

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 16 November 2015

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

- Yogendra Singh (Historian)
- Dr. Ashley Holt (Past President)

- 1) **Opening:** The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by President Susan Oakley at 6:03 pm; a quorum was present. Minutes from previous meetings were approved.
- 2) **Upcoming elections:** Discussion about lack of candidates, other than Evan Brown. McGlone will contact faculty at GMU for possible candidates.
- 3) **Secretary-treasurer report:** (McGlone) Checking account balance \$15,286.50, Money market account \$27,239.21, CD \$25,225.66.
- 4) **GeoTech 2015:** No further activity or charges. Final profit \$218.25.
- 5) **National Director Report:** (Eckstein) Board of Directors meeting held recently, still many streamlining activities going on. There will be a new format for region reports, input directly into ASPRS website. New procedures are still being implemented, bylaws changes required for many of the updates. Changes in member categories (Emeritus, Fellow, Honorary) proposed. Regions Council not implemented yet, also waiting for bylaws change.
- 6) **Tech Tours:** (Alvarez) Tour of NOAA Corbin research facility agreed upon, just need to pick a day and final arrangements.
- 7) **Annual meeting/dinner:** (Sisskind) Potential site in Tysons. Discussion about whether dinner should be subsidized to keep price around \$20. Format would be a short keynote speech plus 10-15 minute "lightning talks."
- 8) **Membership:** Discussion concerning contacting non-renewing members, how to recruit more members. Marketing and branding of Society.
- 9) **Newsletter status.** (Oakley) Plan to have newsletter out by Dec 5.

Motion to adjourn by Eckstein, meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm

Next meeting: 6 pm, 21 December 2015.