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NEWSLETTER

Dear Members,

1. **Membership**

Membership currently stands at 41, with some additional interest being shown. Please encourage others in the profession to join us, we offer the best participation and advocacy on cadastral survey matters.

2. **Financial**

Our financial position remains good, and those pesky membership invoices will be out soon for it to remain so.

3. **AGM & Workshops**

2015

The 2015 AGM raised the question of post nominal letters for members, and it has been resolved that the appropriate letters are MICS for all classes of membership.

A revised logo is in the final stages of approval by the committee.

2016

The 2016 AGM and workshops are to be on Saturday 27 August 2016, in Christchurch, at the Sudima Hotel (a 3 minute walk from the airport terminal).

A program including such items as; legislation updates, SG rule progress, technical items, graduate training, the direction of ICS, and misuse of GNSS (repeatability, error budgets, etc), is to be developed.

4. **Cadastral Index**

The index has been updated to conform to Windows 10 protocols, three licensees have upgraded their license to the network version, while we are still receiving new orders.

5. **Legislation**

Canterbury Property Boundaries & Related Matters Bill

A written submission on the Bill was forwarded to the Select Committee (see the website), and the President and Secretary attended the committee in Wellington for the oral submission phase.

6. **Technology**

Web site

Members are reminded of the Field Notes forum at www.ics.org.nz, while a new section on legislation (including survey accuracies), and common law cases involving cadastral surveying is being investigated.

Landonline

Mark Geddes has agreed to undertake some research into processing and requisition statistics.

7. **Minister**

Nominations to the CSLB are being sought shortly, so any nominations would be appreciated, with appropriate biography notes please.

8. LINZ

CS / CSD structure

With LINZ unwilling to engage with ICS on the issue of the cadastral survey / cadastral survey dataset structure (again, see the website if you are unfamiliar with this item), and which of the existing Rules fall into each of these categories (refer to s49(1)(a) & s49(1)(b) of the CSA 2002), it has been decided to approach the Minister on these matters.

SG Rules

The President and Secretary met with the SG & DSG in Wellington in August 2015 for discussion on the review of the SG'S Rules. It was put to the SG that the Office of the Surveyor-General is somewhat lacking in expertise, skill and experience to undertake such a rewrite on its own, and that ICS is prepared to assist in this matter. The SG's response was one of surprise at our view, and he indicated outside expertise would be sourced if he felt this was required.

LINZ working parties

With the recent difficulties experienced by the Canterbury working party in relation to earthquake issues, Brent George is to formulate a draft policy for working party participation with LINZ, including:

- terms of reference
- conflict of interest policy
- remuneration
- etc