

The ACLS 2005 Annual General Meeting

The 20<sup>th</sup> ACLS Annual General Meeting was held June 11 at the High Country Inn, Whitehorse, Yukon, with approximately 100 of the Association membership attending.

The meeting had the honour of hearing Ione Christensen, former Council lay member and current Senator, speak of her experiences growing up in the Yukon. As well, Yukon Premier Dennis Fentie, and Grand Chief Ed Schultz



Presentation of Honorary Life Membership certificate to John Matthews by Ian Lloyd.

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addressed the membership.

The following guests gave greetings on behalf of their respective organizations: David Bazett, CLSPBC Tom Bunker, AOLS Jim Clarke, SLSA Jim Dobbin, CCLS Jeff Fee, ANSLS F. Wayne Leeman, AMLS Al Nelson, ALSA

Fourteen ACLS committees submitted reports of their activities for the year as well as two regional groups.

The following form the new ACLS Council for 2004-2005:

President - Hal Janes, Edmonton AB Vice President - Ian Lloyd, Vancouver BC Past President - G. C. Friesen, Whitehorse YT Senior Councillor - Paul Torrance, Elliot Lake ON Intermediate Councillor - Daniel Fortin, Ottawa ON Junior Councillor - Marie Robidoux, Calgary AB Lay Councillor - Dale Scrivens, Regina SK Lay Councillor - Susan Christie, Picton ON Surveyor General - Michael O'Sullivan, Ottawa ON

Honorary Life Memberships were presented to John W.P. Matthews and Harold Jones (in abstensia).

The ACLS held three seminars in conjunction with the meeting, with the Natural Boundaries, and Land Registration seminars attracting over 100 participants each. A business seminar, Managing Geomatics Projects, was full to capacity with 20 participants.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I have had the opportunity to attend our last three annual general meetings, and they have all been excellent meetings. The 2004 annual general meeting in Whitehorse was another highly successful event. We enjoyed solid membership participation from all regions of the country again this year, and it was particularly gratifying to see such strong interest in our meeting by the Yukon geomatics and First Nations communities. Whether one judges by the attendance, the quality of the technical presentations, the engaging debate and discussion throughout the meeting, or the many smiles at the social events - this was a great success and a benchmark for future AGM. Congratulations to the Yukon group for hosting an excellent and memorable meeting.

The growth of our annual general meeting is indicative of the progress our Association has made as a national body of geomatics professionals. Attendance typically runs around 100-125 members out of a total membership of 567 members. Our members come from all regions of the country, and practice in every field of geomatics. In the five years since becoming self-regulated, the professional and technical programs of our annual general meeting have continued to expand to address all the disciplines within our membership, as well as, business management and professional affairs. This is much more than an annual review of the Association business. It is a forum for our members to gather to compare notes, learn from each other, and discuss the many issues and challenges we face in common wherever we practice in this country. Of course, it is always a great social event as well.

Next year's AGM will be held at the Brudenell River Resort on Prince Edward Island, June 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>. I am pleased to report that the 2005 AGM will be a collaborative effort of the ACLS and the Association of PEI Land Surveyors. A joint organizing committee is already hard at work planning the technical seminars and social events. Mark the date on your calendar. Come and participate in the discussions. I am certain you will find it a worthwhile experience, and the venue and the time of year should make for a memorable summer vacation setting not to be missed.

### Hal Janes, CLS, ALS, M.Sc. President

#### ACLS Staff

#### **Executive Director's Notes**

Last June, Lyne Brassard joined the ACLS team as Administrative Assistant and is being trained to take up the Board of Examiners Administrator's position by the end of the year.

Born and raised in Québec City, Lyne underwent studies in administration, public communications, and recently obtained a bachelors degree in Economics at the University of Ottawa.

She is bilingual. Her main work experience is in the administration field. Her last job was secretary for the Japanese Ambassador.

