Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting 17 September 2013

Members Present: Allan Falconer, Ashley Holt, Peter Doucette, John Manzer, Susan Oakley, Robbie

The meeting was opened by the President.

The meeting adopted the standing agenda that had been previously circulated and added items of business.

The Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved.

The President noted that there has been continued progress increasing our student memberships and partnerships at universities such as Appalachian State and NOVA. A successful trip to Appalachian State was made by Allan Falconer and Mike Krimmer in early Sept.

The Vice President reported updates on the status of Planning for GEOTECH 2013 at the National Academy of Sciences. Ashley Holt stated plans are well underway and great progress is being made toward an agenda for both days, key note speakers, sponsorships, and social events.

The Board welcomed Susan Oakley as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Susan assumes the role immediately and after receiving access to the banking records, plans to report on current balances and budgets at next month’s meeting.

Continuing Business:

NOVA student chapter bylaws were forwarded to the Board for review and comment. The bylaws and the student petition for a charter were sent to National for review. The Board voted unanimously to approve the new student chapter bylaws. Mike Krimmer is the POC for the NOVA chapter.

ASPRS email addresses for the board to use for official business were discussed. Official email addresses will allow for smooth and easy transition of business when officers change positions and take on different responsibilities. The board voted unanimously to have Martin create email addresses so we can begin using them right away.

Peter Doucette discussed the upcoming Tech Webinar ‘Semi-Global Matching’ and the date on which it will be held. Time constraints on advertising the webinar are looming since it will be held on 25Sept.

In her Vice-President’s report Ashley updated us on GeoTech 2013 planning. Event will be Dec. 9-10 (M-Tu) at NAS Keck Center (500 Fifth Street, NW. Washington, DC 20001); Monday December 9th will be the plenary session, and Tuesday December 10th will be workshops. Ashley stated that the technical seminars have been identified and planning is underway to have Ron Resmini, OpenGeo, and Map Box facilitate. Possible keynote speakers will be Ted Cope (NGA) and Paul Ramsey (OpenGeo). Peter and Ashley toured the facility and noted that there may be constraints to the number of vendors that can participate. The board discussed options to welcome all vendors and Ashley will continue to assess what
we can do to accommodate them. Ideas included having vendors sponsor a coffee break, student poster session, reception, etc. A draft agenda is in process and will be complete soon. We need to start advertising the event and Martin will need to update the website.

The board discussed a PowerPoint file that is on the website and addresses the membership recruiting. Allan has a copy and will send out to board members if they are unable to download a copy.

The Board welcomed Susan Oakley as the incoming Secretary/Treasurer, replacing Mike Krimmer’s responsibilities. Allan will work with Susan in the coming weeks to transfer notes, data, and bank information so she can get up to speed.

**Tech tour** at Digital Globe is scheduled for 27 Sept. noon-4pm. Robby has the agenda and the registration is almost at capacity with 37 of 40 slots filled. MDA Federal indicated they are on board and happy to host the next tech tour, in 6 weeks.

**Next meeting:** 21October 2013