

# Potomac Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** 12 December 2006

**Time:** Meeting called to order at 4:55 by President Dave Kohlbrenner

**Location:** Observera, Inc. in Chantilly, VA & via teleconference

### **Board Members Present**

Dave Kohlbrenner, President

Dave Szymanski, Secretary/Treasurer

Nate Smith, Past-President

Yogendra Singh, Historian

Amy Becker, Board Member

Cliff Greve, Board Member

### **Committee Members Present**

Richard Gomez, Committee Member

Larry Pettinger, Committee Member

### **Board Members Absent**

Steve Payton, Board Member

### **Esteemed Guests Present**

Chris McGlone

Stephen Diccico

Thomas Kaye

Travis Bache

### **Agenda Topics:**

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from 9-20-06 Board Meeting.
2. Treasurers Report.
3. National Activities.
4. Standing Committees Reports/Discussion
  - A. Membership Committee.
  - B. Nominating Committee
  - C. Technical Program Committee
  - D. Awards Committee
  - E. Education and Professional Development Committee
  - F. Communications Committee

### **Topic 1: Approve meeting minutes**

Motions: Dave K. motions to approve pervious meeting minutes, Yogen S. seconds, all in favor.

Follow-up: none.

## **Topic 2: Treasurers Report**

Dave S reports a checking account balance of \$31,024.01 and \$17,201.54 held in a certificate of deposit (CD).

Motions: none.

## **Topic 3: National Activities**

Members: Jim Hipple

Dave K. brought up the use of ASPRS endowment fund for use as scholarships. Yogen S. describes the scholarship grant program for GMU students and says it hasn't been used in a while. Yogen S, proposes to institute a policy for granting free membership for students.

Motions: None

Follow-up: Determine the logistics of contributing to the ASPRS Endowment Foundation, which would hold Region money for use as endowed scholarships for Region members/students. See if the ASPRS National will match funds.

## **Topic 4: Membership Committee Report/Discussion**

Members: Steve Payton/Larry Pettinger

Dave K. reviewed past discussion on establishing in-roads to build Region membership including the idea of adopting a state or school and strive to enliven the respective members. No progress reported.

Yogen S. reviewed some possible university forums including George Mason Univ. student forum, the existing Virginia Tech chapter. Also, the VT chapter has been involved in past Geotech conferences with expenses paid by the Region.

Amy B. suggested offering discount for new membership and suggested several forums for promoting membership.

Yogen S. proposes having a rebate for new members, which has precedence.

Richard G. suggested contacting past, active PR board members to help the board with recruitment ideas and provide guidance.

Motions: Dave S. moves to offer a 50% rebate on annual dues to Geotech 2007 attendees who aren't current ASPRS members. This offer will be valid for new student and active memberships. Dave K. seconds the motion with all in favor and none opposed.

Follow-up: There needs to be advertisement at local schools and Yogen will work with George Mason University and Dave S. will use his contacts at University of Maryland. Dave S. will also get in touch with Virginia Tech chapter. Amy B. will work on promotion at NGA.

### **Topic 5: Nominating Committee Report/Discussion**

Members: Nate Smith/David Szymanski

#### Candidates for 2007 Board positions

2007 Secretary/Treasurer

2007-2009 Region Director

Dave K. discussed options for filling the vacant vice-president seat. Yogen S. states that the President has the authority to appoint a vacant seat. Dave S. has offered to take over as President concurrent with the Vice-Presidency.

Motions:

Follow-up: Dave S. and Nate S. will work on recruitment for board positions. Dave K. and Dave S. will discuss logistics of the 2007 presidency.

### **Topic 6: Technical Programs Report/Discussion**

Members: Dave K./Cliff Greve

Dave K. reports that past efforts to arrange technical tours, haven't been successful. Cliff G. reports that he will give his contacts one last try. Nate S. reports that he's been unsuccessful at arranging a tour.

#### GeoTech 2007 Update

Dave K. provided a detailed spreadsheet listing the current Geotech program. Dave K. assigned work and provided requisite deadlines to ensure a smooth operation.

Motions: none.

Follow-up: Dave K. assigned a variety of tasks to board members, which will be detailed through other correspondence.

### **Topic 7: Award Committee Report/Discussion**

Members: Nate Smith

Dave K. and Yogen S. reviewed past practice for honoring members with awards including awards at the annual meeting, awards for retiring members, awards for outgoing board members. Honoring Geotech presenters with an award was also discussed.

Motions: none.

Follow-up:

**Topic 8: Education and Professional Development Committee Report/Discussion**

Members: Richard Gomez/Amy Becker

Dave K. reviewed and Richard G. emphasized the need to invigorate the student chapters. Ideas include holding a board meeting with students.

Dave K. also stressed the need to contact in-active members.

Motions: none.

Follow-up: Yogen is working on completed draft for January 2007.

**Topic 9: Communications Committee Report/Discussion**

Members: Dave K.

Dave K. is seeking a newsletter coordinator?

Motions: none.

Follow-up: Dave S. will find a newsletter coordinator. Dave S. will be coordinating the next newsletter.

**Topic 10: Next Board Meeting** January 2007 TBD

Motions: none.

Follow-up:

**Adjourn:**

Yogen S. moves to adjourn and Dave K. seconds with all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dave Szymanski, Secretary-Treasurer

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