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**SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 26, 2023, 1:30 PM via conference call**  
**2022/23 Meeting #9 Minutes**

The following members of Council were present:

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, President

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

T.G. (Travis) Wolfe, Vice President

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

R.W. (Regan) Rayner, Past President

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

T. (Terry) Alm, Public Member

Others present: Carrie Weir, Executive Director

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

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:30

1. Adoption of the agenda. The ABPS report from item 5 has been deferred and Form 'P' for C.O. Rogers added as 6(b). The agenda was adopted as amended.
2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2022-12-15 (2022/23 #8) - complete copy for the association's file and one redacted version to be posted on our public website. The convention committee report should show Heather's name as Bennett rather than Maloney.

*Moved by Travis Wolfe, Seconded by Brad Luey*

**That the minutes be approved as amended. Carried**

3. President's Report
  - Heather attended the ANBLS AGM last week. They had some great educational sessions. It began with a presentation on Roberts Rules for the benefit of their newer members.
  - ANBLS has ~50 licensed, active members, but they have 13 NBLSIT.
  - Many topics discussed at the Presidents' forum are recurring, with new developments shared at each meeting.
  - Unauthorized practice is increasing. SLSA's last report was received in November 2022 and is still open. ANBLS has been responding to reports of forestry companies flagging lines. The companies identify these as 'clearing lines', but they often correlate with boundaries. In one instance, a cut line was staked 20m into an adjacent property. Some reports have resulted in multiple notices, but the unauthorized practice has not ceased. They are looking at factors that may have an influence, such as increased education and availability of surveyors. Most associations are experiencing unauthorized practice. PEI seems to be an exception due to their legislation.
  - Professional governance legislation is currently in place in BC and in progress in AB, where the PGA made it to second reading, but was then tabled when the Premier resigned. They expect it to be in place mid-year. ALSA has been told they will fall under the PGA. Both ABCLS and ALSA are trying to align with the respective Acts. Even though ABCLS is not presently included, they are being proactive and focusing on separating member services from public service and regulation. There have been no rumblings of PGAs elsewhere, but there are opportunities for SLSA to be proactive, including re-visiting our Code of Ethics.
  - AOLS is looking at whether council should be competency based rather than elected

- Scholarship applications throughout the country were also discussed. Some have been impacted by fewer eligible students. Most of the provincial associations have scholarships, as does the association in Maine, which participated in the meeting.
- The duties of Past Presidents were compared. Many are tasked with nominations, and other ex officio committee responsibilities.
- There was discussion about the viability of PSC and their role; whether it is advocacy or member services. Heather expects to see an ask to PSC to better define their intention moving forward.

#### 4. Matters arising from previous meetings

##### a. Orphaned files

- Has been referred to the Bylaw committee and diarized for when the Act is opened.
- Heather has reviewed the content of the files received and spoken to a member who is willing to assist in cataloguing. They are quite orderly and do not contain personal information.
- Heather learned nothing further from the Presidents of the other associations.
- This will be removed from Council's agenda until something comes back from the bylaw committee.

##### b. Notice re. Accretion - [Bill No. 100 — The Miscellaneous Statutes \(Accretion\) Amendment Act, 2022](#) No update since second reading Nov. 21

##### c. Interpretation of SLSA Regulatory Bylaws & Authority to set standards – executive committee met with OPRA January 24

- It was mutually acknowledged that SLSA and the Controller each have a lane and, because there is going to be paralleling, there is value in maintaining alignment between the two.
- We discussed adding a phrase to SLSA bylaws to define their scope (i.e. all of these standards are intended for those plans that do not come into the Land Surveys Directory) and a similar preface to the Controller's manuals.
- We agreed to try to implement a workshop session where Controller policies coming forward could be discussed and feedback heard.
- No further meeting date was set, but we agreed to maintain open lines of communication.
- Catherine Benning offered to look at proposed SLSA bylaw amendments that have been drafted, much like SLSA has offered support for the Controller through the Practice committee.

