

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 19 October 2015

Board Members Present:

- Dr. Ashley Holt (Past President)
- Paul Bresnahan (Vice President)
- Dr. Chris McGlone (Secretary/Treasurer)
- David Alvarez (Region Director)
- Joe Governski (Region Director)
- Dr. Barbara Eckstein (National Director)

Board Members Absent:

- Susan Oakley (President)
- Joshua Sisskind (Region Director)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

- 1) **Opening:** The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by Vice President Paul Bresnahan at 6:05 pm; a quorum was present. Minutes from previous meetings were approved.
- 2) **GeoTech 2015:** A wrapup discussion of GeoTech included the problems with the venue and a low number of paid attendees (23), but also positive reactions from attendees and speakers on the program. The presentations will be posted to the Potomac Region website. A discussion followed on the lessons learned and the implications for future conferences. ASPRS HQ wants more region events, but it's questionable whether the amount of effort required makes sense for the turnout. One suggestion was that we think about sponsoring session(s) at other conferences, such as Maryland GIS.
- 3) **Secretary-treasurer report:** Checking account balance \$15,650, Money market account \$26,637, CD \$25,215. All GeoTech bills have been paid and all income deposited.
- 4) **National Director Report:** Nothing to report.
- 5) **Tech Tours/Region Directors Report:** The NASA Goddard tour, held on October 15, had 11 attendees. The tour included lunch and a tour of several labs, including ones working on the James Webb space telescope. There was great interest in the tour, which was limited to 12 participants due to space limitations in the labs. The possibility of another tour is being investigated.
- 6) **Upcoming elections:** We need to identify candidates for the offices of secretary-treasurer and region director next year. The nominating committee will be chaired by Ashley Holt, past president. Anyone who wishes to self-nominate or to nominate another person (with their consent) should send their name, a bio, and a position statement to Dr. Holt. Officers will be installed at the annual meeting.

- 7) **Annual meeting/dinner:** Josh Sisskind volunteered to organize the annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for January 2016. Dr. Eckstein asked about getting participation from student chapters and from members unable to attend in person; Dr. Alvarez mentioned the use of GoToMeeting through National headquarters. Vice-president Bresnahan asked about current contact information and status for student chapters.
- 8) **Newsletter status.** September newsletter is finished, content for the October-November newsletter is currently being assembled.

Motion to adjourn by Dr. Eckstein, meeting adjourned at 6:47 pm

Next meeting: 6 pm, 16 November 2015.