

Minutes: ASPRS Potomac Region Board Meeting December 17, 2018

Board Members Present:

Gang Chen (President)
Jackie Carr (Vice President)
Chris McGlone (Immediate Past President)
David Lasko (Secretary/Treasurer)
Evan Brown (Region Director)
Hope Morgan (Region Director)
Michael Paquette (Region Director)
Yogendra Singh (Historian)

Board Members Absent:

Mukul Sonwalkar (Region Officers Council Representative)

1. Approval of November meeting minutes

The meeting was held via teleconference and was opened by President Gang Chen at 6:00 pm; a quorum was present. The minutes from the November Board meeting were unanimously approved.

2. President's Report: Chen

a. Board election

The Ballot for the candidates for the Board positions of Secretary/Treasurer, Region Director and Region Council Representative was sent to all region members on December 17 by Martin Wills. The ballot will close on January 8.

b. Annual dinner

The dinner will occur during the week of February 18. Evan is investigating restaurant possibilities in the Tyson's Corner area. Concerning the main speaker, Jackie will contact a potential speaker from NGA who can provide a presentation on a collaborative effort to create geospatial information of Antarctica. Gang identified two other potential speakers from GMU, who the Board may use for future events at the GMU campus.

3. Vice President's Report: Carr

a. New Topic

Jackie indicated that the President of the NC Chapter is considered a member of the Potomac Region Board. Hope will forward the President's contact information so that the Board can invite him to participate.

4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report: Lasko

Total in accounts as of November 30: \$33,341.02
Business Banking \$6,058.63
Money Market \$27,282.39

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Debits: \$180 for Martin Wills work on webpage

5. Region Director's Reports: Brown, Morgan, Paquette

a. Update on student chapters

Hope reported on the recent NC Chapter year-end meeting held on November 16 at the NC Emergency Management Office. Twenty-five people attended and discussed reclassifying Lidar data, stereo pairs with Lidar from a UAS, and the 2022 datum conversion. The chapter and each committee agreed to meet quarterly. The results of the recent elections are: President - Harold Rempel, Immediate Past President - Paul Badr; Secretary/Treasurer – Hope Morgan. Two people remained for the technical tour afterwards.

The NC chapter is pursuing the development of a chapter website; the Board agreed to look into incorporating the NC chapter website into the PR website. Dave will contact Martin regarding this. The chapter is interested in offering workshops for members' continuing education. It was mentioned that Robert Burch of Ferris State University conducts excellent workshops for ASPRS certification.

Mike reported that the recent Map-a-thon conducted by the student chapter at JMU went very well. Sixty attendees contributed to missing maps in Africa aid projects, making significant progress in mapping Kenya. See the PR website for more details and photos.

6. Region Officers Council Representative Report: Sonwalkar

a. Update on ROC meetings

Gang reported on the recent meeting, where ASPRS indicated they will repay in January the loan which the Region provided them. The Puget Sound and Columbia River Regions will be merging.

7. Other relevant business

None.

8. Meeting adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm.

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