



## **MINUTES of BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 25th, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm with the President Christopher Parrish in the chair.

Present: Christopher Parrish (President), Pete Doucette (Past President), John Manzer (Vice-President), Barbara Eckstein (National Director) Allan Falconer (Secretary/Treasurer), Robbie Black (Region Director), Katarina Doctor (President, GMU Student Chapter and Fred C Doyle Forum)

The following Agenda was adopted:

1. President's Report
2. This year's Region elections
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Annual Meeting and Dinner Report
5. Student Chapter Report
6. President-elect's 2012 Agenda
7. Other business

### **Agenda item 1: President's Report.**

Chris reported his concern about the lack of candidates for the Region's Officer and Board positions. Various contributing factors were discussed and there was agreement that this reflects the national situation where we are experiencing an annual decline in membership and therefore a lack of candidates for elections.

In addition, Chris addressed the impact of this on the date of the Annual meeting and proposed that John Manzer, our in-coming President take the chair at future Board meetings and that the officers for 2012 assume their new offices from the next regular Board meeting. He also proposed that John use time in this meeting to present his Agenda for 2012. Reporting on the progress of the Annual Report Chris noted the March 2nd deadline for all material including the financial Report (John + Allan) and other activities. Input to specific reports on the 15th Anniversary of GeoTech, our newsletters and the Tech tours will be required by the March 2nd deadline also.

### **Agenda item 2: Status of this year's Region elections.**

Members are still encouraged to solicit nominations for Secretary/Treasurer and for one at large member of the PR Region Board. Our constitution encourages us to have at least two nominations for each vacancy. The Sec-Treasurer vacancy occurs annually because this person progresses to Vice-President. The Region Director vacancy occurs because Tony Stefanidis, who has been a great asset to the Region and Board, especially in his capacity as the Chair of the Membership Committee, has decided not to run for a second term on the Board due to time constraints)

A number of members have been actively canvassing for candidates and the efforts of Pete Doucette, Tony Stefanidis, Yogen Singh, Larry Pettinger, Chris Parrish and our colleagues in NGA and USGS are appreciated. Several individuals have been contacted and we have at present three potential candidates. These discussions are still in progress and an ad hoc meeting of the Board was proposed and approved for Monday January 31st at 6.00 p.m. to review progress.

**Agenda item 3: Treasurer's Report.**

Allan reported that the Region's finances remain healthy. During 2011 we had an income in excess of \$19,700.00 and expenses of some \$19,500.00. The final figures will include the interest on our CD and the balances from the GeoTech accounts, but we expect to have a net surplus that exceeds \$200.00

**Agenda item 4: Annual Dinner and Meeting Report**

By an official vote of the Board, Pete and Michelle have are authorized to make the decision on choice of venue and book it, after investigating costs and other pros and cons of each. Pete reported that this is still on track. By-laws require that we hold this event 6+ weeks after the election. The Board approved a 2 week election period and the use of an electronic ballot. This pushed the annual meeting and dinner date into April. Pete is pleased to announce that:

**The ASPRS-Potomac Region Annual Meeting and Dinner will be held on April 18th 2012 at the Holiday Inn, Dulles-Expo when our speaker will be Rob Thomas on "Mobile Applications with Photogrammetry"**

Barbara suggested that we order new name badges for Region Officers in advance of our Annual Meeting and Dinner. Chris has action.

John noted that we could cross-check membership by using the Geotech 2011 mailing and retrieving the "RTS" mail received at HQ. That should assist with the definition of correct mailing addresses, including addresses for lapsed members.

**Agenda item 5: Student Chapter/Forum Report**

Katarina Doctor, the President of the Student Chapter / Forum at George Mason University reported the Chapter/Forum continues to be active and has embraced the ASPRS National Board's creation of a Student Advisory Council (SAC). This council will hold its annual conference at George Mason, June 10-16th 2012. The theme of the conference will be Geospatial data fusion, crowdsourcing, lidar and video applications. Details are available on the ASPRS site at: <http://www.asprs.org/Conferences/SAC-2012/>. The conference has sponsorship from USGIF and offers opportunities for region members to sponsor at a series of levels each offering visibility for sponsors.

In discussion Chris and John both responded to the Chapter/Forum's invitation to be an official sponsor of this event. Other support from the region was discussed including such input as members offering to be speakers for meetings (both academic lecturers and company scientists).

Yogen responded warmly to the invitation extended by Katarina for PR Board members to attend Chapter/Forum events. These opportunities for interaction with the Chapter and Forum will be followed up in Board meetings during the year.

#### **Agenda item 6: President-elect's 2012 Agenda**

Because Josh is working on completing lapsed member contacting, Chris will take the lead in getting the final newsletter of the year produced, the newsletter will have the following sections:

- GeoTech 2011 Summary: Chris
- Announcement of Region Elections & Candidates: Chris
- Update from Pecora: Barbara
- Pete's contribution (TBA): Pete

Chris then thanked the officers, Board and PR membership for all the support and assistance he received from them during his year of office. Particularly he was grateful for advice from Past-President Peter Doucette during 2011. Chris then turned the meeting over to incoming President John Manzer.

John expressed his appreciation of Chris's action in making the transition to 2012 officers so smoothly and thanked him for a successful year in office that had required detailed attention to the issue of contacting lapsed members. A full slate of Newsletters, technical tours, and a celebration of 15 years of GeoTech were all accomplished in addition to the business of administering the largest of the ASPRS Regions.

John then laid out the expectations for the coming year. Important in this is the need to get the lapsed members list from HQ in March if possible, and address the need to contact each one. Yogen, s the Region's Historian, was asked to write up the 15 year history of GeoTech. In addition Yogen agreed to focus on USGS tech tours. Student membership at GMU will be encouraged to participate in the Tech Tours. The Board unanimously passed a motion to continue the \$250.00 annual contribution to the Student Chapters and Forums in the Region plus the financial support for dues for 10 new members of each Chapter/Forum. GeoTech will be chaired by Allan who was encouraged to use the Newsletter to announce and maintain interest in the 2012 Conference. Specifically an early announcement of the GeoTech 2010 venue, Theme, and dates was expected. John also requested an up-date on ASPRS's National business from our National Director, Barbara, and a request that she keep the Board informed of changes (if any) to the conditions applicable to the annual rebate.

#### **Agenda item 7: Other Business**

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.