Potomac Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2009  
Location: Teleconference  
Time: 4:30 pm EDT

Participants:  
Luiz Cortes  
Barbara Eckstein  
Chris Parrish  
Gerald Ray  
David Szymanski  
Allan Falconer  
Charlene Sailer  
J. Chris McGlone  
Yogendra Singh

Topics:
1. Treasurer’s report: Chris Parrish
   a. SunTrust account balance stands at $43,404.31.
      i. Only recent expenses were reimbursing John Manzer for GeoEye Tour expenses and Barbara Eckstein for USDA and GeoEye Tech Tour expenses and NGA Education Fair expenses
      ii. Will start to have more GeoTech related expenses starting in the next couple weeks.
   b. SunTrust Investment Certificate will mature and automatically renew on 8/26/2009
      i. Next Maturity Date: 10/26/2009
      ii. Projected value at maturity: $17,754.34
   c. Have not yet received our share of the ASPRS conference profits
      i. Allan will contact National to get status
2. Reports on Region Events:
   a. 30 October IAVO Research & Scientific Tour
      i. Yong is currently in field, per Barbara: 1-4pm, presentations by staff, tour of facility, followed by social event; 40 people max; presentations to include GeoGenesis software suite
   b. Update on 2nd GeoEye tour
      i. Barbara: GeoEye tour a few weeks ago was a big hit. But could only have 20 people attend. NGA requested a 2nd tour. They want ASPRS to be involved. Plan is to schedule it sometime in September.
c. Chris McGlone: Update on MDA Federal tour
   i. Chris has pinged his contact but no response yet. Barbara suggests scheduling it for early next year.
d. POC? Update on 28 October tour of Cartographic Section of the National Archives, College Park, MD
   i. Karen Owen, ASPRS member, GMU PhD student, has made arrangements to date
   ii. ASPRS-PR board member lead needed
      1. Chris McGlone will assist with this; will go through the steps needed for a tech tour

3. National Director Report: Allan Falconer
   a. National has responded regarding our suggestions for the 2013 conference
   b. Our invitation is being considered by the Exec committee and final decision on venue is pending.
   c. Also voted on reserves for National operation.
   d. Board is also set to vote on spec for lidar services (deliverable) procurement; this vote is pending, but will occur soon.

4. Vice President Plans: Pete Doucette
   a. Pete not on phone. Per Barbara: Pete has been working on 2010 venue at George Mason University and also on venue for annual meeting. ASPRS PR subsidized the per plate costs in 2008 (about $1000 out of pocket for PR). Cost to attendees was $40/person, which was still somewhat high. Pete’s looking for another venue, possibly less expensive. If anyone has suggestions, please contact Pete.

5. 2010 Annual Meeting:
   a. See above

6. Next NGA Education Fair (St Louis?): David Szymanski
   a. No news. Will be sometime in St. Louis, next Quarter. Will be St. Louis Chapter’s responsibility

7. 2013 ASPRS Spring Conference: David Szymanski & Barbara Eckstein
   a. Potomac Region voted overwhelmingly to hold it in Raleigh. That’s the recommendation we sent to the appropriate committee at National.

8. NC Chapter Status & Plans: Luiz Cortes, NC Chapter President
   a. NC Chapter Liaison: Yong Wang, ASPRS-PR Region Director
   b. Luiz is stepping in as President
      i. So far, NC chapter has not done much this year
      ii. Will plan for a conference this fall: October.
      iii. Yong Wang will be contacted to possibly assist.
      iv. Members will be contacted to participate in conferences; chapter will be more proactive
9. Standing Committees
   a. Technical Program (Chris McGlone)
      i. GeoTech and things for tech tour; there’s one GeoTech speaking spot open, Chris will investigate filling it
   b. Membership (Anthony Stefanidis)
      i. No update; Tony not on phone
   c. Education and Professional Development (Richard Gomez and David Szymanski)
      i. Ready to move ahead w/ GMU fellowship award program
   d. Communications (Charlene Sailer)
      i. Next newsletter will be in Nov
      ii. Then another one in Dec
         1. Quick update w/ annual election update; announce who’s on ballet
         2. Will also include information about the Annual Dinner, so the venue must be booked by then (action for Pete)
      iii. For Nov newsletter, Charlene requests articles by 16 October
         1. This newsletter will really focus on GeoTech, including GeoTech sponsors.
      iv. For Dec newsletter, articles due to Charlene by 1 December
   e. By-Laws: David Szymanski

10. Website Update
11. Newsletter: Charlene Sailer
    a. Propose next newsletter mailed by 6 November (see above)

12. GeoTech 2010 (open discussion)
    a. Vote on conference venue: George Mason University, contingent on A/V costs being no more than $500
       i. Will be no charge for facility itself, so the only costs will be A/V costs
       ii. Outside parking is $6
       iii. Dave suggests we see it before vote
       iv. Yogen’s suggestion: discuss it with full costs: A/V and parking. Also, take opinion of attendees and membership. Barbara: need to vote on this soon. Tabled for now, but will vote on it in the Sept 15 meeting. Will try to have that meeting at GMU.
       v. Action for Chris P.: email Pete Doucette to ask him to set up the meeting at GMU for next month.

    a. Agenda on website is now up-to-date
       i. Dave will begin push to promote event; will mail flyer
       ii. All: please promote GeoTech09 within your office
b. Barbara: GeoTech website should distinguish between exhibitors and sponsors
   i. Barbara will email this request to Martin Wills, along with new exhibitors to add

c. Second day: don’t necessarily need to fill last speaker spot of the day; could end with networking and exhibits from 4:15-4:45 pm.

14. Next meeting: teleconference and/or at GMU, 15 Sept, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Adjourned at 6:05 pm.