can be registered. After the public display and acceptance the titles can then be registered and copies distributed to the landowners. The LAMAA project is currently in full production and fieldwork is expected to be completed in September of 2003. During the course of our work we have encountered and successfully dealt with several land mines to date.

The Kingdom of Cambodia has a solid start in the systematic titling of their country's land base. This will help bring economic improvement and social stability to a part of the world that has seen much grief and McElhanney and Geospatial are pleased to have been involved in the early stages of building the national cadastre. This project brings McElhanney back to Cambodia; the 1959 Mekong River survey was the company's first international assignment.

Ian Lloyd, CLS, BCLS, P.Eng.

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ACLS Scholarship Program

The ACLS Council approved a Scholarship Program proposal presented by the CPD Committee. It will be implemented in 2004.

The ACLS Scholarship Program will have two parts. The first part will be two scholarship awards to students who are enrolled in geomatics programs in educational facilities. The first award of \$ 500 will be available to all student candidates. The second award of \$ 500 would be given to a student who is a member of the aboriginal community. ACLS objectives that are accomplished by this method are:

- Encouragement and financial reward for students who are enrolled in geomatics programs and who may be headed for careers as CLSs.
- Encouragement and financial reward for members of the aboriginal community who are enrolled in geomatics programs and who may go on to be involved in both the geomatics profession and aboriginal communities (a benefit to both).
- Recognition of the ACLS by the general student population, educational institutions, aboriginal groups and the general public.

The CPD Committee is presently working on a pamphlet that will be circulated in learning institutions.

The second part will be two bursary awards to successful applicants from the regular members of the ACLS. The bursaries will reward good participation in CPD activities and will normally be required to be used towards travel (and related expenses) to go to events that qualify as CPD hours. The first travel bursary of \$ 500 would be for a member going to an ACLS event. The second travel bursary of \$500 would be for a member to go to a non-ACLS event within Canada.

ACLS objectives that are accomplished by this method are:

- Encouragement and financial reward for regular members of the ACLS as they participate in the voluntary ACLS CPD Program.
- May be the incentive for the successful candidate to attend an ACLS event for the first time and thus stimulate interest in ACLS affairs.
- Encouragement of local participation in regional groups.
- Cooperation with other organizations for the advancement of geomatics by stimulating interest among our members in attending non-ACLS events that qualify for CPD hours.
- Development of a possible source of articles for the Communique magazine.

A Bursary application form will be posted on the ACLS Web site in the fall. Only activities starting in the year 2004 will be accepted.

CPD Committee

March 2003 Seminars

In line with the GIT Committee's mission to promote GIT (Geographic Information Technology) within the ACLS membership, it organized a one-day Seminar on March 12. Presentations addressed the following topics:

- First Nation GIS - What's Out There? by Michael Charles, Office of the Prince Albert Grand Council;
- GeoConnections by William Anderson, CLS, Natural Resources Canada
- Procurement Strategy for Aboriginal Business by Walter Pylypchuk, INAC
- Digital Cadastre in Saskatchewan by Wayne Adams, Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISCS)
- Liability in the Digital World by Marie-Christine Robidoux, LL.B., CLS, LL.M., All West Surveys Ltd. and
- Ikonos Satellite Imagery by Jim Finnigan, Digital Environment

The seminar ended with a presentation and tour of the Saskatchewan Synchrotron Institute on the University of Saskatchewan campus. Approximately 60 people, mostly ACLS members, were in attendance. *continued on page 14*

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In conjunction with this seminar, an Administrative Law Seminar was held for members of Council, the Registrar and those members of the Complaints and Discipline committees present. The ACLS Legal Counsel, David Jardine, reviewed the CLS Act and Regulation in respect to complaints and discipline as well as some pertinent cases. This seminar was designed as basic training on complaints and discipline issues for those who will have to deal with them in the future.

On the following morning, the Aboriginal Liaison Committee held a Seminar on Governance and Land Management on Aboriginal Lands. This seminar was designed to help Canada Lands Surveyors provide better advice and services, learn about the First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) and its implications in respect to governance and land management. The program was as follows :

- First Nations Land Management Act (FNLMA) by Karl Carisse, INAC
- Conveyancing on FNLMA Reserves by Lynda Lemming, INAC
- Land Codes on FNLMA Reserves by Edwin Bear, Muskoday First Nation Reserve

Approximately 80 people attended this event.