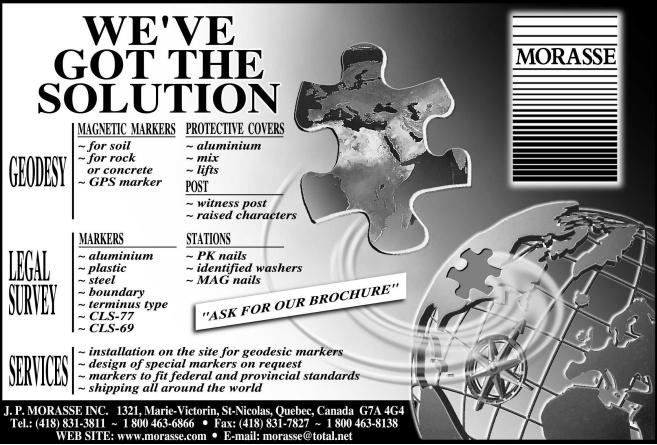
In her spare time, she likes to scuba dive and is working on her private pilot's licence.

#### **Statistics**

On August 13 the ACLS membership statistics were as follows:

Membership:	2004	2003	2002
Regular:	514	504	502
Retired:	43	45	46
Associate:	4	4	4
Honorary Life:	5	3	3
Licence and Permits: Licences: Permits:	379 188	371 190	363 183

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#### New CLSs

The following people have met the ACLS Board of Examiners requirements, and have been offered a Canada Lands Surveyor Commission (since January 2004):

- Craig A. White of Calgary, Alberta
- Bryan P. Bates, Calgary, Alberta
- Terence J. Chiddy, Calgary, Alberta
- Jean-Luc Corriveau, Val-d'Or, Québec
- Barry G. Fleece, Calgary, Alberta
- Dominique Fecteau, Saint-Eustache, Québec
- Martin Gingras, Gatineau, Québec
- Kirsten M. Greenfield, Toronto, Ontario
- Max E. Putnam, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- Courtney J. Tripp, Medicine Hat, Alberta
- Andrew E. Leyzack, Grimsby, Ontario
- Timothy R. B. Janzen, Burlington, Ontario
- Gordon G. Stark, Starbuck, Manitoba

Congratulations to all.

Jean-Claude Tétreault Executive Director

#### Subcontracting to CLSs

When working on a survey project on Canada lands (or private land in a territory), you may require the help of someone that has expertise you don't have. Photogrammetry, hydrography or remote sensing springs to mind as examples.

It just makes sense to retain the services of another CLS who has the expertise you're looking for. Being a CLS, he or she is aware of the particulars of survey projects on Canada lands such as survey instructions, the CLS survey system, Aboriginal issues, or offshore issues.

Remember that only ACLS licence holders or someone under the direction of a licence holder can perform cadastral surveying on Canada Lands or on private lands in a territory.

We strongly recommend considering this when the opportunity arises.

Jean-Claude Tétreault Executive Director

#### Important Note to All ACLS members

Several months ago you will have received a copy of the ACLS brochure "Building a Future...." This particular brochure contained three (3) new information pages entitled:

- Geomatics
- Canada Lands Surveys System and
- The Canada Lands Surveyor

These inserts were created by the Aboriginal Liaison Committee to assist the ACLS members to relay to the Aboriginal Peoples; who we are, the business we represent and the role we can play in their community.

The Aboriginal Liaison Committee urges you, the member, to use this brochure to support and promote the important role that the CLS has and will continue to have in the development and sustainability of the Aboriginal communities. The CLS's role will become particularly important as Aboriginal Communities venture towards self-reliance.

The Committee therefore requests that when initiating work or making contact with an Aboriginal Community, you seize the opportunity to present them with this brochure and take a moment to also explain its contents.

You can acquire more copies of the Brochure and inserts through the ACLS office.

#### Rick Beaumont, CLS, ALS Chair - Aboriginal Liaison Committee

#### **Practice Review Update**

Practice Review is now underway in the Eastern Region of the country. This includes the Atlantic Provinces, Quebec and Ontario comprising approximately 200 license holders and 75 Permit holders. The Practice Review Committee decided the initial contacts will be done by hard copy using Canada Post. We started out using email but with all the virus defenses, fire walls and unwelcome email correspondence today, there was simply no guarantee our attachments were getting through.

