

A closed session has been redacted from these minutes.

An in-camera session was also held, which was recorded separately from these minutes.

SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING
May 18, 2023, 1:30 PM via conference call
2022/23 Meeting #13 Minutes

The following members of Council were present:

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, President

R.A. (Adam) Kraszlan (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: Carrie Weir, Executive Director

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

Meeting was called to order at 1:32

1. Adoption of the agenda

Moved by Stephen Conway, Seconded by Travis Wolfe

That the agenda be approved as presented. Carried

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes: 2022-04-20/21 (2022/23 #12) - complete copy for the association's file and one redacted version to be posted on our public website

Moved by Brad Luey, Seconded by Jade McLeod

That the minutes be approved as presented. Carried

3. President's Report

- Heather attended the National Surveyors Conference held at Mont-Tremblant, QC. It was well attended.
- There was a lot of continuing discussion around advocacy; amongst the presidents of the associations and with PSC. The focus was largely on Alberta due to the timing. With ALSA likely to come under PGA this year, an opportunity has been identified for PSC to fill the advocacy & member services role for ALSs. This could potentially be a pilot project that could then be expanded across the country.
- If PSC is unable to fill that role for ALSA, a new body will likely be formed to fill that gap.
- The Presidents held a 1 hour round table around their jurisdictions' needs and wants, after which they met with PSC board members and Executive Director for an additional hour.
- Some of the possibilities discussed included PSC looking at recruitment and advocating to bring people into industry, acting as an overarching national body to publish newsletters and articles for the industry as a whole, providing members services, and being a unified voice. This might be accomplished through a chapter model, or similar to the US model.
- PSC will hold internal meetings and come back to the jurisdictions with a value proposition or proposal. There will be a lot more to come on this topic.
- The new ACLS President is Saskatchewan's own Max Putnam. There were a number of names put forward for 2 council positions, two of whom were SLSs. Unfortunately neither was successful this time.
- Some of the other associations are looking at their continuing professional education and course and credit requirements (some mandatory and some not) and aligning with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission calls to action by including some mandatory Indigenous relationship training. The NSC included several presentations on codes and how different nations are handling transitions. Most of our members have likely seen some of this through the

TLE process.

4. Matters arising from previous meetings
 - a. Public Member – we are still awaiting an appointment by the Minister of Justice (since January 10).
 - Hopefully the candidates we put forward have not had changes to their circumstances that would prevent them from serving if appointed.
 - Heather thanked Terry for continuing in the public member role while we await a replacement.
 - We last followed up in April and were told that it is still under Minister’s review. We may need to follow up again.
 - b. Letter regarding Interests Registered on Titles - Stephen & Heather were following up with the Government Relations Committee
 - *Stephen & Heather will meet separately before contacting the committee.*
5. Committee Reports as needed
 - a. Convention Committee – Heather Bennett
 - Most things are set up and ready to go.
 - Registration for the Partners Program is down, which is typical of what has been happening across the country.
 - *Heather will connect with Brad regarding rental golf clubs*
 - Adam has a presentation to make, which will occur during open forum
 - ACLS requested time for Marie Robidoux to present a CBEPS Update on the Towards an Online Degree (TOLD) Program, so that was added to the end of the Education day.
 - b. Peer Competency Review Committee – Adam brought a request from the committee for assistance in recruiting members.
 - The PCRC is wondering whether the nominations committee could be used to repopulate the PCRC committee. The intent is to have the committee members serve staggered terms, with approx. 3 committee members turning over each year.
 - The committee composition must be curated to ensure that there is enough diversity on the committee to provide a range of expertise, broad scope of practice, and have reviewers from a range of different companies.
 - We have not had a committee like this in the past. For it to run properly there will be an expectation (almost an obligation) for everyone to serve on this committee at some point in their career. This expectation also occurs in other small associations where a thorough rotation is required to balance competencies and manage perceived conflicts. It could be a good way to expose all members to committee service and adds value to the competency review program.
 - The PCRC felt that a request originating from the nominations committee might carry more weight with members than a request from the PCRC.
 - Council felt that it populating the committee should be manageable for the PCRC (with communication support from the office) provided that the message is clear from the beginning. The committee should make that expectation clear from the beginning. *Adam will encourage Kristof to announce that expectation at the AGM.*
6. New Business
 - a. Approval of Forms “A” and “A1” for
 - Justin Anthony Reiter: SLS Commission #362 and P. Surv. Registration #148
 - Christopher Anthony Sweeney: SLS Commission #363 and P. Surv. Registration #149

Moved by Travis Wolfe, Seconded by Regan Rayner

That Justin Anthony Reiter be granted SLS Commission #362 and be assigned P. Surv. Registration #148. Carried with 1 Abstention (Heather Bennett).

Moved by Travis Wolfe, Seconded by Regan Rayner

That Christopher Anthony Sweeney be granted SLS Commission #363 and be assigned P. Surv. Registration #149. Carried.

- b. Guests at the AGM – In November 2022, Council agreed that non-member guests could be invited to the seminar portion of the AGM with approval from council.
- We have two industry guests seeking permission to attend the seminar and business meeting to keep up on current issues.
 - Guests in the business meeting are typically the visiting representatives of the sister associations, or former SLSs. Terry recalls an AGM where a motion was made at the outset of the meeting to allow a guest. This would be awkward, particularly if defeated.
 - In an effort to increase transparency, we passed a bylaw amendment last year to add to Article XXXVIII section 3 that complete minutes of the annual meeting will be posted on the association's public website after those minutes are approved by members at the following annual meeting. They are to remain accessible for at least one year. Heather will remind members of this at the 2023 AGM when she calls for the approval of the 2022 minutes.
 - Council felt that including guests could inhibit the open discussion that is desirable at the business meeting.
 - Council agreed to the inclusion of guests at the CPD day and the ice breaker (with a registration fee), but not at the business meeting. The topic could be raised as new business at the 2023 AGM to gauge how the membership as a whole feels about inviting guests in the future.
 - Akbar Karsan has suggested that we invite representatives from OPRA and the Provincial Office of Geomatics Coordination to Wednesday's lunch and the 1:00 education session on 'Reference System Modernization' as guests of SLSA
 - Council agreed with the recommendation to invite the Controller of Surveys, Registrar of Titles, Director of OPRA, and Manager of the Provincial Office of Geomatics Coordination to attend either in person or remotely. Any travel expenses would be at the attendees' expense. *Carrie will reach out and invite them to come for lunch and stay for the presentation as guests of SLSA.*
- c. There was no other business arising
7. **A closed session was held, which is not included in these minutes.**
8. Next Meeting: Tuesday June 6, 2:00 PM (in conjunction with the AGM)
- Note that council travel (except the public member) is not usually reimbursed for this meeting since members are coming for the AGM.
 - Dinner for councillors & their partners with visiting delegates to follow Tuesday evening at [The Cottage](#), 4409 Albert St, at 6:00 PM. *Please let Carrie know whether you and your partner can attend.*
9. Meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM