

ASPRS Potomac Region Newsletter

March, 2016

Potomac Region Annual Meeting

The Potomac Region annual meeting and dinner is a chance for the members to get together over a meal, discuss current business, install new officers, and hear a talk on a subject of interest.

The guest speaker at this year's dinner was Mr. James H. Frey, whose career in the geospatial and imagery industries has included positions as General Manager of GE's Spacecraft Division, President of Itek Corporation, President of TASC Incorporated, and Senior VP at Litton Industry. His talk covered the political and commercial aspects of some of the initial developments leading to commercial satellite imagery



James Frey, speaker at the annual dinner.



Board members present at the dinner, from left: Mukul Sonwalkar, Region Officers Council Representative; Michael Paquette, Region Director; Chris McGlone, President; Jackie Carr, Secretary-Treasurer; Evan Brown, Region Director

Board Members, New and Old

Three new board members were installed at the annual meeting: Jackie Carr, as Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Paquette as a Region Director, and Mukul Sonwalkar as our Region Officers Council Representative. The board now consists of:

Chris McGlone, President: president@asprspotomac.org
Gang Chen, Vice President: vicepresident@asprspotomac.org
Jackie Carr, Secretary / Treasurer: secretarytreasurer@asprspotomac.org
Paul Bresnahan, Past-President: pastpresident@asprspotomac.org
Mukul Sonwalkar, Region Officers Council Representative:
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David Alvarez, Region Director: regiondirector1@asprspotomac.org
Evan Brown, Region Director: regiondirector2@asprspotomac.org
Mike Paquette, Region Director: membershipdirector@asprspotomac.org
Yogendra P. Singh, Historian: historian@asprspotomac.org

North Carolina Chapter Formation

The large area covered by ASPRS regions can make face-to-face member interaction difficult; for this reason, the ASPRS bylaws support the formation of chapters within regions. If you live in North Carolina or southern Virginia and would like to join a chapter based in North Carolina, please contact Hope Morgan (Hope.morgan@ncdps.gov) who is working on putting a chapter together.

Student Chapters and Forum Formation and Reinvigoration

There are currently six student chapters and student forums within the Potomac Region. Two new chapters are in the process of being established, at Appalachian State University and James Madison University, and we welcome interest in forming new student chapters and forums from other schools. We are also working on reinvigorating our current chapters that may have become inactive. A set of ASPRS manuals will be given to each active chapter. Please contact our Region Director Evan Brown (regiondirector2@asprspotomac.org) for details about student chapter and forum formation and reinvigoration.

Bylaws Amended

We recently amended the Potomac Region's bylaws (approved in September 2016). The major change was replacing the position of National Director with Region Officers Council Representative and defining the duties of this new position. The bylaws were also modified to conform with the changes in the organization and bylaws of ASPRS, to add Student Forums, and to improve the language in Finances. Please find the amended bylaws on the Potomac Region's website: <https://www.asprspotomac.org>.

Mt Vernon Tech Tour



On November 10 we took a tour of George Washington's Mount Vernon estate which covered its history, architectural preservation, surveying, and cartography. We were given tours of the mansion and outbuildings, and details of the restoration were pointed out and discussed. For instance, the slave quarters were restored using bricks from the White House when it was rebuilt during the Truman administration. The distillery was unfortunately not open.

Best Wishes for Yogen

Many of you know Yogendra Singh, a longtime member of ASPRS and stalwart of the Potomac Region, now serving as the Region Historian. Yogen is currently recovering from heart surgery in Texas. We wish him a speedy recovery!

Potomac Region Accomplishments

Members of the Potomac Region are very active in technology, government, and education, and we would like to recognize their accomplishments in this newsletter. If you've done something you'd like to brag about, please send us a note and we'll let the rest of the Region know about it!

PR Communications

The Potomac Region uses several different communications channels to stay in touch with members:

- Newsletters (now sent only by email).
- Website <https://www.asprspotomac.org>
- Board members can be contacted using the email addresses given above.
- Facebook: Join the group "ASPRS Potomac Region"
- LinkedIn: our group is "Potomac Region of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing"
- Twitter: Follow @asprspotomac