

Potomac Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2009

Location: Teleconference

Time: 4:30 pm EDT

Participants:

Luiz Cortes

Barbara Eckstein

Chris Parrish

Gerald Ray

David Szymanski

Allan Falconer

Charlene Sailer

J. Chris McGlone

Yogendra Singh

Topics:

1. Treasurer's report: Chris Parrish
 - a. SunTrust account balance stands at \$43,404.31.
 - i. Only recent expenses were reimbursing John Manzer for GeoEye Tour expenses and Barbara Eckstein for USDA and GeoEye Tech Tour expenses and NGA Education Fair expenses
 - ii. Will start to have more GeoTech related expenses starting in the next couple weeks.
 - b. SunTrust Investment Certificate will mature and automatically renew on 8/26/2009
 - i. Next Maturity Date: 10/26/2009
 - ii. Projected value at maturity: \$17,754.34
 - c. Have not yet received our share of the ASPRS conference profits
 - i. Allan will contact National to get status
2. Reports on Region Events:
 - a. 30 October IAVO Research & Scientific Tour
 - i. Yong is currently in field, per Barbara: 1-4pm, presentations by staff, tour of facility, followed by social event; 40 people max; presentations to include GeoGenesis software suite
 - b. Update on 2nd GeoEye tour
 - i. Barbara: GeoEye tour a few weeks ago was a big hit. But could only have 20 people attend. NGA requested a 2nd tour. They want ASPRS to be involved. Plan is to schedule it sometime in September.

- c. Chris McGlone: Update on MDA Federal tour
 - i. Chris has pinged his contact but no response yet. Barbara suggests scheduling it for early next year.
 - d. POC? Update on 28 October tour of Cartographic Section of the National Archives, College Park, MD
 - i. Karen Owen, ASPRS member, GMU PhD student, has made arrangements to date
 - ii. ASPRS-PR board member lead needed
 - 1. Chris McGlone will assist with this; will go through the steps needed for a tech tour
3. National Director Report: Allan Falconer
- a. National has responded regarding our suggestions for the 2013 conference
 - b. Our invitation is being considered by the Exec committee and final decision on venue is pending.
 - c. Also voted on reserves for National operation.
 - d. Board is also set to vote on spec for lidar services (deliverable) procurement; this vote is pending, but will occur soon.
4. Vice President Plans: Pete Doucette
- a. Pete not on phone. Per Barbara: Pete has been working on 2010 venue at George Mason University and also on venue for annual meeting. ASPRS PR subsidized the per plate costs in 2008 (about \$1000 out of pocket for PR). Cost to attendees was \$40/person, which was still somewhat high. Pete's looking for another venue, possibly less expensive. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Pete.
5. 2010 Annual Meeting:
- a. See above
6. Next NGA Education Fair (St Louis?): David Szymanski
- a. No news. Will be sometime in St. Louis, next Quarter. Will be St. Louis Chapter's responsibility
7. 2013 ASPRS Spring Conference: David Szymanski & Barbara Eckstein
- a. Potomac Region voted overwhelmingly to hold it in Raleigh. That's the recommendation we sent to the appropriate committee at National.
8. NC Chapter Status & Plans: Luiz Cortes, NC Chapter President
- a. NC Chapter Liaison: Yong Wang, ASPRS-PR Region Director
 - b. Luiz is stepping in as President
 - i. So far, NC chapter has not done much this year
 - ii. Will plan for a conference this fall: October.
 - iii. Yong Wang will be contacted to possibly assist.
 - iv. Members will be contacted to participate in conferences; chapter will be more proactive

9. Standing Committees

- a. Technical Program (Chris McGlone)
 - i. GeoTech and things for tech tour; there's one GeoTech speaking spot open, Chris will investigate filling it
- b. Membership (Anthony Stefanidis)
 - i. No update; Tony not on phone
- c. Education and Professional Development (Richard Gomez and David Szymanski)
 - i. Ready to move ahead w/ GMU fellowship award program
- d. Communications (Charlene Sailer)
 - i. Next newsletter will be in Nov
 - ii. Then another one in Dec
 - 1. Quick update w/ annual election update; announce who's on ballot
 - 2. Will also include information about the Annual Dinner, so the venue must be booked by then (action for Pete)
 - iii. For Nov newsletter, Charlene requests articles by 16 October
 - 1. This newsletter will really focus on GeoTech, including GeoTech sponsors.
 - iv. For Dec newsletter, articles due to Charlene by 1 December
- e. By-Laws: David Szymanski

10. Website Update

11. Newsletter: Charlene Sailer

- a. Propose next newsletter mailed by 6 November (see above)

12. GeoTech 2010 (open discussion)

- a. Vote on conference venue: George Mason University, contingent on A/V costs being no more than \$500
 - i. Will be no charge for facility itself, so the only costs will be A/V costs
 - ii. Outside parking is \$6
 - iii. Dave suggests we see it before vote
 - iv. Yogen's suggestion: discuss it with full costs: A/V and parking. Also, take opinion of attendees and membership. Barbara: need to vote on this soon. Tabled for now, but will vote on it in the Sept 15 meeting. Will try to have that meeting at GMU.
 - v. Action for Chris P.: email Pete Doucette to ask him to set up the meeting at GMU for next month.

13. GeoTech 2009 Report (Chris Parrish)

- a. Agenda on website is now up-to-date
 - i. Dave will begin push to promote event; will mail flyer
 - ii. All: please promote GeoTech09 within your office

- b. Barbara: GeoTech website should distinguish between exhibitors and sponsors
 - i. Barbara will email this request to Martin Wills, along w/ new exhibitors to add
- c. Second day: don't necessarily need to fill last speaker spot of the day; could end with networking and exhibits from 4:15-4:45 pm.

14. Next meeting: teleconference and/or at GMU, 15 Sept, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Adjourned at 6:05 pm.