

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 18 May 2015

Board Members Present:

- Susan Oakley (President)
- Paul Bresnahan (Vice President)
- Dr. Chris McGlone (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Joe Governski (Region Director)
- Dr. Barbara Eckstein (National Director)

Board Members Absent:

- Joshua Sisskind (Region Director)
- David Alvarez (Region Director)
- Dr. Ashley Holt (Past President)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

- 1) **Opening:** The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by the **President** at 6:05 pm; however, a quorum was not present. After discussion among those attending, it was decided to continue the meeting without the ability to take votes.
- 2) **Tampa conference discussion:** Paul Bresnahan (Vice President) discussed his attendance at the recent ASPRS Tampa conference. The Potomac Region won a third place award for the region web site, which he accepted for the region. He described some apparent lack of organization and communication at the conference, such as the location for the awards not be announced, incorrect locations for technical sessions, and the last-minute cancellation of the classified program. National Director Barbara Eckstein, who also attended, explained that the cancellation of the classified program was due to the last-minute rebooking of the classified facility and the inability to find another. There was discussion of writing a letter to National expressing concern about the conference organization issues.
- 3) **National Director Report:** Barbara Eckstein gave a summary of reorganization plans for ASPRS, including the planning process, the current status, and how it could affect regions.
- 4) **Tech Tours/Region Directors Report:** Four people attended the tour of the Longitude exhibit at the Folger Library. Potential tech tours are currently being negotiated with DigitalGlobe, U.S. Dept. of Transportation, Mapbox and BAE.
- 5) **GeoTech 2015:** The **President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer**, Dr. David Szymanski, Jessica Fayne (student chapter president at GMU), Joe Governski (Region Director) have been having weekly separate GeoTech 2015 planning and coordination meetings. The goal is to have the GeoTech page up by June 1, including speaker and registration information. Keynote speakers are being confirmed. Registration will use universe.com instead of regonline.com, due to cost savings and a wider range of options. Social media will be used for publicity.

Next meeting: 6 pm, 15 June 2015.