



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 23rd, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm with the President Christopher Parrish in the chair.

Present: Christopher Parrish (President), John Manzer (Vice-President), Pete Doucette (Past President), Barbara Eckstein (National Director) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer), Robbie Black (Region Director), Josh Sisskind (Region Director and Chair, Membership Committee)

The following Agenda was adopted:

1. President's Report
2. Status of HQ formal requirement that lapsed members be contacted
3. This year's Region elections
4. Annual Meeting and Dinner
5. GeoTech 2011 wrap-up and GeoTech 2012

Agenda item 1: President's Report.

Chris reported the email vote by the Board in favor of funding a request by the GMU ASPRS Chapter and Forum had been communicated and that Allan would liaise with them to provide the funds (a total of \$443.60). Chris then addressed the items required for the Region's annual report and the status of each of the activity areas. He also reported that Barbara, our National Director attended the National Board meeting held along with the Pecora Conference. National membership trends for the Society were discussed, Barbara will circulate notes.

Agenda item 2: Status of HQ formal requirement that lapsed members be contacted.

Josh (Membership Committee Chair) reported that he is completing the final step in contacting lapsed members. After speaking with a colleague in Colorado (ASPRS Rocky Mountain Region) who stated that options include a Survey Monkey questionnaire and mailed postcards, it was decided that Josh will use Survey Monkey for the follow-up contact with those lapsed members who did not respond the first time. He will contact Sokhan Hing on Monday to see if HQ staff can assist with setting up a Survey Monkey form.

Josh also volunteered to represent Potomac Region at Region Officers Membership meeting on Dec 1.

John noted that we could cross-check membership by using the Geotech 2011 mailing and retrieving the "RTS" mail received at HQ. That should assist with the definition of correct mailing addresses, including addresses for lapsed members.

Agenda item 3: Status of this year's Region elections.

Election time is here again! Members are invited to solicit nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and for one at large member of the PR Region Board. We are encouraged by our constitution to have at least two nominations for each vacancy. The Sec-Treasurer vacancy occurs because the constitution provides for this person to progress to Vice-President and the Region Director position (vacated by Tony, who has been a great asset to the Region and Board, especially as the Chair of the Membership Committee, but has decided not to run for a second term as Region Director, due to time constraints)

Two candidates have been suggested:

- Prof. Arie Croitoru, GMU. Suggested by Tony. Board feels he would be a very good candidate for Sec-Treasurer.
- Dr. David Streutker, NGA, suggested by Pete Board feels he would be a good candidate for Region Director.

Neither Arie nor Dave has confirmed yet. So, we should continue to pursue additional candidates.

Agenda item 4: Newsletter.

The final newsletter of the year is planned and Chris will take the lead in getting this produced, as Josh is working on lapsed member contacting. The newsletter will have the following sections:

- GeoTech 2011 Summary: Chris
- Announcement of Region Elections & Candidates: Chris
- Update from Pecora: Barbara
- Pete's contribution (TBA): Pete

Agenda item 5: Annual Meeting and Dinner.

Chris reported that Pete Doucette and Michelle had offered to organize our annual dinner, members welcomed this offer. Pete and Michelle are looking into both Holiday Inn and Marriott. By an official vote of the Board, Pete and Michelle have the authority to make the final decision on choice of venue and book it, after investigating costs and other pros and cons of each.

Our Speaker will be Rob Thomas on "Mobile Applications with Photogrammetry" Barbara suggested that we order new name badges for Region Officers in advance of our Annual Meeting and Dinner. Chris has action.

Agenda item 6: GeoTech 2011 wrap-up and GeoTech 2012.

There were minor issues concerning reimbursement of registration fees for individuals who had to cancel because of sickness or other extenuating circumstances and these were resolved. John Manzer reported that we had 123 attendees and that he is preparing a full report and account for GeoTech 2011.

John has received feedback forms and he will summarize these in his report. Also he will have photographs for our annual report for Chris. The meeting was unanimous in its appreciation of John's management of the 2011 meeting and expressed the Region's thanks to him. The meeting also expressed its thanks to Yogen Singh for his hard work in organizing the fifteenth anniversary celebration that honored those who originated GeoTech and have served to sustain it. The Region appreciates Yogen's initiative and is pleased with the successful outcome. Next year's GeoTech will be chaired by Allan. Board voted and approved the motion that Allan have authority/responsibility for selecting GeoTech 2012 venue, giving first preference to GMU and second to NGA College.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 6:45pm. Happy Thanksgiving to all!