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# Potomac Region

The imaging and geospatial information society

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## Region Board of Director Elections

The Potomac Region Board of Directors has two vacancies which will be filled by election with voting on-going until **5 January 2009**. E-ballots and candidate information is available at the Region Web site:

[www.asprspotomac.org](http://www.asprspotomac.org).

Candidates for the 2009 Board:

### Secretary Treasurer

Dr. Christopher Parrish  
 Physical Scientist  
 NOAA National Geodetic Survey

Dr. Steven Payton  
 Senior Scientist  
 Science Application International Corporation

### Region Director

Dr. Genong (Eugene) Yu  
 Research Professor  
 Center for Spatial Information Sciences & Systems George Mason University

Dr. Anthony Stefanidis  
 Associate Professor  
 Department of Geography and Geoinformation Science, George Mason University



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## Student Forum Awards Program Commences

Virginia Tech (Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University or VT) and George Mason University (GMU) became the first two region-wide universities to formally begin the 'Potomac Region Student Forum Awards'. The Region is in the process of implementation of two more Awards, namely – 'The Alfred O. Quinn Potomac Region Student Forum' and 'The Gilbert Hobrough Potomac Region Student Forum', respectively.

Dr. Jim Campbell, a faculty member at VT and Dr. Richard Gomez, a faculty member at GMU will help coordinate 'The Scott Reading Potomac Region Student

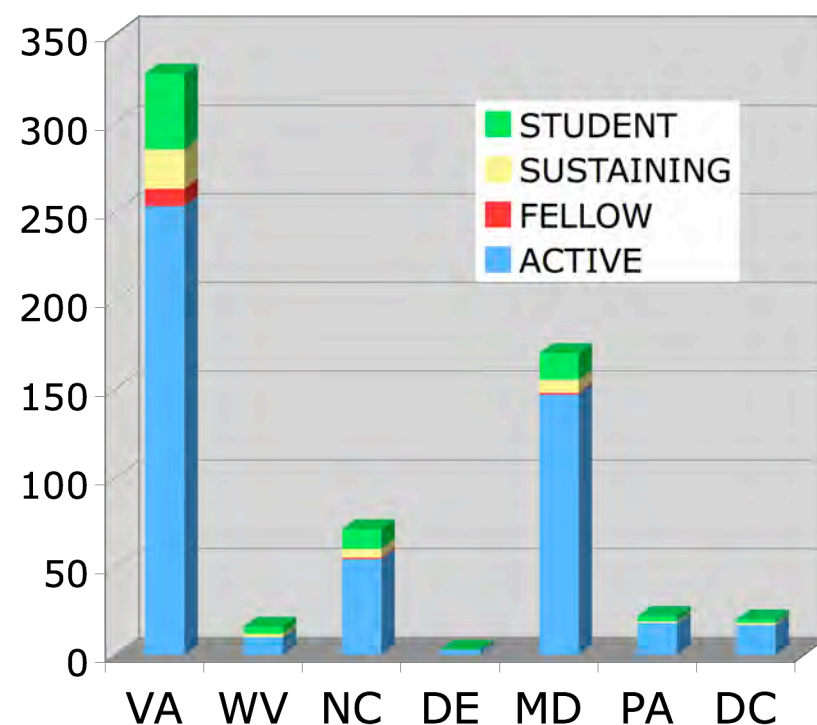


Forum' and 'The Frederick Doyle Potomac Region Student Forum' awards activities, respectively. The student forum award program consists of up to ten one year paid Student Memberships in ASPRS annually given to participants and includes a sum of \$250 for organized activities according to the Awards guidelines. The student forum participants shall be from undergraduate and graduate programs covering the science and technology of interest to the Society.



The VT Award is named in honor of Mr. Oliver S. (Scott) Reading who was a renowned photogrammetrist with the US Coast and Geodetic Survey and founding member of The American Society for Photogrammetry in the year 1934.

Potomac Region has 630 members. 81 have joined since Jan 2008. The ratio of male to female is approximately 5:1.



The GMU Award is named in honor of Dr. Fred Doyle, a Honorary Member of the Society and a renowned distinguished retired photogrammetrist who worked in numerous government, industry, and academic positions. The detailed biography of the honorees shall be on the Region website

The Potomac Region Student Forum Award Program is a unique endeavor designed to outreach students to promote the Society professional activities and increase student participation in the Region. It is also intended to honor the contributions of pioneering members of the imaging and geospatial information profession. These awards will be formally implemented throughout 2009.

