

Potomac Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Meeting Minutes

Date: Feb 17, 2009

Location: telecon

Time: 5:00 pm

Participants:

Barbara Eckstein

Dave Szymanski

Charlene Sailer

Allan Falconer

Pete Doucette

Chris McGlone

Yong Wang

John Manzer

Johan Wilson

Chris Parrish

Topics:

1. Chris P. and Pete presented budget numbers
 - a. Chris sent 2 spreadsheets out yesterday. One was the original draft budget for 2009 sent by Barbara on Jan 26, and the second was a slightly modified version that contained lower estimates (both expenses and revenue) for GeoTech, due to not holding Certification Workshop this year and expectation of fewer attendees and exhibitors, due to current economy. Dave also sent a modified version containing Baltimore conference expenses. Looks like an estimated net loss of about \$17K for the year; is everybody OK with that? Discussion:
 - i. May be conservative, e.g. May get \$ back from ASPRS Baltimore
 - ii. This is an anomaly in that we're putting in quite a bit for Baltimore, and GeoTech is an unknown.
 - iii. We are not trying to make \$, we're trying to serve the membership
 - iv. Discussed offering of Certification Workshop @ GeoTech. Chris proposed offering it every 3-4 years.
 - v. What we would do with surplus money: suggestion: development of quality workshop program development for next GeoTech conference
 - b. Following above discussion, the 2009 budget was accepted per vote of the board
 - c. Information from Pete to ASPRS National has not yet been sent; it was due on the 15th, but Pete is still waiting for form 1099 from SunTrust. Chris will send to Pete when it arrives. Will ask for extension from ASPRS National. [*Note: I believe this has now been taken care of.*]
 - d. In previous year, we did not meet the criteria for having to file 990EZ. If it's needed, Barbara is amenable to hiring a professional to fill it out.

2. Calendar for the year:
 - a. Charlene and Johan will not be attending ASPRS Baltimore, but all other Board members are planning to attend
 - b. Area where we could hold March meeting during conf?
 - c. Wed meeting? Everyone email Barbara preferred time and date to meet at ASPRS Baltimore
 - d. March 10 @ 7pm is ASPRS-PR reception. Time and room will be in final version of conf program
 - e. Barbara would like to send out newsletter after event saying who was there, what happened, etc.
 - f. Newsletters are one of the things we're graded on as a Region. Dave will send out list of other criteria that Regions are graded on. This contest among Regions is also described on ASPRS website.
 - g. Shooting for 4 newsletters. If you have 5 you don't get any more points

3. Region Events
 - a. Barbara would like one event per Region Director spread out over the year
 - b. Dave recommends newsletters before each Region Event
 - c. Sometime around end of March will be first newsletter
 - d. Newsletter in May will report on previous event and announce the next one
 - e. Dave recommends negotiating a deal with newsletter people to get a better deal. But, Barbara states that they're already reasonable. Barbara will contact newsletter people regardless – saving money is always good!
 - f. John Manzer and Yong Wang are the Region Directors on the phone. What type of Region event would they like to have? MDA would be willing to do a tour of MDA. They are located in Rockville. Allan might have something at GMU in the future, but not at present. Dave also made contact with USDA group that might be willing to host an event.
 - g. GeoTech will be sometime in autumn (mid October?)
 - i. Look in *PE&RS* journal to see conflicting events, e.g., NGA conferences
 - ii. Others will send Chris Parrish lists of possible conflicts

4. Allan: ASPRS National Business
 - a. Has minutes of Denver meeting, 13 pages
 - b. Will send synopsis
 - c. Nothing of pressing interest to the Region
 - d. Anything that we want Allan to raise to the Board in Baltimore?
 - e. Fall conference is in San Antonio. Then San Diego, 2011 in Milwaukee, 2012: AK vs Sacramento vs. FL: AK too far away?
 - f. 2013: FL or Baltimore
 - g. Baltimore was chosen instead of DC, due to costs
 - h. Since we're the original region, we automatically get it every 4 years.
 - i. After Baltimore conf, have 90 days to decide whether to have the next one there
 - j. Recommend finding out why places like Wilmington, DE, Richmond, VA, Raleigh, NC etc are not considered appropriate for National conference

5. Baltimore Conf
 - a. Dave has lined up entertainment (keyboardist)
 - b. After-dinner pastry and coffee spread and cash bar
 - c. Everyone is encouraged to attend

6. Johan: NC Chapter Status and Plans
 - a. Membership issues have been resolved with University folks
 - b. April 24-25 is Spring Meeting in Greensboro
 - c. Pretty active with having 2 meetings per year
 - d. PDH (Professional Development Hours) are what a lot of people in ASPRS-NC use it for.
 - i. Meets continuing education requirements
 - e. Doing well on speakers
 - f. Haven't set up anything for Fall Meeting yet
 - g. Plan to start actively courting students again. Don't have a student chapter in that area. Student chapters and forums are encouraged. There are several universities that are active in surveying/Geomatics in NC; therefore, a student organization in NC would be a benefit.
 - h. NC has a lot of operator-level involvement among photogrammetrists. About 12 years ago, NC went with licensure and everyone then came together in NC Chapter. A little bit different makeup of membership than rest of ASPRS.
 - i. More people show up in Greensboro: easier drive for more people. Get help from NCA&T University.
 - j. Will think about Region event that targets students. Due to give 2 student awards this year. NCA&T is the only current student involvement.

7. Standing Committees
 - a. Membership Committee: don't currently have a Chair.
 - i. Will contact Tony Stefanidis at GMU. Possibly a good fit for membership recruiting
 - b. Education & Professional Dev: Richard Gomez. He will be renewing membership in ASPRS, but indicated that he may be too busy w/ university duties to chair committee. Dave S. volunteers to head this Committee, with Yogen's assistance
 - c. By-Laws: Not a standing committee, just as needed. Right now, don't need to fill it.
 - d. GeoTech will be standing committee
 - e. Nominations: By-Laws say that immediate past president (Dave) is Chair.
 - f. Charlene would like examples of newsletters. Most-recent ones are online
 - i. There's two ASPRS-PR websites. One that you get to from ASPRS National and our own. Have to actually click the link to the ASPRS-PR website.

8. Website
 - a. Website needs updating
 - b. All: take a look and compile list of things that need to be changed.

- c. Johan is scrambling to get website taken over and updated
 - i. Usually, a past member does it, but now looking for a new alternative. So, they're trying to find a way to do it that's easily updatable by the present Board. Eliminate disconnect between Board and website.
- 9. GeoTech
 - a. Barbara will send Chris P. GeoTech files from last year, including GeoTech history spreadsheet, including what workshops were held, who exhibitors were, etc. Gives idea of periodicity of workshops
- 10. Meeting during ASPRS conf
 - a. Let Barbara know what day/time works.
- 11. No other business. Adjourned at 6:05pm.