

# ASPRS Potomac Board Meeting

**Date:** April 20th, 2020

**Time:** 6:00 pm

**Mode of Meeting:** Teleconference

## **Members Present:**

Jackie Carr (Past President)

David Lasko (President)

Kunwar Singh (Vice President)

Jason Brown (Secretary-Treasurer)

Evan Brown (Region Council Representative)

Angel Pagan (Region Director)

## **Members Absent:**

Kevin Dobbs (Region Director)

Hope Morgan (Region Director)

Harold Rempel (NC Chapter Rep)

Yogendra Singh (Historian)

**Opening: Lasko**, President ASPRS Potomac Region initiated the teleconference meeting at 6:00 PM. The number of Board members present satisfied the quorum requirement. The President opened the meeting by welcoming Jason and Angel to the Board with introductions and backgrounds of the members present.

## **1. President Report (Lasko):**

- a. **Lasko** discussed the 2020 goals for the Potomac Region including
  - i. Increase support of student members and student chapters and incorporate new student chapters at additional universities.
  - ii. Investigate ways to start to support Young Professionals
  - iii. Communications including the new website and region newsletters.
  - iiii. Provide technical activities of membership
  - v. Partnerships with other organizations in the DC area for program, seminars, and conferences.
- b. **Lasko** discussed the first annual budget to facilitate proposed student awards. The budget amounts to \$3300 per year including the annual dinner, web maintenance, and student awards. Since there is no source of income, we can last for 13 to 18 years with this budget.
  - i. **Lasko** asked for comment and members said it was a reasonable budget and no vote was taken on this planning item.
  - ii. **Carr** asked for Lasko to post the presentation slides to Google drive.
- c. **Lasko** began a discussion on Committees including the filled and vacant roles for the next year or so.
  - i. **J Brown** volunteered to be the DC area member for the Professional Certification and Career Advancement Committee.
- d. **Lasko** shared his notes on ASPRS Committee Meetings held on the 23rd and 24th of March.
  - i. Awards committee provided several awards last year which dovetails nicely with our proposed awards. We could be eligible for Newsletter of the Year and Website of the Year.

- ii. Professional Practice Division - The ASPRS Board approved putting its educational material online and ASPRS is looking for more topics/speakers for GEObytes and webinars.
- iii. GIS Division has several interesting programs and committees around Young Professionals that we can learn from to meet our 2020 goal.
- iiii. Photogrammetric Applications Division has started to develop an online course and are looking for volunteers to help, including people to answer incoming questions regarding certification.
- v. Remote Sensing Applications Division provided a link to NASA ARSET training.
- vi. Primary Data Applications Division - Joe Adams of USGS indicated that they are developing new guidelines calibration and spatial accuracy and Lasko suggested that we can target this for our next newsletter.

**2. Secretary-Treasurer (Singh for J Brown during transition):**

- a. The region provided financial support of \$240 for the UNC Charlotte student chapter and earned interest of \$1.08 on money in Money Market account. Currently, the Region holds:
  - i. Checking \$3,449.63
  - ii. Money Market \$27,296.04
  - iii. \$25,000 loan to ASPRS
  - iiii. Lasko mentioned that there is \$575 in Universe account from the dinner
- v. Singh asked to discuss sometime in the near future ways to create income and Lasko suggested the next board meeting. Singh also mentioned that the Money Market account makes a low rate of interest. Short discussion followed about various options such as a bank account. Singh volunteered to investigate and report back next meeting.
- c. The Board realized that the Meeting Minutes from the January meeting had not yet been approved.
  - i. **J Brown** made the motion to approve them, **Singh** seconded the motion.
  - ii. Unanimous approval by the Board.

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

- a. No report on the North Carolina Chapter

**4. Committee Reports:**

- a. Nomination Committee (**Carr/J Brown**):
  - i. No report on the Nomination Committee.
- b. Technical Programs Committee Report (Singh/Lasko):
  - i. No report on the Technical Program Committee.
- c. Communications and Publications Committee Report (**Singh/Carr**):
  - i. Website update - contract awarded to Frogsplash on 1 February 2020. Discussed with Frogsplash content and region characteristics of website.
- d. Awards/Student Chapter Committee Report Dobbs):
  - i. **Singh** presented the revised award proposal
    - 1. **Carr** suggested that given the current academic uncertainty due to the Coronavirus outbreak that rather than focus on students or student chapters that we focus on the Young Professional awards to have an immediate impact.
    - Lasko** volunteered to assist **Singh** with updating the proposal. It will be discussed next meeting.
- e. Professional Certification and Career Advancement Committee Report (**Morgan**):

i. No report on the Professional Certification and Career Advancement Committee.

f. Annual Meeting Working Group (TBD):

i. No report on the Annual Meeting Working Group.

**5. Region Officers Council Representative Report E Brown):**

a. Meeting at the end of March - Divisions need to coordinate better and needs perks to recruit region leadership. Looking to do in-person certification classes, if we host classes, workshops and conferences to get funds. Lastly the ROC indicated it needs to get more involved with student chapters. **E Brown** mentioned that the ROC is a good way to bring issues up to Headquarters and leadership as well as network and collaborate with other regions.

**6. Summary of Action**

a. Investigate focusing on the Young Professional awards to have an immediate impact.

b. p Update the awards proposal for the next meeting.

c. Investigate ways of gaining Region funding and discuss at next meeting

**Meeting Adjournment: E Brown** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by **Carr**. The President adjourned the meeting at 7:10 pm.