

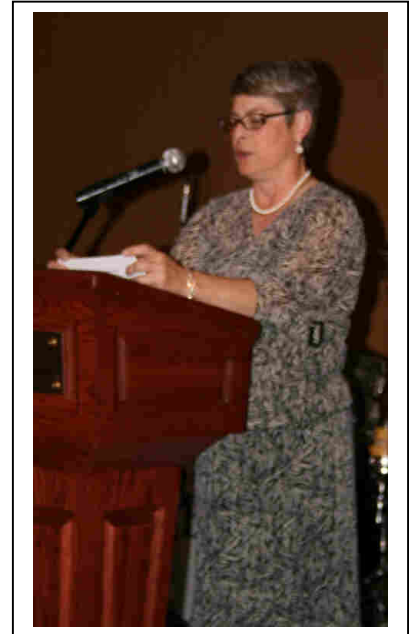
President's Message

I am very honored to have been elected President of the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors, and I accept this task, mindful of the responsibilities of the position. To use the words of our past president Daniel Fortin, our association benefits from a membership representing all regions of Canada - this brings challenges and opportunities not experienced by other associations.

Daniel Fortin led us on a path where the ACLS increased its leadership role within Canada and has been successful in promoting CBEPS to sister associations not already part of the Canadian Board, and encouraging hydrographers to join the ACLS as full members. I intend to continue to advance these files in the coming year.

My own goals for the coming year are two-fold:

1. Successful National Surveyors Conference co-hosted with the Canadian Hydrographic Association (CHA) in 2008. This event has been in the planning phases since the fall of 2006 and is well in hand. This is particularly important in view of our goal of encouraging hydrographers to join the ACLS as full members. Another part of this goal is to continue our support to the Surveyor General and all staff at the Canada Centre for Cadastral Management at Natural Resources Canada for the marine cadastre initiative.
2. Part of our current strategic priorities speak directly to our relationship with the Aboriginal community across the country and Aboriginal involvement in our industry. I intend to work closely with educational institutions at all levels across the country, not only to promote geomatics in general and surveying in particular as a fantastic career, but also to develop specific initiatives to build on our relationship with the Aboriginal community; my experience has been that educational opportunities



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are very well received when they are brought to the people. Increased Aboriginal participation would also enhance the public recognition of our Association's contribution to the economic, social and cultural development of Canadian society.

As a profession we need to attract more people in order to maintain and increase our membership: Canada's economy and demographics demand it. How do we get this message across? How do we get people excited about our profession? How do we increase our members?

The aboriginal community is the fastest growing segment of the Canadian population – most aboriginal people across the country are under 25 years of age. This represents a large untapped resource for our profession. Predominantly surveying activities take place outdoors on the land, meshing well with the traditional aboriginal lifestyle that many are still practising or enjoying as part of their life. Our association needs to be more proactive in providing opportunities in surveying and geomatics in general to aboriginal people.

We, as an industry, need people and aboriginal people are looking for opportunities. A little over a year ago, Human Resources & Development Canada in a report on AHRDA noted that:

"The most recent Census confirms the seriousness and the persistence of the labour market challenges that Aboriginal people face across the country. Whether on- or off-reserve, the labour force participation of Aboriginal people is lower, and their rate of unemployment continues to be much higher, than for the Canadian population as a whole."

As an Association we can embrace corporate social responsibility (CSR) like many major corporations in Canada – this is an important part of the Canadian business landscape. Our Association is part of that landscape and CSR makes sense for us too.

Those who know me are aware of how passionate I am vis-à-vis the aboriginal file and how I believe it is critical for our association to keep moving forward on this issue: aboriginal communities, national parks and the offshore are our daily bread; aboriginal communities deserve our involvement at a national level in their critical issues such as education, employment and capacity building, and this can only benefit our Association.

I see the Aboriginal Liaison Committee building on its many successes and having a crucial role to play in continuing to create initiatives, engaging our members and delivering benefits to our membership through an increase aboriginal involvement in our Association and industry.

