

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting 17 February 2014

Members Present: Allan Falconer, Ashley Holt, John Manzer, Susan Oakley, Robert Black, David Streutker, Josh Sisskind, Yogen

The meeting was opened by the President.

The meeting adopted the standing agenda and the board was testing a new telecom service and number.

The **President** noted that elections are under way and the email blast to region members was released today.

The **Vice President** reported after actions from GeoTech 2013. There are plans under way to initiate a survey through Reg Online. Ashley Holt will meet with Susan Oakley to review lessons learned for planning the annual GeoTech conference. Ashley will get started on the first quarter newsletter for 2014.

The **Secretary/Treasurer** report noted that the 2013 annual financial report for HQ is underway and should be completed NLT 2/20/14. The report will be submitted for review before submittal to HQ.

Josh Sisskind reported on the status of reaching out to individuals with lapsed memberships to encourage them to rejoin. In the past emailing was not effective, so it was proposed that we mail postcards and follow up with phone calls in March. Josh reported that the postcards were more successful this year than the email reminder was last year. Roger is having a membership call to discuss best practices for student membership on 28Feb. and Josh plans to participate.

Robby Black reported that last year there were 2 successful technical tours and 1 webinar. We should start thinking about ideas for this year.

Continuing Business:

There was in depth discussion regarding elections and the annual dinner. It was determined that the ballots must be held 6 weeks prior to the annual meeting and we must announce the annual meeting 30days prior to the event to members. As of today, we can host the dinner on 31March, or anytime after. The first week in April is the first reasonable time to hold the event.

The board resolved to leave the voting for 2014 open for 2 weeks and there was a motion to maintain this resolution. The vote was 5 yes, 1 no for this motion. The board agreed to readdress only if there are too few responses and in this case that would be fewer than 15 cast votes.

Peter Doucette is stepping down from his role as technical director this year. Josh is willing to assist in planning the annual dinner if Peter isn't able. Ashley Holt is asking Peter if he intends to plan the dinner.

The PR will extend an invitation to Jim Plasker and guest to attend our annual dinner as the guest of honor. We will also extend an invitation to HQ office staff.

Next meeting: 17 March 2014