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**SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, June 6, 2023, 2:00**  
**2022/23 Meeting #15 Minutes**

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**The Atlas Hotel, Golden Room**

The following members of Council were present:

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, President

R.A. (Adam) Kraszlany (year two)

T.G. (Travis) Wolfe, Vice President

J.H. (Jade) McLeod (year two)

R.W. (Regan) Rayner, Past President

S.T. (Stephen) Conway (year one)

T. (Terry) Alm, Public Member

B.J. (Brad) Luey (year one)

Others present: Deanne Cairns, Executive Director

Action Items are indicated by colour for **Council** and **Office**

1. Adoption of the agenda

*Moved by Terry Alm, Seconded by Travis Wolfe*

**That the Agenda be approved with the addition of discussion around the Accompanying Persons Program. Carried**

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2023-05-18 (2022/23 #13) - complete copy for the association's file and one redacted version to be posted on our public website

*Moved by Adam Kraszlany, Seconded by Brad Luey*  
**that the Minutes be approved as presented. Carried**

3. Introduction of Executive Director, Deanne Cairns

- Heather introduced the new Executive Director, Deanne Cairns, and welcomed her to SLSA

4. President's Report – Heather Bennett

- Heather thanked the Council members for their contributions this year and encouraged outgoing members to stay involved through committees, etc.
- Travis Wolfe attended the Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland Land Surveyors on my behalf.

5. Vice President's Report – Travis Wolfe

I had the opportunity to attend the 70th Annual General Meeting of the Newfoundland Land Surveyors Association in Port Blandford, NL. The AGM spanned two days, beginning with educational seminars on the first day, followed by the business meeting on the following day.

One of the highlights of the educational seminar was a presentation by Greg French, a lawyer from Mills Pittman Twyne Law Office in Clarendville, NL. Greg discussed the challenges faced by the general public, lawyers, and surveyors in Newfoundland regarding adverse possession. Numerous adverse possession cases have been brought before the courts, revealing situations where, in one case, landowners who had been residing on a piece of land for over 40 years discovered that they do not actually own the land. After witnessing these challenges in Newfoundland, I am grateful that adverse possession is not recognized in Saskatchewan.

During the business meeting, it was announced that Newfoundland has 59 practicing members in the association. The average age of these members is 57 years, with three individuals being over 80. Although the group skewed towards an older demographic, the presence of younger members and future land surveyors in the room should not be overlooked. Currently, Newfoundland has six articling students, and two new commissions were awarded this year. All three motions presented by the council were thoroughly debated but ultimately voted against by the membership.

6. Matters Arising From Previous Meeting

a. Public Member – current term has expired and SLSA is still awaiting an appointment by the Minister of Justice (since January 10).

- Need to make sure the 3 candidates SLSA put forward to the Minister in January are still interested.
- An email should go to Catherine Benning at Justice to see if she could help move this forward.

b. Letter regarding Interests Registered on Titles – Heather Bennett and Stephen Conway will follow up with an email.

c. Monuments Govern – Members were made aware that the Report of the Controller of Surveys on pages 79 – 82 of the 2023 Committee Reports explains the recent change to plan examination. There will be more discussion at the quarterly meeting coming up.

7. New Business – No new business

8. AGM Preparation

a. No concerns arising from the committee reports, AGM resolutions or AGM agenda.

b. There was some discussion about whether or not to open the AGM to guests.

c. Accompanying Persons Program – poor participation started pre-Covid. This year the peak for any event/tour is 4 participants. Some provinces make it a family affair and others have discontinued their programs. Heather to bring this up during the Open Forum at the AGM.

9. Committee Reports (supplementary to 2023 Committee reports)

a. **Museum Committee** – Malcolm Vanstone:

- The Museum is now open for the season, Tuesday through Sunday 10 – 4.
- Three employees, Gwen Friesen and Terry Nelson are currently covering the schedule. William Haase, a summer student hired and partly funded through a Young Canada Works grant quit after one day.
- Regan and Mike Waschuk did the recruitment and hiring for the museum and are providing supervision, but the staff are SLSA employees and we are responsible for remitting source deductions and reporting. Regan and Mike are looking for a replacement to fill the summer student position.
- We received a grant from Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations to partly fund William's position. There are additional requirements with that grant, including acknowledging the support of the government on our website.

10. Closed Session

11. Next Meeting: brief meeting to be held Thursday, June 8, 2023 after the AGM

12. Adjournment