



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING: MAY 25 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6.05 p.m.

Present: Christopher Parrish (President), John Manzer (Vice-President), Peter Doucette (Past-President), Chris McGlone (Technical Director), Barbara Eckstein (National Director) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer) Yogen Singh (Historian).

The members adopted a change in the agenda making the first item a discussion of a proposal by Yogen Singh that the Region form a Standing GeoTech Advisory Committee.

Agenda item 1: The proposal circulated by email proposed that the committee would assist the GeoTech Chairman with:

1. Selection of the annual conference theme
2. Solicitation of speakers and session sponsors

Initial proposal for membership: Dave Maune; Roger Mitchell, (MDA) Past-President ASPRS-PR; Brad Doorn, (NASA) Past-President ASPRS and ASPRS-PR suggestion that representatives from USGS, NGA, SAIC etc... should be added.

Lively discussion followed a review of the present arrangements for GeoTech 2011. John Manzer reported that GeoEye was considering the role of GeoTech sponsor. The program Committee is in place. John will contact the private sector to solicit exhibitors. Barbara will coordinate on-line registration. Catering will be as usual with a continental breakfast, lunch and an afternoon break provided for attendees. Early-bird dates need to be set and NOAA/NGS will be prime sponsors. The 2011 meeting will be at the NOAA facility in Silver Spring.

Yogen suggested that we need milestones and planning with a review of cost and budget. He reviewed his proposal for an advisory committee and felt that a membership of about 15/20 members might serve providing advice from the major constituencies of the membership. The meeting agreed that this would be further discussed at GeoTech 2011 meetings, the first of these will be called by John in the near future.

Agenda item 2: Update from Region Officers Meeting and Board Meeting at Milwaukee conference on issues related to requirements for contacting lapsed members, ExCom's decision on our appeal for the past years' rebates, proposal from President-Elect Bobbi Lenczowski regarding directed use of Region rebates not received, etc. (Chris). Discussion/decision by PR Board on feedback to Bobbi and how best to proceed this year and in the future (All).

Chris P reported that this item was considered by the ExCom prior to the start of the Conference and was on the agenda of the Regional Officers meeting and the National Board agenda. Various clarifications of the modalities for dealing with lapsed members were presented. Overall summary was that:

- *In both 2009 and 2010 of the 17 Regions 10 did not receive rebates. (note that the list of the 10 was different for each year)*
- *The clarification of the need to contact lapsed members was given as follows: There are various acceptable methods of contacting lapsed members. Email blasts to lapsed members (as Potomac Region has done already this year) are one acceptable method, but some sort of follow-up is required for those who don't respond. This follow-up does not necessarily have to be in the form of a phone call, however; mailed postcards or letters are an alternative. SurveyMonkey questionnaires have also been used by other Regions and are another acceptable method of requesting feedback from lapsed members.*
- *One successful contact or two unsuccessful attempts to contact each lapsed member as described above are considered sufficient contact for the purpose of applying for the Region's dues rebate annually.*
- *After two years lapsed members are deemed to have withdrawn from the society and no longer need to be contacted in this manner.*
- *Regions have no inherent right to the rebate and must apply annually.*

In the discussion that followed the following ideas emerged:

- *The PR initiative in appealing the HQ denial of the 2009 and 2010 rebates seems to have gathered a major response and the clarifications were valuable to all regions.*
- *It was recommended that we constitute a small committee (2 or 3 members) to pursue the issue of the denied 2090 rebate.*
- *Yogen observed that the above detail is not included in written form in any by laws.*
- *The wise counsel of the National Vice-President "Bobbi" Lenczowski was greatly appreciated in giving us a perspective on the context of these procedures.*
- *The meeting agreed to follow the edicts that come down to us from HQ (preferably with National Board authority).*

Agenda Item 3: Remaining steps for ASPRS National approval of GMU Student Chapter and forum. Per email from Jim Plasker: PR needs to re-verify with Sokhan that the number of active student members and the faculty advisor are still current, and then Barbara Eckstein needs to make a motion to have the Board approve issuance of the charter. She can do that by emailing Gary Florence and copying Jim. This will be followed by an e-ballot of the National Board.

Discussion covered some expression of surprise that this was not yet complete. Yogen has a scanned copy of the documents and will refer to Tony for details before circulating these to us. The meeting unanimously voted to complete the formalities as directed by Jim Plasker.

Agenda item 4: Maryland Board of Professional Land Surveyors "Licensing of Photogrammetrists Committee" meeting in Baltimore on June 1. Discussion of whether Potomac Region wants representation on this effort (All).

Discussion was met with a clear consensus that PR needs to be at the meetings of the Maryland Board of Professional Land Surveyors (MBPLS) to represent ASPRS membership alongside National. Jim Canistra a PR member and the representative of the Maryland Dept of Planning on the MBPLS will be contacted (as recommended by both Jim Plasker and Yogen Singh) and asked to serve as our representative in these meetings.

A rapid review of the remaining agenda items revealed that Tech tours are on track, the second newsletter is in progress and the GeoTech items were covered by the expanded discussion of Agenda item 1.

The meeting adjourned at 7.20 p.m.