I invite each and every one of you to contact me directly with any ideas, concerns or questions – whether about your association, the profession or our strategic plan. I will endeavour to answer or address your issues and to assist you in any way I can.

My heartfelt thanks go to Daniel Fortin for his dedication and efforts during this past year as he led the Association towards a truly national role.

Having lived and traveled across Canada, I have learned that Canadians are one people: we all strive to be the best we can. Let's make this Association the best it can be.

Marie Christine Robidoux, CLS, LLM
President

Executive Director's Notes

New CLSs

Since the April 2007 issue, we are glad to announce that CLS Commissions were awarded to following people:

- Jianhua Luo, Burnaby, British Columbia
- Jaroslav Matejko, Calgary, Alberta
- Joseph Anthony Martin, Edmonton, Alberta
- Yanick Morneau, Roberval, Québec
- David Wylie, Toronto, Ontario
- Paul Marc Crooks, Ottawa, Ontario
- Reid Douglas Egger, Edmonton, Alberta
- Shauna Cecile Goertzen, Fort St. John, British Columbia
- John Luke Haggerty, Grand Prairie, Alberta



Congratulations to all.



FIG

Last year, the ACLS Council came to the conclusion that the Canadian surveying industry was not represented as well as it could be on the international scene via the International Surveying Federation (FIG) and formed a task force to draft a business case for the ACLS joining FIG. Following discussions on this issue with the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors, it was decided that if the case is in favor of joining FIG, the ACLS would champion the initiative on behalf of all professional surveying associations represented by the CCLS. The case will be

presented to Council at end of November during its Edmonton face-to-face meetings.

The first step towards this goal is a memorandum of understanding to be signed by the ACLS, CCLS and the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, which is the official Canadian member of FIG, to set out the roles and responsibilities of each body. There is already a verbal agreement in principle between all parties.

This project was presented at the last ACLS AGM and was well received by the membership.

ACLS CPD Travel Bursary Awards

A reminder that ACLS Continuing Professional Development Committee set up a Travel Bursary with the following objectives in mind:

- Encourage regular ACLS members to participate in the ACLS CPD Program.
- As an incentive for new ACLS members to attend an ACLS event for the first time and thus stimulate interest in ACLS affairs.
- Encourage local participation in regional groups.

All ACLS Regular members are eligible. The plan is to give out up to two \$500 bursaries a year but, so far, very few members have taken advantage of the Awards Program. A form is available from the ACLS Web site.

ACLS Foundation Scholarships

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors Foundation Inc. received a total of 22 excellent applications

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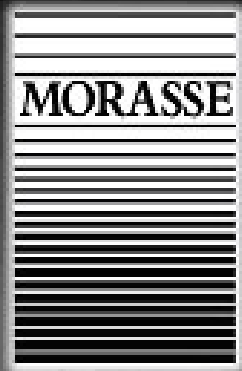
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for scholarships (22.2% increase from last year). The Foundation Board of Directors had a very difficult task to come up with the three following winners:

- Leslie Mah from SAIT Polytechnic
- Rory O'Connell from UNB and
- Travis Lindquist from NAIT

To obtain an application form and further information on the ACLS Foundation Scholarship Program, visit the ACLS Website at: www.acls-aatc.ca Deadline for application is May 15 of each year.

The Association of Canada Lands Scholarship Foundation Inc. is registered as a charitable organisation so it can issue tax receipts. Donations are welcomed.

Standards of Practice Committee
Membership Surveys

The ACLS Standards of Practice Committee wants to thank all members who filled out the two recent Web based surveys.

Under an MOU between the ACLS and CCCM, before general instructions changes are implemented, CCCM consults the Association. This is one of the Standards of Practice Committee's jobs. Before submitting its comments and recommendations to CCCM, it surveys the ACLS membership using a user friendly Web based tool called Survey Monkey which protects respondents' identity.

