



**Alberta
Land Surveyors'
Association**

April 25, 2017

MIKE FRETWELL ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ALBERTA LAND SURVEYORS' ASSOCIATION

Mike Fretwell, ALS, was elected president of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association at the profession's 108th annual general meeting.

Mr. Fretwell emphasized the need for the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association to have a long-term game plan that represents the needs and wishes of the membership but has the flexibility to deal with ad hoc requirements. "We need to simplify and focus and identify the key issues critical to both you and our stakeholders," said Mr. Fretwell.

Mike Fretwell received his commission as an Alberta Land Surveyor in 2004 and is currently owns his own surveyor's corporation – Mission Geospatial Ltd. Mission Geospatial Ltd. is a progressive geomatics company based out of Calgary, Alberta. Mission provides geomatics and geospatial information services within Alberta, and on Canada Lands.

The Alberta Land Surveyors' Association (ALSA), established in 1910, is a self-governing professional association legislated under the Land Surveyors Act. The Association regulates the practice of land surveying for the protection of the public and administration of the profession.

Bruce Gudim, ALS (Hon. Life)

Bruce Gudim of Calgary, Alberta was granted honorary life membership in the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association. Mr. Gudim received his commission in 1982 and was an active member until his retirement in 2016. He has served on at least twelve ALSA committees throughout his career, often serving as chair. Even today, he is a member of the Registration Committee. He was a member of Council from 2007 to 2009.

Stan Longson, ALS (Hon. Life)

Stan Longson of Edmonton, Alberta was granted honorary life membership in the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association. Mr. Longson received his commission in 1974 and was an active member until his retirement

in 2016. He was president of the association in 1997-1998. Mr. Longson worked on various committees throughout the Association and served a term on Council in 1980-1981. In the early 1990s, Stan Longson became a member of the Practice Review Board and served as its chair in 1993-1994.

Norm Mattson, ALS (Hon. Life)

Norm Mattson of Edmonton, Alberta was granted honorary life membership in the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association. Mr. Mattson received his commission in 1968 and was an active member until his retirement in 2006. Mr. Mattson had been actively involved in Association activities since Day 1. Over the course of his professional career, he has been on numerous committees – including the Director of Surveys review committee, the Vision 2000 future committee and other committees that needed a visionary, someone who could think strategically and plan for what would happen ten or twenty years down the road. Norm was president of the Association in 1979-1980 and received the Professional Recognition Award in 1996.

Challenger Geomatics – President's Award

Challenger Geomatics received the President's Award from outgoing President Fred Cheng for going the extra mile in helping others to succeed. Challenger Geomatics has been holding regular study sessions for articling pupils, regardless of what company they work for, to ensure their knowledge on the principles and practice of land surveying is well-rounded. Challenger Geomatics has helped as many as 70 land surveyors prepare for their qualifying examination to become a professional land surveyor.

The President's Award is given to an individual who, in the opinion of the president, has gone above and beyond for the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association and the profession of land surveying.

Michelle Woywitka – President's Award

Michelle Woywitka of Edmonton, Alberta received the President's Award from outgoing President Fred Cheng in recognition of her work as an administrative assistant with the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association since 2002. Michelle graduated from the office administration program at NAIT and began her career working at the front desk of the association office. Michelle quickly took on ever-increasing responsibilities including managing the association's books, producing the association's quarterly newsletter and organizing its annual general meeting.

2017-2018 COUNCIL

Mike Fretwell, ALS, President
Fred Cheng, ALS, Past-President
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2018 AGM

The 109th annual general meeting of the Alberta Land Surveyors' Association will be held April 19-21, 2018 in Jasper, Alberta.

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