##### d. Public Member - The executive committee met with six candidates and recommended their top three candidates to the Minister of Justice for her consideration. OPRA has responded to some questions from the Minister and it is with the Minister now.

##### e. Business Licenses – The member who raised this at the AGM confirmed that he was able to complete the project without a business license in the RM and provided the attached information. Heather was also checking with other association Presidents.

- Heather asked the other Presidents, but none of the other association has experienced this
- It was agreed that no further action is needed at this time

##### f. Table of Plan Revisions / Change Orders: The data was received from ISC shared with members for internal use only and posted on the SLSA members' site, which will be updated monthly.

- *Carrie will notify members of the updates for the first few months until it becomes routine*

#### 5. Committee Reports as needed

- Convention – Heather Bennett: 2023 AGM is confirmed June 7 – 9, The Atlas Hotel, Regina

- Education Committee – Jared Adams & James Jacobson: Committee will meet Feb. 1 to do its annual CPD audit
- Board of Examiners – Robert King: 9 SLSITs will be challenging exams in March & April, which could result in as many as 5 SLSITs being eligible for commissions

6. New Business

a. 2023 Renewals:

- We have a total of 119 members: 76 SLS/P.Surv.; 6 Life Members; 26 SLS (Ret); 9 SLSIT; and 2 Honourary Members
- B.F. (Ben) Clipperton has returned to active status from retired
- K.W. (Kurt) Popadynetz moved from active status to retired
- Two members did not renew: J.S. (Jack) Redding, who was active; and D.J. (Jim) Clarke, who was a retired member
- Life Member L.W. (Larry) McLeod's status was switched from Life Member Active to Life Member at his request. He no longer appears on the Annual Register of Licensed members (so he no longer has to be contacted regarding change orders)

b. Any other business arising

- Form 'P' for C.O. Rogers, who has already been credited 3 months' experience based on a Form 'M' approved by council in August, 2021 and requires an additional 6 months' of field experience (110 days).
- The Board of Examiners has reviewed this Form 'P' and offered the following two recommendations to Council:

- 1) That the experience gained in Alberta not be credited in accordance with bylaws, Article XI, Section 1 (5) and (6)

*(5) "Practical experience" means the actual practice, in Saskatchewan, as a land surveyor in training or student land surveyor under the supervision of a Saskatchewan land surveyor with whom a Form "O" land surveyor in training agreement or Form "L" student land surveyor agreement has been signed and approved by the council. (Amended 2009/06/12)*

*(6) "Field experience" means practical experience in the field, in the province of Saskatchewan, but does not include work carried out on Canada Lands except in the case of interjurisdictional boundaries. (Amended 2009/06/12)*

And Section 5(3)

*(3) Subject to subsection (4), every land surveyor in training shall acquire a minimum of one year practical experience, at least nine months of which must be field experience in the Province of Saskatchewan,*

- 2) that Chance be asked to elaborate further on his oil field time to establish whether the work consisted of finding evidence and establishing section boundaries, or staking a posted pipeline right of way for construction

- Council also questioned whether the R/W restaking or the dig site stake and sweep would have dealt with boundaries. The format of the Form 'P' model provided in the student reference materials shows legal survey work separate from non-legal.
- At least two thirds of the practical field experience must involve legal surveys. After eliminating the Alberta time, construction, and oil and gas time, it appears that approximately 96 days remain. There is likely enough time included, but it is not clear.

*Moved by Adam Kraszlany, Seconded by Travis Wolfe,*

**That the Form 'P' for C.O. Rogers not be accepted at this time, and that he be asked to re-submit it following the formatting in the Model Form 'P', excluding any work performed in Alberta, and including further clarification on work related to oil and gas and dig sites. Carried**

- *Carrie will issue a letter with those requests*

7. A Closed Session was held, which is not included in these minutes
8. Next Meeting: February 16, 1:30.
9. Meeting was adjourned at 2:12.