The survey on the proposed e-filing process received a total of 32 responses. The Committee submitted its report to CCCM on October 12th.

The survey on proposed amendments to Chapters D1 and D5 is presently under way. The deadline for member responses is November 16. The Committee will present its report to CCCM early in December.

Jean-Claude Tétreault
Executive Director

Bureau of Land Management of the United States

Dan Ontiveros, Cadastral Survey, Fiduciary Trust Manager, Bureau of Land Management based in Washington, D.C. kindly accepted the invitation of the Aboriginal Committee of ACLS to speak at our 2007 AGM in Quebec.

The background and highlights of his presentation were as follows: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is an agency of the United States Department of the Interior which administers America's public lands totalling 261 million acres or one eighth of the land mass of the country as well as America's maritime property rights. Cadastral Survey, positioned under the BLM, is the official land surveying agency for the United States government.

There are approximately 300 Indian Reservations in the United States covering about 2.3% of the area of the United States. Prior to 1910, the majority of all federal interest surveys were performed under contract by private land surveyors. While some of these surveyors provided exemplary products many did not and as such, the United States government instituted the "direct system" whereby all subsequent work was performed by federal employees. In the 1970's, the demand for federal interest surveys exceeded BLM's capacity to deliver survey products in a timely fashion, and so, the BLM reinstated contract surveys.

Past land sales, land trades and adverse possession have resulted in the fragmentation of some of these reservations and alienation of Indian lands. This random mixing of private and public real estate, along with the attendant surveys, has created significant surveying and boundary difficulties. Many of these difficulties are due to surveys being performed by private licensed land surveyors utilizing survey methods other than those currently employed and accepted by the BLM. Currently, there are two distinct survey methods in use; federal authority and state authority. Federal authority surveys are administered under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior and are deemed "records of decisions". State authority surveys are administered under the authority of the pertinent State and are considered "boundary opinions". All federal authority surveys, even those performed by a private licensed surveyor, are defended by the Justice Department; the surveyor assumes no liability.

In 2004, the Fiduciary Trust Model for Cadastral Survey (FTM) was created to implement policies and business processes to streamline Indian trust asset management and provide expedited cadastral services to trust beneficiaries. Cadastral services, include, but are not limited to: the survey of all trust lands and the preservation and recordation of legal documents that support the surveys and boundaries for trust lands. The FTM

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included four main components to provide a consistent standard of quality control, these included:

The installation of one highly trained and experienced land surveyor at each of the twelve Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Offices.

The creation of a Certified Federal Land Surveyor (CFedS) program with the first CFedS's having been certified in February 2007. *The course material is a self-study format providing surveyors with the training to deal with the unique challenges of surveying on American Indian Lands and Alaskan Native Lands. An individual must be licensed in one of the states and in good standing to qualify to participate in the CFedS program.*

The creation of a cadastral-based geographic information system (GIS) for Indian Country.

The improvement of the Public Land Survey System for Indian Country.

Dan referred to the United States Government as the independent sovereign nation and the American Indian and Alaska Native entities as the dependent sovereign nations in his discussion. This is parallel to our concept of the Government of Canada and the First Nations each being sovereign entities in their own right under our constitutional law.

Dan's PowerPoint presentation was very well received. His visit to Canada presented a unique opportunity to build and strengthen our relationship with our surveying colleagues at BLM. The BLM, CCCM and ACLS all look forward to a future sharing of professional opinions and ideas related to surveying aboriginal lands and a sharing of experiences (and solutions) related to indigenous people's property rights management.

Peter Murray, NSLS, CLS
Member of the Aboriginal
Liaison Committee

National Surveyors' Conference

The 3rd Annual National Surveyors' conference was held in Quebec City from June 19th to 22nd with the cooperation of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS). The conference had a great turnout, with more than 100 members in attendance and, as in past years, was an overall success.