## ***GeoTech 08 Conference Huge Success***

Record attendance and exceptional technical content highlighted the 2008 GeoTech Conference held 7-8 October at the NOAA Auditorium and Science Center in Silver Spring, MD. Workshops, Technical Sessions, vendors, and professional networking made up a unique and fulfilling experience.

The Potomac Region would like to thank the NOAA National Geodetic Survey for



their generous support as well as conference co-sponsors SAIC and US Geological Survey Land Remote Sensing Program.

GeoTech 2008 Exhibitors included: NOAA Commissioned Corps, Furgo EarthData,

GeoEye, Western Air Maps, Inc., ITT Visual Information Services, 3001 Inc., Applied Imagery, Intergraph, NOAA, USGS, Tuck Mapping Solutions, Inc., Erdas, and ASPRS.

## ***2009 Region Activities and Professional Networking Opportunities***

The Potomac Region has formed a discussion group on the professional networking site [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com) with the intent to provide a venue for



communication among Region members. Discussion topics may involve Region activity promotion, employment opportunities, and geospatial information policy issues, among many. Dave Szymanski will monitor the group discourse. Join LinkedIn.com and stay connected.

The Potomac Region Web site [www.asprspotomac.org/news](http://www.asprspotomac.org/news) has RSS feed capability. Keep on top of Region news.

Region Officers are compiling a list of engaging and informative activities for 2009. Activities in-process include technical tours of US Department of Agriculture Mapping Center, Fairfax, VA and NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, MD. Submit additional ideas to Dave Szymanski: [Dave\\_Szymanski@alum.rit.edu](mailto:Dave_Szymanski@alum.rit.edu).

## ***Annual Dinner Date Announced***

Potomac Region President Dave Szymanski has announced the Annual Dinner will occur on Tuesday 3 February 2009. The event will include 2009 Region Board installation, Region Award

presentations which will recognize members' accomplishments and service in 2008. The Region year in review will be given and a Keynote presentation by Kass Green, President of Kass Green Associates and ASPRS President.

The dinner will be held in Tysons Corner, VA. See the Region Website for registration and directions.

2008 Potomac Region Officers:

### **President**

David Szymanski, Ph.D. Booz Allen Hamilton Inc

### **Vice President**

Barbara Eckstein, Ph.D. McClendon, LLC

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

Pete Doucette, Ph.D. ITT Industries

### **National Director**

Allen Falconer, Ph.D.

George Mason University

### **Historian**

Yogen Singh, CP, PLS

### **Region Directors**

Steve Payton, Ph.D., CMS, SAIC

John Manzer, GeoEye

Yong Wang Ph.D. East Carolina University

### **NC Chapter President**

Jim McNeil, PPS, PLS

Continental Aerial Surveys, Inc.

## ***Potomac Region Hosts 2009 National Conference in Baltimore***

The Potomac Region Conference Committee has been busy planning the logistics of the 8-13 March 2009 ASPRS Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD. With the theme *Reflection of the Past Vision of the Future*, conference activities include workshops, meetings, technical sessions, keynote and



general session speakers as well as a celebration of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASPRS. Potomac Region will host a welcome reception on Tuesday 10 March at the conference hotel.

## ***Call for Papers and Presentations***

Two upcoming conferences in the Potomac Region are currently seeking presenters.

### **Towson University GIS Conference**

The Towson University Department of Geography and Environmental Planning is pleased to announce our 22nd Annual Geographic Information Sciences (GIS) Conference. **TUGIS 2009** will be held on Monday, March 16, 2009 and Tuesday, March 17, 2009 on the Towson University campus. The conference emphasizes information sharing, or technology transfer, by anyone currently using GIS and anyone considering using GIS

<http://tugis.towson.edu/>

### **Classified Session at the 2009 ASPRS Annual Conference in Baltimore**

The General and Technical Sessions are closed, however the Classified Session held on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency is seeking presentations. The session topic will be *Motion Imagery/Full Motion Imagery – from Forensics to Real-time Capabilities*.

Individuals wishing to present should visit the Potomac Region Website for details **and apply no later than December 17, 2008.** [www.asprspotomac.org/news](http://www.asprspotomac.org/news)

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

**17 December 2008**, Deadline Classified Session 2009 ASPRS Annual Conference  
**05 January 2009** Potomac Region Balloting ends  
**3 February 2009**, PR Annual Dinner  
**8-13 March 2009**, ASPRS Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD  
**16, 17 March 2009**, TUGIS 2009