The initial contact includes a copy of the Manual of Administrative Procedures together with a questionnaire that is to be filled out and returned. The start of the Eastern Region has experienced a temporary delay as ACLS and LSD define their working relationship with respect to Practice Review. We look forward to putting these discussions behind us and tooling up for a normal operation.

With some minor exception, the pilot project in the Territories is all but complete. This exercise proved very useful to the committee and to the department in working through some of the bugs in our review process. Refinements to the questionnaire will be ongoing as Practice Review attempts to make it a "one size fits all" document. In future, members can also expect to have their field records reviewed along with their plans.

The emphasis of the Practice Review Process will continue to be on "practice review" as opposed to "Plan review" and on "practice assistance" as opposed to "policing members". The goal of the department is to identify, and rectify, areas of weakness within individual practices that may lead to sub-standard products and services. We look forward to the continuing cooperation of the membership as we work our way through the Eastern Region.

#### **Practice Review Committee**

Communique is published free of charge by the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors for its membership. All inquiries should be addressed to: ACLS, 1390 Prince of Wales Dr. #400 Ottawa ON K2C 3N6. Tel: 613-723-9200 Fax: 613-224-9577 Email: admin@acls-aatc.ca

#### ACLS AGM 2005 EVENTS ADVANCE NOTICE

#### The following activities will be held at: The Rodd Brudenell River Resort, Cardigan, PEI www.rodd-hotels.ca/ourhotels/brudenell.html

#### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

- > CONCURRENT BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL SEMINARS: Tuesday, June 21, 2005
- > CONCURRENT BUSINESS AND TECHNICAL SEMINARS: Wednesday, June 22, 2005
- > ACLS AFFAIRS WORKSHOP: Thursday, June 23, 2005 (A.M.)
- ► GOLF TOURNAMENT: Thursday, June 23, 2005 (P.M.)
- > ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Friday, June 24, 2005
- > ANNUAL DINER AND DANCE: Friday, June 24, 2005

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.

#### **ACLS Scholarship**

#### **Educational Scholarship**

The ACLS Geomatics Scholarship Program was implemented in the spring of 2004. A brochure was published and sent to universities and colleges.

The ACLS is proud to announce that a \$500 scholarship was awarded to Mr. Christian Solomon, a graduate student with the Department of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering at the University of New Brunswick.

Copies of the brochure are available at the ACLS office. The deadline for applications for the educational scholarship awards is May 15.

#### **CPD Scholarship**

Regular ACLS members can apply under the scholarship program for a CPD travel bursary to encourage them in their CPD endeavours. If a regular member identifies a worthwhile CPD event that they will be attending, contact the Executive-Director of the ACLS at least eight weeks in advance for the application form.

#### Foundation

Funds for the Scholarship Program are managed by the ACLS Foundation Inc. The Foundation can accept donations from a variety of sources. ACLS members are encouraged to donate and tax receipts will be issued.

#### **CPD** Committee

#### EVOLUTION OF THE ACLS CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FROM 2002 TO 2004

This is a brief article to outline the progress within the ACLS CPD Program over the past two years.

In the spring of 2002, a Voluntary CPD Program was favoured by a membership vote and approved by ACLS Council on May 14, 2002.

The ACLS CPD Program is designed for regular members. As professionals, it is assumed that all regular members are participating in the program. Annual submission of reports is on a voluntary basis.

The ACLS has approximately 500 regular members. 45 CPD Reporting Forms were submitted from year 2002 (a nine percent sample). 173 forms were submitted from year 2003 (a thirty-five percent sample). The incentive of a prize draw (for a \$100 Canadian Tire shopping card) will continue to be offered.

To make it easier to use, minor changes have been made to the reporting form for 2004. The new form is available on the ACLS website which also has updated CPD information. Some category definitions have been clarified and a list has been posted of examples of CPD activities.

In 2003 a Scholarship Program was put forward by the CPD committee. Approved by Council, the ACLS Geomatics Scholarship Program was implemented in the spring of 2004 (complete with a brochure). As announced at the 2004 AGM, Mr. Christian Solomon, a UNB student, was recently awarded the first scholarship.