This year's conference had an interesting and informative seminar schedule, including: Geospatial Data Quality; Professionalism in Surveying; First Nations; and New Developments in Geographic Information Technology. Our full social program included a guided tour of Old Quebec, tours of the Quebec National Assembly, l'Île d'Orleans, and the Huron Village.

The keynote speaker for our ACLS Luncheon was author Neil Bissoondath who received the Spiral Prize for 'Le Marché aux illusions' in 1995, and the QSPELL best fiction prize for 'Worlds Within Her' in 1999. Bissoondath's speech, both entertaining and enlightening, was enjoyed by all. This keynote speech is available on the ACLS website at <http://www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/agm/agm.htm>.

Of course, the ACLS also announced its new Council members for 2007-2008, who are as follows:

President	Marie-Christine Robidoux, Calgary AB
Vice President	Varick Ollerhead, Yellowknife NWT
Past President	Daniel Fortin, Gatineau QC
Third Year Councillor	George Schlagintweit, Victoria BC
Second Year Councillor	Jeff Fee, Bedford NS
First Year Councillor	Daniel Lachance, Edmonton AB
Lay Councillor	Steven Horn, Whitehorse YK
Lay Councillor	Zakary Hargrove, Clearview NB

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Perhaps the most notable highlight of the conference was the introduction of the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the (CCLS). The inaugural awards were presented at the Gala Dinner on June 22nd. An article on the Awards is included in this issue.

Join us next year at the Canadian Hydrographic Conference and National Surveyors Conference in Victoria, B.C. (May 5 – 8, 2008) for the 2nd Annual David Thompson Awards.

Shauna Murphy
Assistant to the Executive Director

Summary of Council Meetings

May 2nd, 2007 – Teleconference

- Council will submit an application to Heritage Canada for financial help to provide simultaneous translation during the AGM seminars
- A consultant to be hired to review sections of French version of Offshore book
- Council approves funding for Surveyor in a Crate initiative
- Approval of adding an extra suite to ACLS office space
- Council recommends approval of the 2006 Auditor's Report by the membership at the AGM
- Proposal sent to ANSLs in response to their RFP for a Practice Review Manager
- Approval of the new CPD Committee's Terms of Reference
- Approval of new proposed ACLS experience and practical training affidavit and logbook form

June 19th, 2007 – Face-to-Face

- 2008 budget will be presented to the membership for approval
- CLS commissions will be granted to: Marc Crooks, Reid Egger, Shauna Goertzen, John Haggerty, Jianhua Luo, Jaroslaw Matejko, Joseph Martin, David Wylie, Yanick Morneau
- FIG membership to be put on Strategic Plan agenda, with ACLS FIG Task Force building business case
- Phomin Leslie recommended as auditors for 2007

June 23rd, 2007 – Face-to-Face

- Decision to hold 2009 National Surveyors Conference in later part of May or early June, in southern Alberta
- Awards Gala Task Force will plan 25th anniversary activities
- Passed a motion stating that the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors will engage in developing and implementing strategies to address common issues through participation in and support of the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors – Conseil Canadien des Arpenteurs-Géomètres. This participation and support will include specific actions that are within the mandate and resources of the Association of Canada Lands Surveyors.
- ACLS looking into what is needed for repairs and cleaning of David Thompson's vandalized grave

July 9th, 2007 – Teleconference

- Decision on themes and session chairs for National Surveyors Conference
- Council approved additional funding of up to \$2,100 to complete translation of Offshore book

Jean-Claude Tétreault
Secretary Treasurer

The First David Thompson National Geomatics Awards

The inaugural awards have been presented at the Gala Dinner of the National Surveyors' Conference on June 22 at the Loews Le Concorde Hotel in Québec City, Québec.

The winner for the "Innovation in Geomatics" category was David C. Bazett, BCLS, CLS of Bazett Land Surveying Inc. with the Buckley Bay Ferry Terminal project. Finalists were Jim Christie, BCLS of McElhanney Consulting and Joseph Lin, OLS, of the Ontario Realty Corporation.

