

SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING
October 31, 2023, 9:00 AM via Teams
2023/24 Meeting #6 MINUTES

The following members of Council were present:

T.G. (Travis) Wolfe, President

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, Past President

D.L. (Dan) Codling, Vice President

T. (Terry) Alm, Public Member

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

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

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

B.F. (Ben) Clipperton (year one)

Others present: Deanne Cairns, Executive Director

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

* Note: A separate Agenda is attached with schedule for meeting with Committee Chairs.

Moved by Terry Alm, Seconded by Brad Luey
that the Agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: September 26, 2023

Moved by Ben Clipperton, Seconded by Stephen Conway
that the Minutes of the September 26, 2023 Council Meeting
be approved as presented. CARRIED

3. President's Report

BC – The Government in BC will introduce legislation before mid-March regarding self-governing professional associations. The ABCLS may end up merged with the engineers and geoscientist. They require massive bylaw changes to align with the incoming legislation and they are having a special meeting this Friday in the hopes of having the member vote in favour of council having the authority over bylaws in BC. It's the opinion of Mike (BC President) that once this change occurs CBEPS will be run over. If this meeting is unsuccessful they will have to go to government and ask for changes to be made. The BC government also announced new legislation around foreign trained workers and elimination of the Canadian residency and articling period. Health staffing shortages are driving this need. The average grad is taking 5-7 years and they want to get it down to 1 year.

AB – They are also looking at their registration process and trying to get it to be less onerous. They have started a registration reform committee. They have hired a consultant to assess how students decide what profession they want to do. They are focusing on communication issues as many of their complaints come from communication issues better the surveyor and their client.

ON – Dec 2 if the FARPACTA deadline. *Unless an exemption is obtained, any requirement for Canadian experience as a qualification for registration with a regulated profession would become void after*

December 2, 2023. Engineers have removed articling all together and moved to a competency model. Their association had a \$1m surplus and it went to a \$1m deficit this year due to the consultants etc needed to get it all done. They wanted to introduce a limited license and the fairness commissioner wasn't on board with that idea. Hydrographers, GIS Prof, and Photogrameterists make up about 20 members in total (similar to our p.surv) but that door into the association will be closed and they will be grandfathered in. They are not totally removing the articling path, you could still do it if you wanted to. ACLS – has been working on a new act for 15 years and it might be ready to go this time. They are the only self regulated professional organization. Main changes are off-ramps for complaints, moving acts to regs. and moving regs. to bylaws so they don't need to go to government to change things. Some of the other provinces are also looking at what to do about field note preservation. In ON three firms are buying up the other notes and charging big bucks for people to look at them. Talked about governance vs management. Talked about volunteering for committees.

AGM - NS

118 voting members

89 were registered at the meeting. 1st new member was #694. You can get a temporary licence in NS for project specific reasons. Appeals by the general public to a discipline case are becoming more common. Average age is 54, Active members 20-49 = 43% and 50-69 = 39%. 18 life members ad 49 corporate permits. They had a \$34k deficit budget, budgeted for \$21k. They are trying to attract more students through social media campaigns. Fees are \$1900, \$400 for a corporate permit. There was some discussion about a fee increase. Proposed changing some of the language to a more gender neutral way and it was discussed quite a bit and some tried to vote it down. Passed a motion so that retired members don't need to pay a fee.

Seminars

Mark Sampson did his insurance update. Marie went over the TOLD program at CBEPS which Heather could recite by memory. Sea Level and shoreline presentation from COGS. Afternoon was about Communication and Relationship Management – big takeaway was follow through and follow up. Simeon talked about generational differences and best practices.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings
 - a. Public Member – Travis will write a letter to Minister.
 - b. Members participating in AGM virtually – Survey has been sent out to participants. Only 4 participants responded. Deanne will send out results.
 - c. Field Note Preservation and Retired Members Fees – Bylaw Committee to have something to Council by the end of the year so it is ready to be voted on at next AGM. Travis will follow up with Lee Andersen, Bylaw Committee.

Committee Chair Meetings with Council – Tuesday, October 31, 2023		
Time:	Committee	Chair
9:15 a.m.	Peer Competency Review Committee	Kristof Dumais
9:30 a.m.	Museum Committee	Malcolm Vanstone
9:45 a.m.	Unauthorized Practice Review Committee	Trent Wahl
10:00 a.m.	Education Committee	Jared Adams
10:15 a.m.	Practice Committee	Gerald Johnson
10:30 a.m.	Public Relations Committee/Newsletter	Grady Rowley
10:45 a.m.	Admission Board for P.Survs	Akbarali Karsan
11:00 a.m.	Bylaw Committee	Lee Anderson
11:15 a.m.	Board of Examiners	Robert King
11:30 a.m.	Discipline	Mark MacDonald
Noon	Government Relations	Dan Codling
12:15 p.m.	Biography/Finance	Heather Bennett
12:30 p.m.	Government Policy Review	Dan Cook
12:45 p.m.	Nominations	Heather Bennett
1:00 p.m.	PSC	Darren Patkau
1:15 p.m.	Conference Planning	Travis Wolfe
1:30 p.m.	SLSA Charitable Fund Selection	Blake Wahl – Nothing to Report
1:45 p.m.	Professional Conduct Committee	Pat Maloney – Nothing to Report
2:00 p.m.	CBEPS	Ryan Baete
2:15 p.m.	U of C	Nathan Dennison – Nothing to Report

Closed Session was held (including an in-camera session), which is not included in these minutes

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 9:00 AM

5. Adjournment