

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 17 October, 2017

Board Members Present:

- Chris McGlone (President)
- Gang Chen (Vice President)
- Evan Brown (Region Director)
- Paul Bresnahan (Immediate Past President)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

Board Members Absent:

- Jackie Carr (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Michael Paquette (Region Director)
- David Alvarez (Region Director)
- Mukul Sonwalkar (Region Officers Council Representative)

1. Opening: The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by President Chris McGlone, at 6:00 pm; a quorum was present. The minutes from the previous meeting was unanimously approved.

2. President Report (McGlone):

- Elections: Gang Chen has nominated Kunwar Singh, a post-doc at NC State for secretary-treasurer and David Alvarez has agreed to run for his board seat again. McGlone will post the call for nomination on Facebook.
- Ballots must be distributed six weeks before the annual meeting, which should be in January, meaning that nominees should be identified by the first of November.
- Job fair: Jackie had the good idea of holding a conference/job fair to raise some money and to get some exposure for our student chapters. This would be sort-of a replacement for Geotech. We need to contact some recruiters, to see if that would be of interest and if they would pay, and also contact students to see if they would participate. Thoughts, ideas, contacts are welcome.
- Newsletter has been sent.
- Headquarters email problem: if you opt out of allowing ASPRS to publish your email in your profile you will not receive *any* email from ASPRS (newsletters, etc). McGlone spoke to Matt Austin about this at headquarters. The long-term fix would be to add another checkbox to the database so people could opt-out of emails from ASPRS. The short-term fix is to allow your email to be published. Sigh.

3. Vice President Report (Chen):

- NC Chapter Status: NCASPRS will coordinate an in-person meeting on December 5th in Charlotte and Raleigh. At the meeting, they plan to discuss bylaws and the chapter's elections of the roles of President, Vice President, or Secretary/Treasurer.
- 28 people have been invited to attend the meeting.

4. Secretary-treasurer Report (Carr):

- Accounts Total \$ 34852.96
 - Checking \$7,587.66
 - Money Market \$27,265.30
 - CD \$0; CLOSED
 - No September expenditures.
 - No planned October expenses.

5. Region Directors Report (Alvarez, Paquette, Brown):

- Student chapters (Brown):
 - Among all the eight chapters, four of them responded to Brown's outreach email. West Virginia, James Madison University, and UNC Charlotte indicated the chapter is still alive. Penn State's chapter is currently not alive, but the faculty advisor has received interest in transforming the group into an online student chapter which requires more discussion.
 - McGlone will make arrangements to deliver ASPRS technical manuals to interested student chapters.
 - Brown has started looking for an appropriate venue and date for PR's annual meeting in Spring 2018.
- Tech tour (Paquette):
 - Goddard trip
 - The tour is scheduled on October 27th, starting at 12:30pm. Participants need to show up with a valid driver's license or any other government ID.
 - It looks like we have 14 attending.
 - We reached out to George Manson and other universities.

6. Regional Officers Council Representative Report (Sonwalkar):

- ROC meeting scheduled for 29th did not occur, and there was no explanation or date for the next one.

7. Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 pm.