In the category "Contribution to Society", the winner was Ian Edwards, NLS, CLS of Edwards and Associates Ltd. and Information Brokerage Ltd. for the Land Gazette project. Finalists were John MacInnis, NSLS, Chairman of the NLS Board of Examiners, and John Blair, BCLS, CLS of McElhanney Consulting.

And finally, the winner for the "Unusual Applications in Geomatics" category was John Blair, BCLS, CLS of McElhanney Consulting for the Land Administration/Land Titling in Landmine Contaminated project in Northwestern Cambodia.

The Association of Canada Lands Surveyors (ACLS) introduced the new David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program in cooperation with all professional surveying associations across Canada through the Canadian Council of Land Surveyors (CCLS).

All commissioned surveyors, who are members of a Canadian surveying association, and who submit projects that have been completed within the last three years are eligible. The deadline for submissions is **Friday, February 29th, 2008.**

For details on the David Thompson National Geomatics Awards Program, please visit: www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/awards/award.htm.

Jean-Claude Tétreault
Executive-Director



It is our pleasure to invite you to the Canadian Hydrographic Conference and National Surveyors Conference 2008.

This international event unites delegates from both land and sea surveying and mapping disciplines to discuss the challenges and opportunities for the profession in the 21st century.

Our theme, "Bringing Land and Sea Together", promotes the transfer of ideas, knowledge and technology within the greater geomatics community. This exciting event will be held at the [Victoria Conference Centre](#) in beautiful [Victoria, British Columbia](#), Canada.

Co-hosts

For the first time ever, the [Canadian Hydrographic Association](#) (CHA) and the [Association of Canada Lands Surveyors](#) (ACLS) are co-hosting a conference, inspiring our conference theme of "Bringing Land and Sea Together." These associations are committed to enhancing the professions they represent.

Workshops

A number of exciting workshops are planned for Monday, May 5th. Industry experts will present and discuss cutting edge technology and their vision of the future. Please join us for this professional development opportunity. Proposals for workshop themes should be sent to: papers@chc2008.ca

Technical Program

Topics of interest include, but are not limited to the following:

- Legal issues and sovereignty
- Property rights management – the cadastre
- Surveying and mapping products and services
- Safe and accessible transportation corridors
- Security and emergency response
- Environmental stewardship and healthy ecosystems
- Mapping from land to sea
- Applications of surveying to other disciplines
- Technology advances in hardware and software

There is currently a call for papers. Original papers not being submitted to journals or other conferences will be considered. All submitted papers will be evaluated for originality, significance, correctness, presentation and relevance.

Important Dates

November 30, 2007:	Deadline for abstract submissions
January 11, 2008:	Decision notification
March 28, 2008:	Deadline for papers
April 25, 2008:	Deadline for presentations

Abstracts shall be limited to 200 words and include title, authors, affiliations, and short (50 words) biography of the lead author and presenter. Details of paper and presentation formats will be provided upon notification of acceptance.

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Exhibitors

The exhibits portion of the conference provides an avenue for individuals from industry, government and educational institutions to promote their products and services. Exhibits will commence May 6th and conclude May 8th. For more information contact: exhibits@chc2008.ca

Social Program

Social events will be held every night and most are within walking distance to the conference centre and downtown hotels. Victoria is an exciting tourism destination and conference participants can look forward to an enjoyable social program.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The ACLS CPD Program encourages voluntary submission of annual reporting forms. Regular members were asked to voluntarily submit their reporting forms by the end of January 2007. Reminders about the submission of reporting forms were published in *Communique* and also put on the dues notice late in 2006. An inducement of a prize draw was part of those appeals. Congratulations to Tom Bunker, CLS, for winning the \$ 100 Canadian Tire shopping card from the prize draw.