This was the first time the ACLS invited firms as exhibitors at one of its events. Members attending appreciated this initiative, so it will be repeated at the June 2004 seminars. The following firms manned a booth in our exhibition room:

- Cansel Survey Equipment Ltd.
- Leica Geosystems Ltd.
- ESRI Canada Ltd.
- Autodesk Canada

AGM

The Saskatoon ACLS AGM was held on March 14 with approximately 70 Canada Lands Surveyors in attendance. The afternoon of the previous day, a workshop on ACLS Business was held in order to have time to discuss the many topics and projects that the staff and committees are working on. The agenda of the workshop consisted of the following topics:

- ACLS Strategic Plan
- Practice Review
- Practice Manual
- CPD and Scholarship program
- Complaints Process

Reports on each item except for Complaints are included in this issue. In addition to the routine items (financial, budget, committee reports, etc.) there was a presentation on General Bylaw amendments, upon which the membership just had a mail in vote, and proposed CLS Regulation amendments to address the so called "Permitting Issue" (see the Executive Director's Notes). During the same presentation, Council's decision in respect to the "Branch Office" issue was explained (see article on Branch Offices).

The following form the new ACLS Council for 2003-2004:

- President: G. C. (Carl) Friesen, Whitehorse, Yukon
- Past President: Wesley L. Jamieson, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Vice President: Harold W. Janes, Edmonton, Alberta
- Senior Councillor: Ian M. Lloyd, Vancouver, British Columbia
- Intermediate Councillor: Paul Torrance, Elliot Lake, Ontario
- Junior Councillor: Daniel Fortin, Aylmer, Québec
- Appointed Councillor: Dale Scrivens, Regina, Saskatchewan
- Appointed Councillor: Susan Christie, Picton, Ontario
- Surveyor General: Michael O'Sullivan, Ottawa, Ontario

The 20th AGM will tentatively be held on June 2, 3 and 4, 2004 in Whitehorse, Yukon. (changed to 9, 10, 11, 12 June 2004)

Summary of Council Meetings

December 10, 2002: teleconference

- Approval of the Board of Examiners recommendation to offer a Canada Lands Surveyor Commission to six candidates who met the Board's requirements.
- After receiving the Natural Resource Minister's approval, Council made new regulations to amend the CLS Regulations. Those regulations were approved by the membership by a mail-in vote in the spring of 2002.
- Decision to retain the services of Jim Gunn to finish drafting the Practice Manual to be presented to the membership at the next AGM.
- Council reviewed the Strategic Plan Executive Summary and proposed Operational Plan. More work needed.
- Approval of a proposed amendment to the CLS Regulations in respect to permitting requirements.
- Council considered a proposed amendment to the CLS Regulations and the ACLS General Bylaws to address the Branch Office Issue. More work needed.
- Council accepted the Nominating Committee's report.
- Direction given to the Bylaws and Legislation Committee to amend Section 6.1 (2) to facilitate the Nominating Committee's procedure for forwarding its report.

January 7, 2003: teleconference

- Decision to notify the Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) that if it proceeds with co-location and co-management with the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada (GIAC), the ACLS will leave the present office space on February 1, 2004.
- G. C. Friesen will represent the ACLS at a co-location issue meeting with CCLS, CIG and GIAC on January 15, 2003 in Ottawa.

January 28, 2003: teleconference

- Review of an interim report by Jim Gunn, the Practice Review Manager.
- Approval of the new MOU with the other regional board of examiners for the management of examinations.
- Approval of the Board of Examiners direction for the new ACLS Mentoring Program.
- Approval of the National Board Concept as presented by the CCLS National Board Steering Committee.
- Approval of new guidelines in respect to the Affidavit on training and practical experience.
- Decision to suspend the move towards setting legislation to regulate branch offices.
- Decision not to draft a regulation or bylaw on past action insurance.
- Approval of the CPD Committee's Education Scholarship and Bursary proposals.
- Decision to participate in the new Joint Communications Committee formed by CCLS, ACLS, CIG and GIAC.
- Approval of the Board of Examiners recommendation to offer a Canada Lands Surveyor Commission to two candidates who met the Board's requirements.
- Review of the proposed Operation Plan. Work on going.
- Review of the financial results of the 2002 examination cycle.
- Review of the non-audited ACLS Income Statement for the year 2002.
- Review of the preliminary 2003 Budget. Work on going.
- Appointment of Wayne Griffith as Chairman of the Public Relations Committee.
- Appointment of Jim Banks on the CCLS Distance Learning Steering Committee.

