



E-Mailer to Membership December 19, 2014

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Important Dates

- Council Meeting
February 13, 2015
ANLS Board Room
- BOE Meeting
January 8, 2015
ANLS Board Room
- 62nd AGM
Marble Mountain Resort
Corner Brook, NL
May 21 – 23, 2015
- National Surveyors
Conference (NSC)2015
Fairmont Winnipeg
Winnipeg, MB
May 13– 15, 2015
- 63rd AGM
The Capital Hotel
St. John's, NL
May 26 – 28, 2016

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President's Message

To my fellow Professional Land Surveyors and friends, thank you all for allowing me to be your President.

Although quite busy, I am enjoying the challenge this office presents. My take on this is very simple. By becoming involved in our Association (i.e., President, Vice President, Secretary Treasurer, Council, on Committees, Mediations, Investigations, etc.), you are really only paying back, to your Profession, for what your Profession has done for you over the years.

We are all in this Professional Land Surveying business for one reason, and one reason only, to make a respectable, decent living for ourselves and our families.

As neither time nor paper allows me to update everyone on all the activities of your Council of Management and your Association, I will only touch on a couple.

As part of your Council's mandate, we have now completed all three Regional Meetings, East, West and Central, in that order, all with excellent attendance.

For those of you who attended these Regional meetings, thank you again for taking the time from your busy schedule to be present. For those of you who could not make it to these Regional Meetings, you certainly missed a great opportunity to interact with your fellow Professional Land Surveyors and partake in topics of interest to all. Below is list of some of the topics presented and discussed.

- ✓ MCPD (Mandatory Continuing Professional Development)
- ✓ Upcoming Seminars via On-line, Webinar, teleconference, etc.
- ✓ Loss Control Seminar @ 2015 AGM
- ✓ Survey marker program update
- ✓ Disciplinary Process (i.e. Mediation, etc.)
- ✓ Special Levy for Disciplinary Hearings
- ✓ Digital Submission of Crown Land Surveys
- ✓ Digital access to Crown Grants
- ✓ New ANLS website
- ✓ Labor Marketing Committee (Promoting our Profession)
- ✓ Other Legal costs to ANLS

Because of the geographics of our Association I think it is very important to continue these Regional Meetings. It allows everyone an equal opportunity to provide input on the issues at hand and bring forward other issues of concern that would probably not be dealt with and openly discussed at an Annual General Meeting.

Digital Submissions of Crown Lands Surveys:

Talks with Government (Crown Lands Administration) are back on at their request. They have identified two "areas of concern" which need to be addressed.

#1 – According to statistics provided, approximately one half of all Crown Land Survey returns sent to Government (42% to be precise) have errors and are returned to the Newfoundland Land Surveyor for corrections. These errors range from minor typing to sometimes more serious boundary placement issues. Government wants this addressed with their main focus to eliminate this percentage of error.

#2 – Government is also interested in working towards digital submissions of Crown Lands Surveys and a check system to insure these errors are dealt with. For all Professional Newfoundland Land Surveyors operating in today's environment, we are, or should be, very familiar with the Digital and Electronic world, so a transition to this process should not pose a problem.

For any Land Surveyor who "is not" operating their Land Surveying Business via the computer world, etc. then you may have to consider adapting to "the times" or you will be left playing catch-up constantly. Working Committees of both Government and your Association are now in place to further explore all the avenues necessary to deal with all these issues.

President's Message, *continued*

It is my intention to have an open discussion at a future AGM once all the leg work is completed and recommendations come forward.

#3 – Another area of concern brought forward by the Committee of the Association was with regard to Newfoundland Land Surveyors having two sets of survey standards, i.e. A set of standards relative to Crown Land Surveys and a separate set of standards (under our Manual of Practice) relative to other private Land Surveys. We need to harmonize both sets of Survey Standards acceptable to all.

