

## **2022-2024 President's Report - Dave Kovacs, O.L.S.**

**During my term as President of the Association of Ontario Land Surveyors, I presided over and attended a variety of meetings, activities, duties, and events. Here is a summary of these engagements:**

Sworn in as President at the 131<sup>st</sup> AOLS AGM in Niagara Falls, held between February 27 - March 3, 2023

Chaired 9 Council meetings between April 2023 to February 2024. February 27, 2024, will be my last meeting as Chair of Council.

Chaired 8 Executive Committee meetings between April 2023 to February 2024. February 13, 2024, will be my last meeting as Chair of Executive Committee.

Attended 9 AGM Planning Committee meetings to help with the planning of the 132<sup>nd</sup> AOLS AGM in London in 2024.

Attended 4 AOLS Regional Group meetings.

Participated in several meetings of a joint MNRF-AOLS committee working on proposed changes to the Surveyors Act and associated Regulations.

Attended numerous ad hoc meetings requiring input from President, as required.

Worked in conjunction with the Executive Director in composing, editing and reviewing several policies in support of proposed motions to be presented to Council for discussion and ratification.

Completed the Executive Director's Performance Plan review (January 2024).

Attended the following provincial surveying association Annual General Meetings, which included attending the President's Forums, business meetings, keynote speaker sessions and the following professional development seminars/sessions:

### **1) 118<sup>th</sup> Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors AGM in Victoria from March 8 to March 10, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **Inclusive Leadership and EDI Principles**, by Margot Ross-Graham
- **Post-Quake Survey Fabric: Boundaries Can Move**, by Dr. Brian Ballantyne
- **Our Homes and "Native" Lands**, by Pamela Perreault
- **Natural Boundaries and Applications under Section 94 of the *Land Title Act***, by Katie Hannah
- **ABCLS Indigenous Reconciliation Strategy**, by Danita Haysom
- **Bylaw Modernization & Code of Ethics**, by Alandra K. Harlinton

**2) 114<sup>th</sup> Association of Alberta Land Surveyors AGM in Lake Louise from April 12 to April 15, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **Four Boundaries: Flooded, Faux – Riparian, Selected & Slumped**, by Dr. Brian Ballantyne
- **Drones – It's Time for Take Off**, by Luke Dixon
- **Land Titles – Rejections, Corrections, and Registrations**, by Michael Thompson, ALS
- **The demand for, Supply of, and diversity among Alberta Land Surveyors**, by Dr. Brian Ballantyne

**3) The National Surveyors Conference (Association of Canada Land Surveyors and Professional Surveyors Canada) in Mont Tremblant, Quebec from May 10 to May 12, 2023.**

Attended Sessions:

- **Indigenous Relations Sessions**, by Dr. Niigaanwewidam Sinclair
- **Regional success stories in Indigenous governance and land management**, by Rose Paul and Jeremiah Linton
- **Surveying of First Nation Lands under a Land Code**, by Genevieve Marquis
- **ACLS International Hydrographic Certification Scheme**, by Andrew Leyzack
- **International Surveyor Leaders Panel**, by Kent Groh, Michelle Blicavs, Jordan Litke, Pedro Ortiz, James Kavanagh
- **Help wanted: Advocacy Required**, by Claire Masikewich
- **Determining the Future Demand, Supply and Skills Gap for Surveying and Geospatial Professionals**, by Michelle Blicavs

**4) 70<sup>th</sup> Association of Newfoundland Land Surveyors AGM in Terra Nova, Newfoundland from May 25 to May 27, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **Digital Signatures**, by Jody Isenor
- **Respectful Workplace**, by Lisa Kavanaugh
- **Reforming the Law of Adverse Possession in Newfoundland**, by Greg French
- **Cybersecurity for Small Business**, by Jordan Emberley

**5) 113<sup>th</sup> Saskatchewan Land Surveyors Association AGM in Regina from June 7 to June 9, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **International boundary-making and territorial dispute resolution**, by Martin Pratt
- **introduction to maritime jurisdiction and boundary delimitation**, Martin Pratt,
- **Reference System Modernization: latest plans and timelines**, by Dr. Catherine Robin & Brian Donahue
- **Unauthorized Practice**, by Trent Wahl
- **Peer Competency Review**, by Kristof Dumais
- **Towards an Online Degree (TOLD) Program**, by Marie Robidoux,

**6) 54<sup>th</sup> Ordre des arpenteurs-géomètres du Québec AGM in Trois Rivieres, Quebec from September 21, 22 and 23, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **The Digital Transformation Agenda for Land Infrastructure**, by Bruno Fournier
- **Digital Twins and Sustainable Development - Opportunities for the Land Surveyor**, by Thierry Badard,
- **The Survey Expert 2020 – A Global Transformation Project**, by Joseph Pascual, Vincent Saint-Aubin and Christian Rouaix

**7) 73<sup>rd</sup> Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors AGM in Wolfville, Nova Scotia from October 12 to October 14, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **Professional Liability Insurance** by Mark Sampson
- **TOLD Program Update**, by Marie Robidoux
- **Coastal Mapping & Lidar Applications**, by Dr. Tim Webster
- **Communications and Relationship Management - Your Key To Building Your Reputation**, by James Schofield & Coby Milne
- **Generational Differences & Best Work Practices**, by Simeon Roberts

**8) 143<sup>rd</sup> Association of Manitoba Land Surveyors AGM in Winnipeg, Manitoba from November 7 to November 9, 2023.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **Risk Management**, by Mark Sampson

- **Reference System Modernization**, by Dr. Catherine Robin & Brian Donahue
- **Professional Liability**, by William Haught
- **Walking in the Footsteps of the Original Surveyor**, by Marie Robidoux and Brent Taylor
- **TOLD Program Update**, by Marie Robidoux
- **Beginning of a City**, by Greg Agnew

**9) 71<sup>st</sup> Association of New Brunswick Land Surveyors AGM in Moncton, New Brunswick from January 18 to January 19, 2024.**

Attended Professional Development seminars:

- **International Boundaries**, by Jean Gagnon
- **Land Use Planning Updates**, by Paul Jordan
- **UAV Technology and LiDAR**, by Dennis Whalley
- **Effective Communication and Client Selection**, by MC Advisory
- **UNB Presentation**, by Robert Kingdon

**10) 132<sup>nd</sup> Association of Ontario Land Surveyors AGM in London, Ontario from February 28 to March 1, 2024.**

As I conclude my journey as President of this illustrious Association, I look back on a year that flashed past, and I am truly grateful for the opportunity that this Association and this profession has given me.

I would once again like to extend my thanks to Council for their support, dedication and cherished contributions; the time and effort that you volunteer to this organization is so greatly appreciated.

A huge “Thanks” to our ED, Al Jeraj and his wonderful staff at the Association office for everything that they do.

Thank you again, to my family, as well to my employer and colleagues for supporting me on this journey.

And thank you to our members, for putting your trust in me to help continue to move our Association forward.

Enjoy your AGM and see you in London!

Dave