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Important Dates

- AGM Committee Meeting
January 30, 2012
- Board of Examiners Meeting
February 1, 2012
- Bylaw Committee Meeting
February 6, 2012
- CPDC Meeting
February 8, 2012
- Council Meeting
March 13, 2012

Certificate of Authorizations (COA)

Bylaw 20.7 The Certificate of Authorization shall be valid only for the remainder of the calendar year of issue and must be renewed annually on the **first day of January** of each calendar year thereafter to retain its validity.

Those members wishing to renew their COA for the 2012 calendar year, may forward their Application to the Association office for processing. Payment is due and payable by March 31, 2012.

Membership Dues

Time for Renewal of Membership Dues - Reminder that any member who has not paid all dues owing the association as of **March 31, 2012** will have their name removed from the register.

Seminar Cancellation

It was unfortunate that ANLS along with PSC had to cancel the *Project Management Essentials for Land Surveyors* Seminar that was to be held on February 10, 2012 at The Capital Hotel. However, at the registration deadline date there were no members registered. The lack of support of seminars will be reviewed by the Continuing Professional Development Committee.

Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Program

The Continuing Professional Development Committee is asking all members to take some time over the coming weeks to review the "Draft" Mandatory Continuing Professional Development Program. You can find this document by logging on the Members Login Page. All comments and concerns are welcomed by the committee.

Registry of Deeds – Concerns?

Council will be scheduling a meeting with the Registry in the coming weeks, however, prior to this meeting we would like to hear from our members with any concerns they may be experiencing with the Registry. Please forward to the ANLS office any issues or concerns that you would like your Council to discuss at this upcoming meeting. We will be compiling a list which will be posted on our "*Members Only Page*" for discussion amongst our members. Council will review any concerns our members have with the Registry of Deeds at their meeting. Please submit your concerns to paulabaggs@surveyors.nf.ca.

AGM 2012

Your AGM plans are now in full swing. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend this event which is scheduled for May 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2012 at The Capital Hotel in St. John's, Newfoundland. A notice will go out within the next week or so confirming the AGENDA and Registration Package which will be available on-line.

Reminder of Bylaws

The Bylaw committee will be meeting February 6, 2012. Please contact any member of the committee if you wish them to review any bylaws. Should you have a bylaw in which you would like to put forth, please keep in mind the deadline for getting it *printed* in the Annual Report will be March 23, 2012. However as per section 3(a) of the Lands Surveyors Act, 1991 – any proposed bylaws are accepted as long as notice of the by-law, amendment or revocation of the by-law is given in writing to each voting member of the association at least 30 days before the meeting [Therefore the ANLS office needs to be in receipt of same before April 2, 2012 to ensure that all members get proper notification.]

Nominations For Council

CALLING FOR NOMINATIONS -

Your Nominating committee for 2012 is chaired by Robin Davis, Past President with Wayne Dawe and Garry Temple as members. They will be calling on you shortly to have a chat and to see who will be willing to put their name forward for placement on the 2012 Ballot. No need to wait for a call though – if you are interested and would like to help your association by volunteering your expertise and time you can contact a member of the committee or contact the ANLS office. We look forward to receiving support of our membership again this year.

New Size Special Survey Marker

We have received many comments from surveyors indicating that the Special Survey Marker presently offered could not be placed in small areas such as certain types of wood, pavement, etc.

We are presently working with JP Morasse and others to find a more suitable durable flat marker which will ONLY to be used in areas where the present Survey Markers are difficult to place. Members will be notified as soon as an appropriate marker is approved by council.

New Degree at UNB - Fredericton

The Department of Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering at the University of New Brunswick now offers a non-engineering 3 year Bachelor of Geomatics degree along with its current Engineering Degree.

Students in this new program will be able to:

1. Advance credits from other post-secondary academic institutions as currently recognized by UNB;
2. transfer easily to the 4 year B.Sc.E. in Geomatics Engineering if desired;
3. participate in work experience programs in Canada and abroad; and
4. potentially meet the academic preparation to become a land surveyor.

The Department is a world-class centre for land administration, spatial information management and GIS, remote sensing, hydrography and ocean mapping, GPS, geodesy and navigation, and precision engineering surveys.

For more information, please contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies at ggedous@unb.ca or 506-453-4698.

If you would like to contribute an article, notification or any other issues relating to the surveying profession and your association, please let us know by emailing anls@nf.aibn.com