The voluntary submission of the forms allows the ACLS to review and evaluate the adequacy of the Continuing Professional Development Program. Members that submitted their forms with a return address received their form back in the mail with a letter from the CPD Committee giving any tips and comments from the review.

Statistics

In 2006 there were 501 regular members of the ACLS and they are assumed to be participating in the CPD program. 160 valid forms were received, so this was a thirty two percent (32 %) sample. For the 2005 review, we received 176 forms. For the 2004 review, we received 183 forms. For the 2003 review, we received 173 forms. For the 2002 review, we received 45 forms.

The average form reported 120 hours of CPD activities, and after adjustment to the maximum claimable for each activity, the average net claim was 45 hours. Last year the figures were 104 and 47.

Several forms were anonymous (submitted without a name) and that is permissible under the program. 93 percent of forms were submitted with identification on them. Records are not kept other than the general statistics in this report.

The Good News

Generally most forms were used correctly. However, still about 48 percent of forms did not have calculations of the total hours which is a bit worse than last year (40%). This made the review of the forms by the CPD Committee more difficult. For 2006 we designed a spread-sheet version of the reporting form with automatic additions but very few members used it (15%).

The program recommends a rolling average of 60 hours over three years, so generally the participants should be reporting 20 hours per year. 93 percent of the forms achieved this, which was the same percentage from the previous three years. Only 7 percent of the forms were rated as "too brief".

More than half of participants reported adequate hours in the categories of Formal Activities, Informal Activities and Professional Participation. This was similar to last year. About 73 percent reported some hours for Community Participation, a significant increase from last year (69%). About 54 percent reported some hours for the category of Research, Publishing and Presentations, a slight increase from last year (53%). About 31

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percent completed the optional lines to show information from previous years, and we will take that as a sign that the members find it to be convenient.

The Apparent Difficulties

- About 48 percent of forms did not have proper calculations of the total hours (40% in 2005).
- About 19 percent still showed some confusion over the proper categories for particular CPD activities (20% in 2005).
- About 9 percent did not report any hours for Formal Activities (14% in 2005).
- About 12 percent did not report any hours for Informal Activities (15% in 2005).
- About 20 percent did not report any hours for Professional Participation (13% in 2005).
- About 27 percent did not report any hours for Community Participation (31% in 2005).
- About 46 percent did not report any hours for the category of Research, Publishing and Presentations (47% in 2005).

Conclusions

It seems that the average regular member can achieve 20 hours of CPD in one year. The net claim for 2006 was an average of 45 hours per form. Many ACLS members log an impressive volume of CPD hours. Members are still experiencing difficulty in achieving the recommended distribution of CPD hours. In particular, the two categories of Community Participation and Research, Publishing, Presentations remain challenging. There was still confusion on the forms about appropriate categories for certain CPD activities. Members are reminded of the list of examples of CPD activities that can be found on the ACLS website.

And finally, most members are not using the new spreadsheet version of the CPD Form which would simplify the work of members filling out the form, and to CPD Committee members performing the reviews. Some members are using forms from other organizations or of their own design which cannot be reviewed by the Committee.

