

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting, 15 May 2017

Board Members Present:

- Chris McGlone (President)
- Gang Chen (Vice President)
- Jackie Carr (Secretary/Treasurer)
- Paul Bresnahan (Immediate Past President)
- David Alvarez (Region Director)

Board Members Absent:

- Mukul Sonwalkar (Region Officers Council Representative)
- Evan Brown (Region Director)
- Michael Paquette (Region Director)
- Yogendra Singh (Historian)

1. **Opening:** The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by President Chris McGlone at 6:03 pm; a quorum was present. Minutes from the previous meeting were provided for review. Motion by Chen to accept the April Board meeting minutes, seconded by Alvarez. Minutes were approved.

2. President Report (McGlone):

- Membership: ASPRS national office database has been fixed and notices were sent out to all whose memberships are expiring by July. Chris has received a membership spreadsheet which he will post on Google docs. ASPRS national wants to concentrate on membership renewal and recruitment.

3. Vice President Report (Chen):

- NC Chapter Status: Email received from Hope Morgan and they are making progress towards identifying the necessary number of members to support a chapter. She plans to set up two meetings – one online and one in person most likely in July (dates to be determined). Chen will be available to attend July meeting and provide representation from the board.

4. Secretary-treasurer Report (Carr):

- Accounts Total \$ 60,590.93
 - Checking \$8,039.45
 - Money Market \$27,259.58
 - CD \$25,291.90
- No April expenditures

5. Region Directors Report (Alvarez):

- **New student chapter status:** No report available
- **Existing Chapter Status**
 - No report available as Paquette and Brown were investigating status
 - McGLone will contact Paquette and Brown for update
 - Manuals for distribution to student chapters are available at headquarters. McGLone will pick up and hold to distribute
- **Potential Tech Tours:**
 - McGLone reported that Paquette talked to Digital Globe but no details are available at this time
 - Alvarez is engaging for Library of Congress Rare Maps tour and looking to fall time frame
- **Regional Officers Council Representative Report:** No report available.

6. Membership:

- National membership database: Discussed under president's report
- Member renewal and recruitment: Discussed under president's report
- Generating more activity in MD: Some organization meetings and conferences offer opportunities to address Maryland GIS professionals. More detail provided under Other Relevant Business.

7. Other Relevant Business:

- Discussion of potential avenues to increase Maryland interest/membership (Alvarez):
 - Maryland State Geographic Information Committee (MSGIC)
 - State professional organization representing government, academia, regional organization and industry.
 - Meet each quarter. Session include a business meeting and typically a special speaker. They are open to presentations on photogrammetry and remote sensing. Recommend focus on state of the art and applications relevant to GIS professionals and consumers
 - Partners with TUgis
 - TUgis – Maryland Geospatial Conference
 - Attendance last year of almost 700 persons
 - Interested in ASPRS PR participation and flexible on type of participation to include a booth, block of sessions, paper competition, workshop, etc.
 - Alvarez will write up a list of participation options to send to group for discussion
 - There could be opportunities to piggy back to reinvigorate GeoTech

8. Meeting was adjourned at **6:19 pm**. Motion by Bresnahan to adjourn meeting, seconded by Chen; motion passed.