AGENDA (MINUTES IN RED TEXT)

Potomac Region of ASPRS
Third Tuesday of the Month

20 May 2008
4:30-6:30
Dewbery Headquarters
Call-in Number:  1-888-330-9552
Conference ID #:  8490721#

All attendees dialed in.

Attendees: D Szymanski, Y Singh, J Hipple, P Doucette, S Payton
Minutes by: Pete Doucette

Call to Order       D. Szymanski

Old Business

3) 2009 Conference planning
   The Region has been asked: How do you want to handle the billing for the F&B and other costs? What time are you planning for this event on Tuesday evening? The workshops, and user groups will go until 5 pm and some of the committee meetings may go as late as 6 pm. How are you going to deal with the drinks...cash bar, open bar, drink tickets?

   Dave S. is going to follow up with Karen Schuckman about particular details and estimates of previous years’ attendance, entertainment, etc. (in 2005 there were ~400-600 attendees)

   The decision was made that we go with a “dessert and coffee” offering in the 7-9pm timeframe, along with a cash bar.

4) Support for student travel request

PR-ASPRS covered student travel support in the amount of $400 for the ’08 annual conference (Portland)

New Business

1) Treasurer’s Report       P. Doucette
Ending balance for April 30, 2008 was $38,510.56

Recent account activity:

$400  Student support for Portland
$90   RP student dues matching for 3 members
$780  Sign Language Associates for PR annual dinner at Marco Polo.

We did receive credits for 3 months of $35/month charges for electronic services setup (PAYPAL) that were discontinued in 2003, and had been continuously charged since because nobody from PR had never terminated the service. To receive further credits, Pete needs to write a (tactful) letter to senior management of the service to request refunds, given the nature of PR board turnover probably causing the oversight, etc.

2) Technical Committee
   B. Eckstein
   - Geotech TEM

   No discussion (Barbara on vacation)

   - Festival of Maps outing

   Turnout was ~8-10 attendees from PR. Dave suggested that we pursue another similar type of outing, perhaps the August timeframe, so we should think about ideas.

3) National Director’s Report
   J. Hipple

   Potential new locations for National are being discussed.

   National Initiatives:
   • LIDAR standards
   • Convention committee rounded out—if PR has need for special sessions, we should coordinate as needed.
   • 75th anniversary theme ideas

4) Education and Professional Development
   Y. Singh

   • Working on sending draft memorandum of understanding to 4 universities.
   • Looking for help to form committee.
   • November was suggested as the optimal time for planning

5) North Carolina Chapter Update
   J. McNeil
   - 25 April conference

   • J McNeil (absent)
• Dave S. did hear feedback from the April conference that there was apparent increased interest in NC Chapter partaking in PR activities.

6) Membership Committee

• ACTION: Dave S. will send out welcome letter to new members.

6a) Other Discussion

For next function/outing, Yogen suggested the idea of a photogrammetric production type of facility, e.g., USGS, AeroMetric, etc. The idea is to derive more educational benefit for potential attendees.

7) Next meeting at Dewbery HQ and telecon 17 June 2008 4:30-6:30
8) Adjourn