

## **ASPRS Potomac Board Meeting**

**Date:** November 18, 2019

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Mode of Meeting:** Teleconference

### **Members Present:**

1. Jackie Carr (President)
2. David Lasko (Vice President)
3. Kunwar Singh (Secretary-Treasurer)
4. Evan Brown (Region Council Representative)
5. Hope Morgan (Region Director) she will leave early due to another conference call.
6. Michael Paquette (Region Director)
7. Kevin Dobbs (Region Director)

### **Members Absent:**

1. Gang Chen (Immediate past president)
2. Harold Rempel
3. Yogendra Singh (Historian)

**Opening:** Carr, President ASPRS Potomac Region initiated the teleconference meeting at 6:00 PM. Board members present exceeded the quorum requirement.

#### **1. Approval of October 2019 meeting minutes:**

- Members unanimously approved October 2019 meeting minutes, a motion lead by **Paquette** and seconded by **Brown**.

#### **2. President Report (Carr):**

- The deadline for the presentation and poster abstracts for the ASPRS Annual conference is extended to December 2, 2019. Get the word out. If you have a good project idea or know some who are working on geospatial projects, share this info for submitting an abstract to the conference.
- John McCombs, Technical Division Directors Council, ASPRS National, has been taking a greater interest in social media to improve communication between ASPRS national and regions.

#### **3. Secretary-Treasurer (Singh):**

- Due to unexpected technical issue with accessing SunTrust online account, Singh was unable to update the Region's finance to the board members. There were two big, possibly significant, expenditures in the last month. We spent \$500 as a fee to make a reservation at Maggianos for the 2020 ASPRS Potomac Region annual meeting and provided financial support of \$250 the WVU student chapter. Currently, the Region holds:
  - Accounts Total \$30,983.39
    - Checking \$3,689.63
    - Money Market \$27,293.76
  - Money loan to ASPRS National \$25,000.00. Repayment is due at the end of 2019.

#### **5. North Carolina Chapter Report (Rempel/Morgan):**

- **Morgan** organized a day workshop on ‘coastal and marine remote sensing’ in the Moorhead city, North Carolina at the end of November 2019 with the help of the Duke University Marine Lab, a coastal campus located in Beaufort, N.C. and GEODynamics Company. The first half of the session was held in Moorhead city and the second half at the Duke Marine Science Center on how they use Drone for marine studies. The capacity of the tour was 30 while there were 20 attendees out of 26 registrations. The Tour was free to promote active participation to the ASPRS NC Chapter. GEODynamics brought its boat to demonstrate its unmanned aerial systems application to marine research. Recently, a 12 person team of the company was certified by the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) for the coastal survey. Morgan will share event photos for the newsletter.
- **Morgan** has scheduled the board at large (NC Chapter) meeting for November 24. The meeting will help to maintain ongoing momentum and to strengthen the ASPRS NC chapter, and attracts membership.

## 6. Committee Reports:

- **Nomination Committee** (Chen and Singh):
  - The committee did not receive nomination by the deadline, therefore, the committee has extended the deadline. The new deadline is November 24. Carr and others reached out to many members to invite nomination. As per the bylaws, our service continues until our replacement is be elected.
  - **Lasko** asked Carr about emeritus members and how they differ from retired professionals? As per Carr, emeritus members do not pay membership dues but have societal membership.
- **Technical Programs Committee Report** (Lasko):
  - No report on the technical Program Committee.
- **Communications and Publications Committee Report** (Singh/Carr):
  - **Region New Website**
    - **Singh** will transfer website contents to ActiveDomain website. Currently, the University of Missouri is hosting our website and has requested that we find a new service for hosting.
    - **Lasko, Singh, and Brown** reviewed one website proposal submitted by Frogspash. **Brown** contacted the website company Frogspash for details. The website committee received company owner (Eric) response. Eric is the sole submitter for the ASPRS Potomac Region’s new website development.
    - Eric provided us with some good examples of his work. **Brown** will talk to Singh and Lasko about Eric’s work and will update the board. Carr suggested maintaining the momentum.
  - **Newsletter**
    - The October Newsletter is out. **Carr** thanked the contribution to the newsletter and asked the board members to be mindful of contributions for the January/February newsletter.
- **Student Chapter and University Programs Committee Report** (Paquette):
  - The West Virginia University (WVU) ASPRS Student Chapter’s mini-show was a success. The WVU Remote Sensing club hosted a "mini-showcase" of remote sensing technologies and applications. The exhibition included various remote sensing equipment and instruments along with interactive activities. The mini-show was open to all students and faculty. Professor Timothy Warner was very appreciative of our financial support for the event. Michelle Bester, Chanter chair, provided a

financial support for the event. Morgan, Chapter Chair, provided a report along with photos of the event.

- George Mason University (GMU) GIS Day was on Wednesday, November 13. **Dobbs** represented ASPRS Potomac Region and hosted a booth at the event. The event had good attendance and was a success.
- **Singh** shared the idea of scholarship. One of the board members suggested a few student membership scholarships. Carr supported the membership idea, and suggested Singh work with Dobbs and Paquette to materialize the idea. Get the material out before the next meeting for discussion and vote.

○ **Professional Certification and Career Advancement Committee Report**

(Morgan):

- No report!

○ **Awards Committee Report** (Dobbs):

- No report!

○ **Annual Meeting Working Group** (Carr/Brown):

- **Carr** and **Brown** has reserved Maggiano's Little Italy at Tyson's Galleria, McLean, VA for the annual meeting scheduled on Sunday, February 9, 2020. Carr has secured the confirmation from the Team Rubicon for a speaker for the annual meeting and to potentially team with an industry supporter. Brown will send the menu to the board for discussion and decide the annual meeting agenda, preferably during the December meeting.
- **Brown** will run a few scenarios to assess how much money the region can contribute, including a fee for the registration. Region has not raised the registration fee in a while. Board can discuss this during the meeting and come up with some proposals. Region will send out the annual conference date in December and a formal announcement will be in early January.
- Carr is working on web connectivity for the event and considering registration for the web participants to track interest.

**7. Region Officers Council Representative Report (Brown/Carr):**

- **Brown** and **Carr** attended the regional boards meeting. Currently, region merger is in process. ASPRS National will approve terms of merger. New England region has been dissolved. The Intermountain region may be dissolved. Members suggested a few options to generate money such as hosting some seminar and activities that generate membership, etc.
- There was some talk about the ROC and Sustaining Member Council identify sustaining members by region to which they reside and help to encourage region greater involvement in region activities.

**8. Summary of Action**

- Brown will create meal options selection for the annual meeting
- Evan, Lasko, and Singh will work on website management decision and will update to the board
- Singh, Dobbs and Paquette will work on student award proposal
- Carr will send annual meeting web conference information to Morgan when available

**Meeting Adjournment:** Paquette made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Morgan. The President adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.