On a request by the committee, ACLS Council has approved a continuing project to ensure that all ACLS sponsored seminars are videotaped. Selected seminars are being edited and made available for purchase in DVD format. This material is being assembled for use both by students preparing for exams and ACLS members in their CPD endeavours.

For several years, the committee (on behalf of the ACLS) has been working with CCLS on distance learning ideas and general cooperation amongst Canadian Survey Associations. A National Working Group has recently been formed to address these issues.

Every issue of Communique has an update on the ACLS CPD Program, either under the Executive Director's notes or as a separate article.

Monitoring of the ACLS CPD Program by the committee is only possible with feedback from the members. Members will be asked again in the fall to prepare to voluntarily submit copies of their CPD reports from 2004.

#### Jim Banks Chairman, CPD Committee

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A very full social program included the Yukon Regional Group's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament under the midnight sun, with 69 golfers. In addition, the AGM offered a Yukon River cruise on the MV Shwatka, and a bus trip to Skagway, Alaska.

#### Kevin Jones Administrative Assistant

#### **Summary of Council Meetings**

#### **December 8, 2003 – Teleconference**

- Discussion on a few issues to be ready to receive the Complaints Committee report in respect to Complaint 03-01.
- Motion to approve changes to the CPD Program.
- Discussion on Scholarship Foundation legal papers. Work on going. The last three ACLS past presidents will be asked to serve as directors.
- Jim Gunn has started practice review of Northwest Territories members.
- New post and plan fee assessment form approved. The Plan Sticker system will be abandoned when this form is in place on January 1, 2004.
- Approval of the Board of Examiner's recommendation to offer a CLS Commission to seven candidates who met the Board's requirements.
- Council rescinded its August 19<sup>th</sup> decision to maintain present CCLS fee structure, to open discussions on a formula that will maintain the membership fee at a level close to last year's.
- CCLS Executive Director presented verbal report on the National Board of Examiners project, suggesting a two-day forum to discuss issues.
- Jim Simpson presented report from the Board of Examiners meeting regarding the Common Syllabus. Board proposes CLS Regulation amendments to allow candidates in sister associations to write exams even though they do not yet have a provincial commission.
- Board of Examiners wants to update Property Rights and Boundary Systems on Canada Lands textbook, since it is unlikely that LSD will be able to update it within the foreseeable future.
- Discussion on publishing a third edition of "Canadian Offshore Property Rights". No decision.
- Discussion on adding a new staff member. J.C. Tétreault to start work on a job description.

#### **December 16, 2004 – Teleconference**

- Special meeting to receive Complaints Committee's report on Complaint 03-01.
- Decision to refer above-mentioned complaint to discipline.

#### February 6, 2004 – Teleconference

- Appointment of a special examiner.
- Discussion on the Co-location issue. As a result of the issuing of Council's position paper on the issue, the head office received 6 e-mail messages from members. Decision on when to move the head office tabled to next meeting.
- Decision to amend bylaws to widen the area where the ACLS office can locate.
- J.C. Tétreault will look into hiring a part-time bookkeeper on a short-term contract basis, and will present a job description for new full time staff member at next Council meeting.
- Approval of revised Monument and Plan fee Assessment Report Form.
- Approval of transfer of \$23,028 from the General Reserve Fund to the Practice Review Reserve Fund.
- Council supports Practice Review Committee in its intention to review all practices in the Eastern Region.
- Discussion on Scholarship Foundation legal papers. Work on going.
- Approval of amendments to Sections 14 and 15 of CLS Regulations.
- Discussion on bylaw amendments. Work on going.
- J.C. Tétreault will represent the ACLS at the National Forum on Harmonization of Standards & Processes for entry to the Surveying Profession. Tim Koepke will represent the Board of Examiners.
- Discussion on Strategic Plan paper. Council will hold special meeting to discuss this topic.
- Approval of the Board of Examiner's recommendation to offer CLS Commission to one candidate who met the Board's requirements.
- The Joint Standards Committee recommends dissolving committee and roll its members into the Practice Manual Committee. Council tabled the issue until next meeting.
- Decision to present 2005 budget at the Whitehorse AGM.
- The following people have put their names down for Council positions:
  - President: Hal Janes

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- Vice-President: Ian Lloyd
- Junior Councillor: Marie Robidoux and Tim Lawrence
- Approval of new Terms of Reference for the Offshore Issues Committee.
- Approval of new Terms of Reference for the Aboriginal Liaison Committee.
- Discussion suitability of Keltic Lodge as location for 2005 AGM.
- Decision to ask the Bylaws and Legislation committee to clarify the use of seals.

