

SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING
July 4, 2023, 9:00 AM via Teams
2023/24 Meeting #3 Minutes REDACTED

The following members of Council were present:

T.G. (Travis) Wolfe, President

P.A. (Patrick) Skea (year one)

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, Past President

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

D.L. (Dan) Codling, Vice President

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

T. (Terry) Alm, Public Member

Others present: Deanne Cairns, Executive Director

Absent: B.F. (Ben) Clipperton

Action items are indicated by colour for Council and Office

A closed session has been REDACTED from these Minutes.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

1. Adoption of the agenda

Heather asked to add an item under 4.c. on the Agenda and approve Grady Rowley as the editor and chair of the Newsletter Committee.

Moved by Brad Luey, Seconded by Terry Alm

That the Agenda be approved as amended. Carried

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2023-06-06 (#13) and 2023-06-08 (#1)

Moved by Heather Bennett, Seconded by Brad Luey

That the Minutes of the June 6th and June 8th Council meeting be approved as presented. Carried

3. President's Report

Regulator controlled by the regulated is an important topic right now in BC. Travis reported that an article he read said that the BC Land Surveyors Association is not going to exist in about 5 years. In the author's opinion it is an example of regulator controlled by the regulator. At their BC Land Surveyors AGM, they made a motion to put all approving authority with the Council rather than the members. Members voted it down. Changes are coming. **Travis will circulate the article.**

There are a few provincial AGM's coming up, including Quebec and Nova Scotia.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

a. Bylaw Amendments -

- Regulatory Bylaw changes coming out of the AGM were filed with the Minister. The Minister has 90 days to approve before changes take effect. No administrative changes to file with ISC.

b. Public Member – Status Update from Department of Justice - the Minister has chosen a candidate and is now in the process of formalizing that selection.

- c. Council Ratification of Committee Members –
- Justin Reiter has volunteered to join the Government Relations Committee;
 - Paul Craig has volunteered for the Peer Competency Review Committee;
 - Kent Headrick has volunteered for the Practice Committee; and
 - Grady Rowley will be the Editor and the Chair of the Newsletter Committee.

Moved by Brad Luey, Seconded by Terry Alm

That Council has ratified the above-mentioned committee members and chair.

5. Arising from AGM Open Forum

- a. PSC and P.Surv.: Further discussion is needed on the P.Surv.designation, keeping in mind that last Fall when Brian Ballantyne spoke about this topic the SLSA membership was divided on whether to embrace it, eliminate it or do nothing. Council needs to give direction to Akbar and his committee.

Do Nothing may largely be out of fear for opening up the Act. If we are going to open up the Act then we should have committees looking at what else needs to be done while it is open. Perhaps we could set a longer time frame for opening the Act, like 3 years, giving the committees time to do a thorough review and prepare for it. If we are worried about opening up the Act is there an organization around that can help us with what and how to do it. The Minister of Justice would be the one that would have to open up the Act.

Not sure what the value of P.Surv is right now. SLSA has only had two. Do we keep it in the event PSC runs out of money? What are the benefits of embracing the PSC P.Surv and eliminating the SLSA P.Surv?

A number of jurisdictions are looking at clarifying definitions – of P.Surv., professional surveyor, etc.

- b. Members participating in AGM virtually – need to survey those that participated online and see how their experience was and how many of them voted. There were mixed opinions in the Open Forum about being able to attend conference virtually. Travis indicated that he is currently looking at Cypress Hills for the next conference and it would not be as easy to provide that option there as it was in Regina. It could be very costly to bring in someone like ProAv to the venue.

Heather reported that some other provinces had a virtual option, but most provinces moved away from it after Covid.

- c. Field Note Preservation – SLSA is unique in this regard as we regulate members not companies. One place in the Act says you have to maintain your records. Paper records have become useless – no one is going to go through boxes of them to look for information. They should be scanned and then the paper copies shredded.

In Newfoundland, deceased or retired members donate their files to the association – but only digital files. They are only used by members. More discussion is needed on whether we can and want to do this here and what is required. Do we have to open up the Act or can it be put in to our bylaws? Or can we just ask members to do it on a voluntary basis?

There is no follow-up aspect to field note preservation as the families are not members.

Travis will talk to the Bylaw Committee and see if they can get something to Council by the end of the year so that it is ready for a vote by members at the next AGM.

- d. Retired Members Fees – Retired members are important. They pay fees but do not have a vote. Council needs to look at this issue prior to the next AGM. There was a suggestion that maybe we just look at a standard fee increase every year to keep up with inflation. Manitoba has different voting structures where different types of voting members can vote on different types of Motions. This would likely require a Bylaw change. Travis said he will look at other provinces and what they are doing and bring that back to Council.

6. A Closed Session has been REDACTED from these Minutes.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 9:00 AM

8. Adjournment:

Moved by Stephen Conway, Seconded by Brad Luey
Motion to Adjourn the Meeting at 9:58 a.m.