



## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: JUNE 22 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m. with the President Christopher Parrish in the chair.

Present: Christopher Parrish (President), John Manzer (Vice-President), Peter Doucette (Past-President), Chris McGlone (Technical Director), Barbara Eckstein (National Director) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer) Yogen Singh (Historian) Robert Black (Regional Director).

### **Agenda item 1: Newsletter**

**item 2: GeoTech**

**item 3: Tech tours**

**item 4: Focus on this year's objectives**

**item 5: Any other business**

### **Agenda item 2: GeoTech:**

*With the consent of the meeting the Present moved directly to agenda item 2 because the Chair of the GeoTech Committee, John Manzer had a report from the last committee meeting held on June 20th, 2011.*

*Summary report from the GeoTech Committee:*

- *All suggestions for speakers, workshops, keynotes speakers, and technical presentations should be forwarded to Chris McGlone the technical program chair.*
- *The oversight committee for GeoTech proposed by Yogen Singh was adopted. It will be formed and work in parallel to the GeoTech 2011 Committee.*
- *The estimated budget for GeoTech 2011 is \$15,000.00 (based on the GeoTech 2009 budget)*
- *The Conference theme will be "Disaster Response"*
- *About 8-11 speakers will be on the program.*
- *GeoEye will participate*
- *FEMA will be contacted and engaged*
- *An ITT visualization session by Harold Kline is proposed*
- *At least 2 new workshops will be offered*
- *Registration will be on-line with discount until August 31st. Barbara will provide contact information and advice*

*This report generated some discussion that noted the desirability of student involvement, invitations to our student chapters, possible student poster sessions, or student/faculty posters. It was agreed that ASPRS HQ would send an email blast monthly to publicize GeoTech 2011, Dave Szymanski will assist with ideas on where to advertize GeoTech 2011. Keynote speakers will*

*receive a formal invitation from the Region. There are issues with the registration of exhibitors that should be resolved. There is a need to plan for no-shows and to have replacement presentations available (amongst ourselves).*

*The meeting approved the GeoTech 2011 plans and tentative budget and program.*

**Agenda item 3: Tech tours:**

In response to the President's enquiry it was reported that the GeoEye tour was on track and that Robert Black had this in hand for July 22nd. Note this may be for U.S. citizens only.

The second tour planned for USGIF in Herndon was noted to be very close to the ESRI User Group Meeting in San Diego.

**Agenda item 1: Newsletter:** The summer newsletter will be in e-bulletin format and content was listed as GeoTech 2011, and an article on Maryland Licensure for GIS practitioners. There is a need for another story. Yogen volunteered two stories for the editor's decision.

**Agenda item 4: Focus on this year's objectives:** The President noted that our activities were on track and that our focus on the annual "Region of the Year" competition was hitting its targets.

**Agenda item 5: Any other business:**

- The Secretary/Treasurer has received the Region's certificate as second runner up in the 2010 Region of the Year competition.
- The President commended Yogen Singh for his presentation to the Executive Committee at the ASPRS Annual Meeting in Milwaukee on the topic of student chapters and forums.
- There was an initial discussion of honorees for recognition at GeoTech 2011.
- The Region's outreach activity was briefly discussed and it was noted that this material, the newsletters and the GeoTech material should be posted on the web-site.

*The meeting adjourned at 7.11 p.m.*