

2013 - Tim Koepke Award of Merit



Introduction:

At the 2012 annual face to face meeting of your ACLS Council, it was decided that we would create an ACLS "Award of Merit" to recognize an individual or individuals who have made extraordinary contribution and give outstanding service to the ACLS.

The criteria for this award are as follows:

- Must be an ACLS member in good standing,
- Must have served on one or more ACLS committees for at least 10 years, serving as chairperson for part of that time,
- Must demonstrate leadership skills both within the profession of surveying and in the community,
- Candidates for this award must be recommended by and supported by two (2) ACLS members in good standing,
- Submissions for this award must be supported by a backgrounder document with respect to the candidate and his or her ACLS and Community service of merit,
- This award will be given out annually, provided there are suitable candidates,
- The submitted requests for this award will be reviewed and approved by the ACLS Council,
- Submissions for this award must be submitted to the ACLS Executive Director no later than March 1 of each year.

To set a bench mark for this Award of Merit, your ACLS Council thought that it would only be fitting to present this award to the individual that the criteria were modelled after – Mr. Tim Koepke – please hold your applause!!!!

Backgrounder:

Tim Koepke received his commission as a Dominion Lands Surveyor on May 27, 1972. From that point forward, he never stopped volunteering and promoting the profession he loves so dearly.

Tim was President of the ACLS in 1987-1988 and is a founding member of the ACLS Yukon Regional Group. In 2005 Tim was awarded an Honorary Life Member by the ACLS.

Tim was appointed to and was a pivotal member of the ACLS Board of Examiners from September 1978 to December 2011 – a span of more than 33 years. Throughout his career, Tim has been a corner stone for the CLS community and a major leader of the surveying profession, continuously demonstrating professionalism and high standards for all to follow.

Although Tim stepped down from the ACLS Board of Examiners, he is still very active on ACLS committees and other volunteer roles.

Tim also has a commission as a British Columbia Land Surveyor and a Civil Engineer for which he is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Yukon (APEY). Serving as President of the APEY and being active on many APEY committees.

In 2011, Tim was awarded Honorary Life Membership by the Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors.

Not too long ago Tim was presented with a “Fellowship” by Engineers Canada for his contributions and in the Association of Professional Engineers of the Yukon.

In the early 1970's Tim obtained his Commission as an Alaska Land Surveyor

Working under contract to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Tim has been instrumental in helping to negotiate a number of Aboriginal land claims. His integrity, knowledge and sense of justice for all parties was key completing and signing off these land claims.

Until just recently Tim held the position of Yukon Territories Ombudsman and Information and Privacy Commissioner.

I am sure that if we had time, I could go on for a while listing many more of Tim's Professional and Committee accomplishments. But I will not.

Tim Koepke being the first recipient of this Award, your ACLS Council has decided that the Award should be named "The Tim Koepke Award of Merit".

Ladies, gentlemen and distinguished guests, please join me in congratulating Mr. Tim Koepke!!!!!!