

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 15 December 2014

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Ashley Holt (President)
- Susan Oakley (Vice President)
- Dr. Barbara Eckstein (National Director)
- Joshua Sisskind (Region Director)
- Dr. David Streutker (Region Director)
- Joseph Governski (Region Director)
- Paul Bresnahan (Secretary/Treasurer)

Board Members Absent:

- Dr. Allan Falconer (Immediate Past President)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

- 1) **Opening:** The meeting was opened by the **President** at 6:06 pm with a quorum. The meeting was held via teleconference. The **Board of Directors** adopted the proposed agenda.
- 2) **Secretary/Treasurer Report:** The 17 November 2014 meeting minutes were approved 6 to 0, with one abstention, after a motion for approval by Dr. Ashley Holt which was seconded by Josh Sisskind. The **Secretary/Treasurer** reviewed the Region's account balances and transactions since the previous meeting.
- 3) **National Director Report:** The **National Director** provided a report on national activities. ASPRS continues various re-organization efforts. Virginia Tech has both an Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) test site and an annual GIS symposium. Skybox is offering free imagery for certain applications. ASPRS ratified the new positional accuracy standard.
- 4) **Tech Tours/Region Directors Report:** The planned Mapbox tech tour will be pushed to the March/April timeframe. The **Board** discussed other potential venues in the future. The **Board** assigned the **Secretary/Treasurer** an action to document the previous Region tech tours and points of contact.
- 5) **Vice President Report/GeoTech 2015:** Planning for a September 2015 GeoTech continues. The **Vice President** updated the **Board** on possible venues. John Manzer will assist Dr. David Szymanski in determining technical session leads. The **Secretary/Treasurer** will function as the budget committee chair until the new **Board** is sworn in. At that time, the current **Secretary/Treasurer** will become the **Vice President** and will take over as lead of GeoTech planning. The incoming **Secretary/Treasurer** will be asked to take over as GeoTech budget chair. Joe Governski will chair corporate outreach, and Dr. Holt will chair student outreach. The **Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer**, and Dr. Szymanski will have regular planning telecons.
- 6) **Region Elections/Nominating Committee/Annual Dinner:** Nominations are due 9 January 2015. An email blast from ASPRS HQ and an email to Region members will be used to advertise the open positions. Bios of candidates will be posted on the web site with online voting. According to the

bylaws, voting must open 6 weeks prior to the Annual Dinner. The Annual Dinner is being planned for the March timeframe.

- 7) **Winter Newsletter:** The **President** reported on the effort to release a winter newsletter for an early February release. Topics will include a **National Director** report and a NOVA student article.
- 8) **Membership:** Instead of sending renewal reminder postcards, an email blast approach will be used, including a survey if the lapsed members do not continue membership.
- 9) **Adjournment:** Joe Governski proposed adjournment, and Dr. Eckstein seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Next meeting: 6 pm, 19 January 2015 via teleconference.