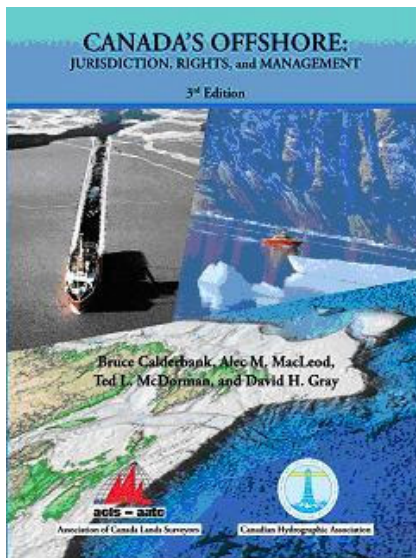
CPD Tips and Tidbits

- ACLS members are asked to submit CPD information on the ACLS Reporting Form (only). It is difficult to quickly assess information booked on a form from another organization.
- The reporting form for 2007 and a list of examples of the different activities are available on the ACLS website. Members will notice a change at the bottom of the form: "Maximum Claimable/year" instead of "Maximum/year". The numbers at the right, on the same line, are the maximum hours that members can claim each year. So the Excel spreadsheet is set up so that the numbers shown on the line "Year 2007: Hours Claimed" are never more than the numbers on the line just above.
- It is optional to complete the additional lines at the bottom of the form to display hours from previous years. Many members do complete these lines so they can monitor their three year rolling average at a glance.
- The CPD Committee discussed the results of the review of the reporting forms from 2006 and found no issues requiring a Policy change on the CPD program.

At this time, I would like to thank the CPD Committee members for their dedication to the committee and especially their time and effort on the recent review of the CPD reporting forms. These people are Bruce Gudim, Jeff Fee, Dick MacDougall, Jim Banks, Jean-Claude Tétreault and Shauna Murphy.

Dave Dediluke
Chairman, CPD Committee

Canada's Offshore: Jurisdiction, Rights, and Management



The book is currently available in English; however, translation of the book into French is currently underway and will be available in December 2007. It's getting very good reviews.

- “In summary, it can be said that this publication provides a comprehensive and easily read description of just what is happening in Canada's Offshore with respect to legislation, rights and management. To the Canadian surveyor and marine scientist it will provide a useful reference to the whole field of offshore boundary making and associated legislation. To the non-Canadian reader it will provide a helpful insight into what the country has done and is doing to manage its territory surrounding its very long coast.” Adam J. Kerr in the Volume 60 Number 3, 2006 issue of *Geomatica*.

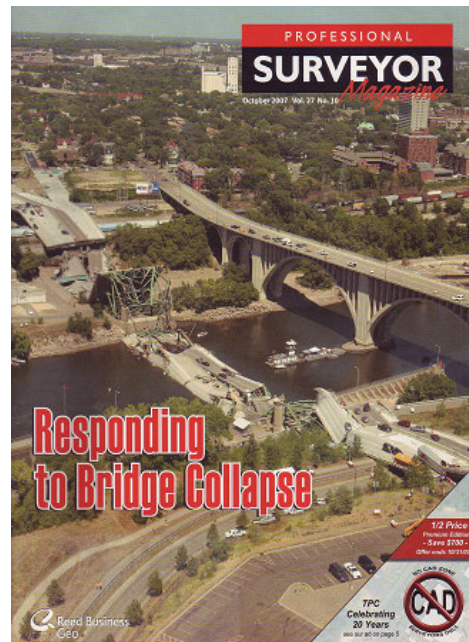
For information about the book visit: <http://www.acls-aatc.ca/ENGLISH/members-info/offshoretext.htm> . Books can also be purchased from Trafford Publishing at: www.trafford.com

The Professional Surveyor Magazine

Having in mind to offer more services to its members, the ACLS struck a deal with the publishers of the *Professional Surveyor Magazine*.

The *Professional Surveyor Magazine* is a high quality publication that focuses on the surveying industry and has 12 issues a year. The publishers want to expand the magazine to Canadian readers.

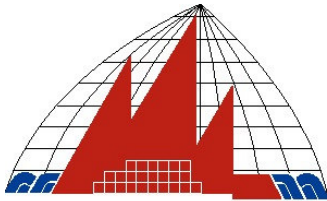
Beginning with the January 2008 issue, all ACLS members of all categories who so desire will receive a one-year subscription to the magazine free of charge. This will include the 2008 *Aerial Mapping* special, bundled with the March 2008 issue. Also included for those who provide their e-mail address will be the weekly *GIS Monitor* newsletter, and copies of the weekly *Professional Surveyor Magazine* e-Blast.



By now you should have received an e-mail from the ACLS office providing instructions on how to subscribe. To qualify, you must fill out the form on the Professional Surveyor Magazine Web site.

AUTHORS WANTED:

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