

SASKATCHEWAN LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION COUNCIL MEETING
September 26, 2023, 9:00 AM via Teams
2023/24 Meeting #5 MINUTES

The following members of Council were present:

T.G. (Travis) Wolfe, President

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

H.M. (Heather) Bennett, Past President

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

D.L. (Dan) Codling, Vice President

T. (Terry) Alm, Public Member

Absent: Stephen Conway (year two) and Brad Luey (year two)

Others present: Deanne Cairns, Executive Director

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Patrick Skea, Seconded by Terry Alm
that the Agenda be adopted as amended. CARRIED

2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

Moved by Dan Codling, Seconded by Terry Alm
that the Minutes of the August 29, 2023 meeting of Council be approved as presented.
CARRIED

1. President's Report

Travis reported that the Quebec AGM was the previous weekend but he did not attend. He noted that the incoming President does not speak any English. Travis was briefed afterwards by the President of ALSA. Quebec is asking what to do with members' field notes, which is a challenge we have also been discussing.

Ontario is considering changes so foreign trained professionals do not need to have time in Canada before practising.

The Alberta articling process will change quite a bit under the new regulatory environment. To date it has been very similar to ours, but we should keep an eye on this.

B.C. has regional groups and their President and maybe even Council, travel to each of these groups to get a feel for what is going on there, particularly the northern groups because they are so different from lower mainland groups.

Travis mentioned that B.C. had a good article on conflict, which he will send. New Brunswick has new staff. Nova Scotia AGM is during week of October 9th and Travis will attend. He will also attend the Manitoba AGM from November 7 – 10th.

Travis will circulate his President's Report.

2. Executive Director's Report –

Deanne reported that planning is underway for the Fall Education Seminar for November 21 and 22 at the Sheraton Cavalier in Saskatoon. A Save the Date email will be sent out soon.

The next meeting with OPRA/Community Planning is October 19th at 9 a.m. A call for agenda items/questions will go out soon.

Deanne also mentioned that a DRAFT MOU has been circulated amongst the Executive Directors. It is basically an agreement to foster collaboration, promote best practices and share information. It does not contain any legally binding commitments.

3. Matters arising from previous meetings

a. Bylaw Amendments – are done and the Minister has approved.

b. Public Member – nothing new to report. Travis is going to write a letter to the Minister.

c. PSC and P.Surv.: Travis advised Akbar that we are not going to push P.Surv. British Columbia, Alberta and Ontario facing regulatory governance and if and when we get included in that our Act will be opened. That will likely be within the next 3-5 years. You can either get ahead of it and be part of the solution or fight it and be part of the problem. Akbar encouraged us to foster positive relationships with the Minister and government. Heather encouraged/recommended a consistency in those relationships, i.e. President, Vice President. This does not necessarily mean physical meetings.

d. Members participating in AGM virtually – Survey has been sent out to participants.

e. 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.

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

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 9:00 AM (Longer Meetings for Committee Chair Reports) Deanne to allow enough time for full meeting in meeting invitation.

6. Adjournment – Terry Alm moved a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:10 a.m.