

# Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, April 18, 2016

## Board Members Present:

- Paul Bresnahan (President)
- Dr. Chris McGlone (Vice President)
- Dr. Barbara Eckstein (National Director)
- Dr. Gang Chen (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Joe Governski (Region Director)
- Evan Brown (Region Director)

## Board Members Absent:

- Susan Oakley (Immediate Past President)
- David Alvarez (Region Director)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

1. **Opening:** The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by President Paul Bresnahan at 6:00pm; a quorum was present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.
2. **President report:** (Bresnahan) Bresnahan attended the ASPRS national board meeting.
  - a. Many changes were made to the ASPRS by-laws, including the elimination of each Region's National Director, and the creation of a new Region's Council to include two representatives from each region.
  - b. The roles of ASPRS individual members will be specifically clarified, such as retired, student, employed and unemployed members. The member fees are also different.
  - c. Dr. Michael Hauck (ASPRS Executive Director) stated the financial challenges in ASPRS.
3. **Vice Presidents report:** (McGlone)
4. **Secretary-treasurer report:** (Chen)
  - a. Checking: \$13,012.66; Savings: \$27,244.87; CD: \$25,246.89
  - b. Bresnahan suggested that if the maintenance fee is high for the Savings/CD account (while the interest is low), the money should be moved to the checking account.
5. **National Director Report:** (Eckstein)
6. **Tech Tours:** (Governski, Brown)
  - a. Documents describing the tech tour ideas and the ASPRS are needed for better communication with potential institutions/companies, such as the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Bresnahan sent a document to all the board members via email at the meeting. Governski is planning for a fall event.
  - b. Brown proposed to conduct a survey to better understand our members' interests, in terms of topics and geographic areas.
  - c. Alvarez is working on several other events, involving NASA and NOAA.
7. **Membership:** (Brown)

Brown plans to increase member's engagement, and will conduct a survey to seek feedback.
8. **Selection of 2 representatives to new Region's Council**

Eckstein and Bresnahan were elected as the Potomac Region's (hereafter *PR's*) representatives in the new Region's Council.

9. **Discussion of budget preparation for new funding process**

The PR needs to develop a budget for sustainable growth, especially because the ASPRS new by-laws clearly state that no money will be distributed to each region starting from 2016. Chen volunteered to look into the PR's expenses and revenues over the past two years.

10. **Discussion of possible PR by-law changes**

Because of the significant changes in ASPRS's by-laws, the PR's by-laws need to be updated accordingly. McGlone volunteered to make the changes to the PR's by-laws, and expected to deliver the updates in the June meeting.

11. **Discussion of moving web site information to HQ "community" web page**

The PR's web site may be moved to the HQ "community" web page to reduce expense (\$3k per year).

12. **Social Media:** (Bresnahan)

The PR's LinkedIn and Twitter accounts need to be recovered.

13. **Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.**