#### February 10, 2004 – Teleconference

• Special meeting to appoint a person to swear in the charges in reference to Complaint 03-01.

#### March 4, 2004 – Teleconference

- Special meeting on the Strategic Plan.
- Discussion on how Council will implement Strategic Plan.
- Approval of Daniel Fortin as chair of Strategic Planning Committee. He will resign his position from other committees.
- Terms of Reference for Strategic Planning Committee to be submitted for next Council meeting.

#### March 23, 2004 – Teleconference

- Discussion on co-location. A letter will be drafted informing CIG that ACLS will be moving out before January 1, 2005.
- Approval of job description for the new position, and direction by Council to proceed with job listing.
- Decision on disbanding the Joint Standards Committee and transforming the Practice Manual Committee to follow new Terms of Reference remains tabled until next Council meeting.
- Review of National Forum on Harmonization of Standards & Practices for Entry to the Surveying Profession report. Decision to draft a letter to four western provinces' sister associations inviting them to enter into discussions with the ACLS on setting up a new board of examiners.
- Approval of Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference.
- ACLS will forward conflict of interest legal opinion to Legal Surveys Division, with a letter asking for LSD's comments.
- Decision to present the General Bylaws amendments to the ACLS membership for approval.
- Decision to allocate \$10,000 to help fund the AGM 2004 CPD seminars.
- Discussion on LSD seeking a legal opinion on potential privacy issue of Practice Review Department receiving markedup copies of plans from Legal Surveys Division. Waiting for LSD's reply.
- Decision to offer Honorary Life Membership to Harold E. Jones and John W.P. Matthews at upcoming AGM.
- Approval of the Board of Examiners recommendation to raise compensation to \$70 for re-marking an exam following an appeal.
- Review of Terms of Reference of Hydrographer Certification Task Force. Council is satisfied with Terms of Reference.
- Review of report from Bylaws and Legislation Committee regarding official seal. Work on going.

#### April 20, 2004 – Teleconference

- Decision that Joint Standards Committee and the Practice Manual Committee be merged into a new committee. Council is expecting Terms of Reference for new committee at the AGM.
- Presentation by Peter Sullivan of LSD on Developing the Canada Lands Survey System. Council agreed to participate in this study.
- Discussion on holding 2005 AGM in PEI rather than Keltic Lodge. AGM would possibly be in conjunction with APEILS AGM. Work on going.
- Approval of new Terms of Reference for Practice Review Committee.
- J.C. Tétreault confirmed as co-chair of Marine Advisory Committee of GeoConnections.
- Decision to ask Insurance Committee to look into other types of insurance (other than professional liability) a CLS should carry.

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- Approval of Board of Examiner's recommendation to offer a CLS Commission to twelve candidates who met the Board's requirements.
- H. Janes presented a report on the Developing the Canada Lands Survey System study. On going work.
- Approval of a new membership fee to remain with the CCLS.
- J.C. Tétreault will build a business case for a proposed New Board of Examiners.
- Decision to recommend approval of the Year 2003 Auditors' report by the Membership at the AGM.
- Decision to recommend approval of accounting firm Phomin Leslie, as the ACLS year 2004 Auditor, by the Membership at the AGM.
- Decision to recommend transfer of \$10,000 from the Practice Review Reserve Fund to fund CPD activities in 2005 by the membership (included in the 2005 budget).
- Decision to recommend the approval of the 2004 and 2005 budgets by the membership at the AGM.
- Decision to recommend, to the ACLS Membership, to hold the year 2005 AGM at the Rodd Brudenell Signature River Resort, in Prince Edward Island, on June 24, 2005.