March 11, 2003: face-to-face

- Decision to recommend, to the membership, the approval of the Auditor's report for the year 2002 financial exercise, the year 2003 budget and the appointment of Phomin Leslie as the ACLS Auditor for the year 2003.
- Decision to recommend that the year 2004 AGM be held on June 2, 3 and 4 in Whitehorse, Yukon.

March 15, 2003: face-to-face

- Direction given to the CPD Committee to look at setting up a scholarship foundation. This following a suggestion from the floor of the AGM.
- Review of the Operational Plan. On going work.
- Direction given to the Bylaws and Legislation Committee to add a regulation section on the definition of costs associated with a complaint and a discipline hearing.
- Also determine if it's possible to appoint a layperson, other than one appointed by the Minister, to the Discipline or Complaints Committee.
- Approval of the Board of Examiners recommendation to offer a Canada Lands Surveyor Commission to a candidate who met the Board's requirements.
- Appointment of Mike Tulloch as Chairman of the Complaints Committee.
- Appointment of Irwin Maltais and R.H. Webster as members of the Discipline Committee.
- Appointment of Paul Torrance as Council Liaison on the Complaints Committee.

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- Appointment of G.C. Friesen as Paul Torrance's backup on the Complaints Committee.
- Appointment of Daniel Fortin as Council Liaison on the GIT Committee.
- Appointment of Ian Lloyd as ACLS's representative on the University of Calgary Geomatics Engineering Liaison Committee.
- Appointment of Wes Jamieson as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.
- Appointment of Bruce Gudim and Don Watson as members of the CPD Committee.
- Direction given to the Bylaws and Legislation Committee to draft an amendment to the General Bylaws in order to allow another elected Council member.

ACLS AGM 2005

In order for the event to be a success, meeting rooms have to be reserved well in advance and a strong regional organizing committee needs to be set up to build an exciting social events program.

The Year 2005 AGM location has not been selected yet. Council is looking for your help. If you and ACLS members in your area feel up to the challenge, submit a short proposal to the ACLS Council by September 30th, 2003.

ACLS Strategic Plan

An intense strategic planning session was held in Calgary, October 25-27, 2002 attended by Council and invited committee members and chairs. At the end of the planning session, the Strategic Planning Team agreed on five strategic objectives which are as follows:

1. Continuing/Improving Statutory Requirements

The ACLS will continue to assume its role as stipulated in the Act and will improve on the processes that will permit it to meet its statutory requirements. In particular in the following areas:

- Practice Review;
- Maintenance of Standards;
- Complaints and Discipline;
- Continuing professional development; and
- Greater involvement with the offshore.

2. Public Recognition of Contribution to Economic, Social and Cultural Development

The ACLS will work towards enhancing the public image of the profession and the promotion of the socio-economic value of land tenure systems as a whole (including to Aboriginal governments) and will also encourage career interest in and beyond CLS.

3. Aboriginal Involvement

The ACLS will strive to bring more Aboriginal people into the geomatics sector and in particular the CLS profession.

4. Providing Value to the Expanded Profession

The ACLS will attract more non-land surveying geomatics professionals to become members of the Association. In particular people from the hydrographic community and students.

5. National Responsibility and Integration

The ACLS will assume a facilitation role in creating a national geomatics "federation".

The Strategic Planning Team came to a consensus on the following vision statement and has established an action plan for the next 12 to 18 months:

The ACLS will excel as a leading national organization in the multidisciplinary geomatics sector.

The Strategic Plan Executive Summary is available on the ACLS Web site, from the AGM page.