

MEETING of The ASPRS Potomac Region Board Tuesday February 15th 2011

Present: Christopher Parrish (President) Peter Doucette (past-President) John Manzer (Vice-President) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer) Barbara Eckstein (National Director elect) Chris McGlone (Technical Director) Josh Sisskind (Director) Yogen Singh (Historian) Yong Wang (Director)

Not attending: Robert Black, Luiz Cortes, Anthony Stefanidis

The meeting opened at 6.00 p.m. with the President in the Chair.

Agenda Items

- When, where, and how to hold our monthly meetings this year

The Board unanimously approved the motion that regular meetings be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6.00 p.m. using the conference call format.

- Goals for the year (e.g., number of newsletters, number of tech tours) and leads

The meeting agreed that 2011 would have four newsletters/bulletins. The first and last will be newsletters reporting on the annual elections and presenting the candidates for the following year's elections respectively. The two other publications will be Bulletins dealing with Tech. Tours and Geo Tech. Days.

The meeting agreed that email would be the preferred distribution method and print plus usps delivery would continue to be used for those without email. The following schedule was agreed and the individuals named volunteered to be the sponsors: Pete Doucette will be responsible for the first newsletter, Josh for the technical tours and Chris the fourth newsletter.

Subject to further confirmation the following Tech Tours were outlined:

1. *GeoEye Organized By Robbie Black within the next 6 weeks*
2. *Fugro site visit Suggested for August*
3. *USGS site visit organizers Tony and Chris*
4. *Discussion about W. Virginia trip to visit GeoEye?*

- GeoTech schedule

John Manzer is the Chair for the 2011 Geo Tech Committee, Barbara Eckstein will be Co-Chair and Chris McGlone the Technical Chair. GeoTech 2011 will be held at the NOAA facility in Silver Spring October 12th and 13th. The Keynote Speaker will be the Director of the National Geodetic Survey.

- Does GMU Student Chapter and Forum get 10 free student memberships (question received from the Chapter/Forum)

Yogen will contact Tony. Yes the GMU Student Chapter and Forum will receive 10 memberships for NEW students each good for one year only.

- Sponsorship of ISPRS Summer School to be hosted by Fayetteville State University (vote on this)

There was discussion about the request for a grant of \$3,400 from the Region. Board members thought that this was not a regional event per se but international outreach. The Board was in favor in principle but felt that this should be referred to ASPRS HQ for further advice before a final decision is taken. Chris will write to Jim Plasker and Mike Renslow about this.

- TUGIS participation (vote, if needed)

Because of some confusion about the fees charged in the past the Board agreed that IF the former policy of complimentary registration for a booth at the next TUGIS meeting is clearly offered again we would accept otherwise, the Board could see no purpose in expending funds for this type of event.

- National's requirement for Region to contact members whose membership has lapsed

This item has been raised because the region rebate from ASPRS HQ of a percentage of membership dues paid by members in the region has not been received from HQ. The reason given is that the Region did not address the issue of lapsed members within the years 2009 and 2010. Action on this was taken by Tony who was advised after the 2009 year had passed. This will be followed up by Chris who will request clarification from Sokhan Hing and Jim Plasker as needed. This will be reported on at the next meeting.

*Also for the next meeting is the question: Do we sponsor a reception to be held at the **PECORA 18 Conference** November 14-18, 2011 Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, Herndon VA?*

- Other Business

The Board unanimously approved a motion that a Letter of Condolence be sent to Chuck Finlay expressing our deepest sympathy at the passing of his wife last month. Members recall her regular appearance at ASPRS National and Regional meetings and the enthusiastic support she gave to these events.