#### June 12, 2004 – Face-to-face

- Welcoming of new Council member Marie-Christine Robidoux.
- Motion to commend G.C. Friesen, Robyn Tripp and the Yukon Regional Group for an outstanding AGM.
- Decision to hold a mail out vote on bylaw amendments and non-contentious regulation amendments.
- Decision to hire Lyne Brassard as an Administrative Assistant.
- Appointment of a series of committee members and chairmen.
- Discussion on possibly holding the year 2006 AGM in conjunction with CHC 2006.
- ACLS received a letter from the First Nations Lands Advisory Board asking for ACLS's help in providing training support, provide a registry of people who are interested in working with First Nations, and to help put up workshops for First Nations land managers. Decision deferred to the next meeting.

#### Jean-Claude Tétreault Secretary-Treasurer

#### Mail in Vote

Since 1999, all elections, and bylaw and regulation amendments have been done by mail-in vote. Most of our sister associations handle voting at their AGM.

Because ACLS members are spread out all over Canada, only a minority (15% to 20%) attend the Annual General Meetings. Sister association AGM attendance is usually in the 30% plus range.

The mail-in vote allows all voting members the opportunity to participate, resulting in more fairness in the democratic process. It is also more streamlined than using a proxy system, while still achieving the same end result.

If you have any questions or concern, please contact the Executive Director or a Council member.

Jean-Claude Tétreault Executive Director

#### Ken Allred Elected Vice President of FIG

Ken Allred, ACLS member and a past president of the Alberta Land Surveyors Association, was elected as one of four vice-presidents of the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) at the FIG Working Week held in Athens, Greece from May 23-27. Ken will serve a four-year term on the seven-member Council of Governance of the international surveying organization, which is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Ken has been an active participant in FIG conferences since 1977 and served as chair of Commission 1 – Professional Practice from 1994-1998. He has represented the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, which is the member association of FIG as the head of the Canadian delegation for several years. He has also been active in surveying circles in Canada serving as president of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors in 1984-1985 and as President of the Alberta Land Surveyors Association in 2001-2002.

Congratulations, Ken!

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(l-r): Martha Petrie, Courtney Tripp, Peter Raikes, Jean-Luc Corriveau, Chris Chiasson, Martin Gingras, Jason Holway, Sandra Davies, Tanian Marynowich, and Past-President Carl Friesen. The nine new commission holders present received their certificates at the recent ACLS AGM in Whitehorse.

#### **Success Stories**

Two of the most recent additions to the Association membership also have ties with Native communities as well.

Jason Holway (Commission #1720) and Tania Marynowich (Commission #1721) were granted their CLS commissions this February, and both currently work for Legal Surveys Division in Edmonton.

Jason was born and raised in Whitehorse, Yukon and is a member of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. He earned a Surveying Technician certificate from Yukon College in 1994, and started working for LSD in the Whitehorse office. In 1996, with some encouragement from the Whitehorse office, he enrolled in the faculty of Engineering at the University of Calgary. He graduated from the U of C in 2000 with a B.Sc. in Geomatics Engineering.

During university, he worked as a summer student with both the Whitehorse and Edmonton offices of Legal Surveys Division performing GIS duties, legal surveys and GPS control surveys on Indian Reserves throughout the prairies. After graduation, he began working with the Legal Surveys Division in Edmonton where he is presently a surveyor in the GIS unit.

Tania was born in Camrose Alberta and has roots with the Bigstone Cree Nation in the Wabasca area of Northern Alberta. In 1996 Tania enrolled in the 2-year Geomatics Engineering Technology Program at NAIT in Edmonton. She graduated with honours in 1998 and started working on her Canada Lands Surveyor's commission in the following year. Tania also attended BCIT and the University of Alberta as a part time student to supplement her diploma from NAIT

She worked from 1998 to 2001 in the Western Regional Office of Legal Surveys Division, participating in legal and control surveys throughout the prairies and BC. In 2001 Tania was transferred to Yellowknife where she worked on various northern land claims. In 2003 she was transferred back to Edmonton where she is currently working on activities related to the First Nations Land Management Initiative. In 2003 Tania fulfilled the requirements for her Canada Lands Surveyor Commission.

Both received their CLS commission certificates at the Association's AGM in Whitehorse.

#### Aboriginal Liaison Committee