

## **MEETING of The ASPRS Potomac Region Board Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Present: Christopher Parrish (President) Peter Doucette (past-President) John Manzer (Vice-President) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer) Barbara Eckstein (National Director elect) Chris McGlone (Technical Director) Josh Sisskind (Director) Yogen Singh (Historian) Anthony Stefanidis (Membership Director) Roberta E. Lenczowski (Vice President ASPRS national)

Not attending: Robert Black, Luiz Cortes,

The meeting opened at 6.00 p.m. with the President in the Chair.

### **Agenda Items**

1. Region Report for National Conference
2. Email from Jim Plasker re: region rebate follow-up
3. Travel support for Yogen to attend Foundation Board of Trustees (BOT)
4. Newsletter
5. Tech Events
6. GeoTech
7. Adjourn

#### **Item 2: Email from Jim Plasker re: region rebate follow-up**

*Because item 2 required input from Tony Stefanidis, the Membership Director, who had other pressing commitments, the President (with the consent of the meeting) addressed this item first. Chris reported two items of recent activity, 1) A message received from HQ advised that if we (the PR Region) wished the Executive Committee to consider our appeal for regional rebates currently being withheld by HQ we must request this in writing. 2) Chris reported on a discussion with Bobbie Lenczowski (ASPRS Vice-President ) that indicated the issue was under discussion by ExCom. Bobbie, an ex officio member of ExCom affirmed the discussion.*

***Chris and Tony provided background to the issue and agreed that ASPRS-PR has two options. First*** we are seeking ExCom review of the current interpretation of the region's reporting requirements as proposed by Executive Director and Secretary to the Board, Jim Plasker. ***As a second step we request that ExCom consider our appeal against the HQ ruling that PR dues rebates be withheld because of the process used to contact lapsed members. Second,*** If the review is not possible and our appeal is denied then we seek to move to change the bylaws.

*A vote was taken and appreciating that this issue has only recently been the subject of bylaw revision. The PR Region voted unanimously in support of Tony and Chris's motion that we should proceed with the first option and if this cannot be achieved the second should be taken up. The vote of the Board was **unanimous** with **eight votes in favor of the motion. There were no votes cast against the motion. There were no abstentions.** (Note that Tony had left the meeting at this point and Bobbie is not a voting member of the PR Board).*

### **Item 1: Region Report for National Conference**

*Chris reported that he had a draft Region Report for the Regional Officers meeting in Milwaukee and asked for comment on the content and the Region's plan for the year. He stressed the need for prompt action so that this item could be submitted on time for the Committee Sessions at the Milwaukee meeting. Tony and Allan were to be contacted for additional input.*

### **Item 4: Newsletter**

*The newsletters for 2011 are as planned. The first, edited by Pete Doucette is ready for publication. It carries the news of the student Forum and Chapter at George Mason University, a note about GeoTech and the annual meeting report.*

*The second newsletter is planned for September and will be edited by Josh Sisskind.*

*The third newsletter will be edited by Chris McGlone and will be issued at the end of the year announcing the candidates for next year's elections.*

### **Item 5: Tech Events**

*The planned visit to GeoEye's facilities will take place at their new building on Sunrise Valley Drive. Arrangements are being handled by Robbie Black who will announce the date soon.*

*The tech visit to Fugro is being planned by Josh who is in touch with Fugro and he will announce a date immediately it is confirmed*

*The tech visit to USGS is being coordinated by Chris McGlone for later in the year.*

### **Item 6: GeoTech 2011**

*The NOAA auditorium and Science Center is booked for GeoTech 2011. John Manzer is moving forward with the GeoTech theme: "The Cloud". John made it clear that there will be opportunities for paper sessions on related topics. Dr Mark Coulson is being considered as a Guest Speaker.*

### **Item 3: Travel fund support for Yogen Singh.**

*Yogen requested support to travel to the Milwaukee meeting in order to make a presentation to the Foundation Board of Trustees about the concept and operation of student forums. An amount of \$350 was approved and Allan falconer the Treasurer was authorized to reimburse Yogen's travel costs supported by receipts.*

### **Item 7: Adjournment**

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6.50.p.m.*