

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

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date:** April 21, 2009

**Location:** Teleconference

**Time:** 5:00 pm

### Participants:

Barbara Eckstein, President

Pete Doucette, Vice President

John Manzer, Region Director

Chris Parrish, Secretary-Treasurer

### Topics:

- May not have enough participants for a quorum, so will not be voting on anything in this meeting
- John brought up the topic of expanding the size of the Board: do the bylaws permit this?  
Barbara: per Bylaws, Board is composed of President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President + National Director + Historian + 3 Region Directors + Chapter Presidents
  - Idea: bring up other folks to serve on committees and then they can be groomed for future Board positions
  - E.g., Charlene Sailer is not in an official Board position, but serving as Newsletter Editor
  - Bring on other people to assist, have committees that are more than 1 person deep
- Update on Region Events
  - Tony S has not yet sent an update on tour at USDA
  - Yong Wang will talk to Johan Wilson about NC event
  - John will try to do GeoEye Tour as an event, pending GeoEye's confirmation of internal ability to support it.
  - Chris McGlone will take on doing MDA federal tour.
- Budget update: Chris P will email update.
- GeoTech Update (Chris P.)
  - Proposed dates are Oct 5-6 (Mon-Tues). NOAA Science Center and Auditorium have been reserved.
  - Kick-Off Telecon scheduled for April 30.
  - Barbara: Allan Falconer has many connections and might be able to identify someone to give the Keynote. Dave Maune also may be able to help identify a Keynote.
  - Directors of major components of NGA may be good candidates for giving Keynote

- Frank Avila from NGA (great turnout in previous event in which he spoke)
      - Pete will do budget for this year's GeoTech
      - John: Idea: hire someone to come up with outstanding technical content
      - Suggest posting proceedings on website
      - Can we set up for GeoTech on Friday afternoon and leave it up over the weekend? Chris P. will check on this and email Board
- Pete and Barbara will both gather notes from when they were Secretary-Treasurer to post on website
- Pete: talking with Tony S. about momentum for taking GeoTech to Mason next year. Do event at Mason this year as kind of a warm-up or dry-run; getting questions answered. Solicit abstracts and publish proceedings, little bit more of an academic flavor.
- Baltimore conference reports have been submitted.
- We submitted a letter of intent to host 2013 ASPRS Annual conference. Will look at other cities outside DC/Baltimore area. Hotel bill is around \$200K, need 50K-60K square feet of space. Baltimore hotel has already supplied quote that's acceptable to National. Baltimore, Raleigh, NC, Wilmington, DE, and Leesburg, VA are being considered.
- NC is having Spring Meeting next week. Designed to help keep people certified by providing CEUs. Barbara has asked for NC to update website.
- Need to update picture of Board members on website. May be able to use photo from 2008 GeoTech.
- Next meeting scheduled for May. May try to do something at GMU. Barbara will be out of town; Pete will organize and run the meeting.
- Adjourned at 6:20pm.