As I stated in my opening address on our website, we now have 14 articled students anxious to pursue their career as a Professional Newfoundland Land Surveyor. This is a great opportunity for our Association to take advantage of this “infusion of new blood” and position ourselves for the future. When you realize the scary statistic within our Association is that the average age of our Professional Newfoundland Land Surveyor in this Province right now is 55 years old. **“All the more reason why we need to embrace this opportunity and focus on attracting more of the younger generation to our Profession”.**

I want to thank all the Committee members who stepped up to the plate when asked to do so. It is only through your hard work, commitment and dedication that these committees will function properly. For those of you who have never served on any of the standing Committees of Council, please consider doing so when asked. Sitting on any of these Committees will give you excellent exposure to the working mechanics of your Association and profession, along with being a truly valuable learning experience.

And finally I want to thank the office staff of Paula, Samantha and Christine, along with the Council of Management and Executive Council for their continued support and dedication.

In closing, on behalf of myself and Wendy, I extend to you, your family and friends, a healthy and family-filled Christmas Season and I wish you nothing but the best of HEALTH AND HAPPINESS in 2015.

My commitment to you is to work hard to represent your Association wherever and whenever the opportunity arises.

Wendy and I are looking forward to your attendance at the next AGM on the West Coast of our Province in May 2015; details to follow in the New Year.

All the Best,

Wayne E. Hodder, NLS, President

REMINDER - Members Invoices

Certificate of Authorization 2015 Application Renewal

To renew your Certificate of Authorization for 2015, please ensure that your payment along with the completed Certification of Authorization Application/Renewal Form is sent to the ANLS office by **December 31, 2014**. (By-Law 19.7)

Certificate of Registration for 2015-2016 Membership Renewal

Your Certificate of Registration runs from April 1st to March 31st and is due and payable by **March 31, 2015**.

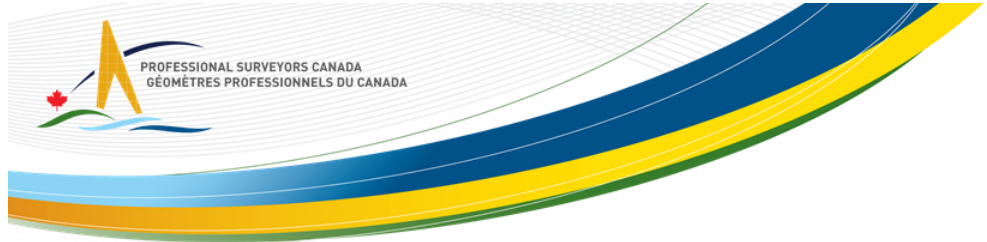
Mandatory Continuing Professional Development (MCPD)

2014 Reporting Form

Your **ANLS 2014 MCPD** Reporting Form is due by **January 1, 2015** as per By-Law 16.2.2.

Season's Greetings

Important Message Regarding Your Professional Surveyors Canada Membership



As you may already be aware, since you are a member of an Association that has adopted the All In membership model, your dues for a Professional Surveyors Canada (PSC) membership will be collected by your Association and remitted to PSC on your behalf.

- If you have multiple commissions, and your dues are collected for PSC by more than one Association, please notify us by email at info@psc-gpc.ca. We will return the overpayment to you as soon as possible.
- Please note that to **activate your membership** you still need to register on our website. It should only take a few minutes to complete. To register please follow this link: <http://www.psc-gpc.ca/en/join-now>
- If you have already registered with us in a previous year, we will automatically renew your membership. If your contact information has changed, please notify us by email at info@psc-gpc.ca.

We would like to thank surveyors across the country for the tremendous support that has been shown to Professional Surveyors Canada this past year. We will strive to do our utmost to advocate on behalf of professional surveyors and to help ensure that our profession is understood and valued as necessary for the well-being of Canadians.

Sincerely,

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***ANLS Office will be closed Wednesday, December 23, 2014
at NOON and reopening Monday, January 5, 2015.***

