

*American Association for Geodetic Surveying*

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

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1. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Meyer at 16:03 hrs. EDT.

B. Acting Scribe Rollins called the roll:

i. Present:

Thomas Meyer, President;

Dan Gillins, President-Elect;

Chuck Ghilani, Immediate Past President;

Herb Stoughton, Vice-President, Director (3rd year);

Elisabeth Rollins, Acting Recorder;

Dan Martin, Treasurer;

Steve Briggs, Parliamentarian;

Jacob Heck, AAGS/NSPS Liaison;

Dave Zilkoski, Membership Chair;

ii. Absent:

Tony Cavell, Director (1st year);

Dan Roman, Secretary;

John Bean, Delegate to NSPS Foundation and Chair, Director (2nd year);

Ronnie Taylor, Reporter (Association Editor);

Michael Dennis, invitee;

Brian Riniker, invitee.

iii. Meyer designated Briggs as Director. At least two directors were present as well as a quorum; therefore, the meeting was authorized.

*Please note: Callers not using a speaker phone  
can be heard most clearly and easily.<sup>1</sup>*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.conferencecallsunlimited.com/blog/10-ways-to-improve-audio-on-your-conference-call/>

## 2. Agenda

- A. Upon call for additions, new business was not introduced.
- B. AAGS Parliamentarian Briggs made a motion for acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda, posted April 11. Vice President Stoughton seconded the motion, which carried with no objection.

## 3. Minutes

- A. No alterations to the March 14 Meeting Minutes were submitted.
- B. The March 14 Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

## 4. Treasurer's Report (Martin):

AAGS is significantly (about 35%) behind fiscally compared with this time 2018.

AAGS currently has about \$18,000 in SaLIS subscriptions, which will serve to offset publication expenses. However, this money cannot be reflected in the P&L Statement until the associated issue is published.

The Membership List reveals who has not yet renewed membership. Martin will compare the lists and analyze to see how reduction in membership may explain why AAGS currently has received \$8015, where a year ago AAGS had received about \$14,000.

### A. Budget Report (Gillins, Martin)

- i. NSPS costs: The Budget Report indicates services provided by NSPS, per monthly invoicing. Milburn hourly rates were corrected, and other charges explained. Jupin's services were roundly commended.
- ii. COFPAES<sup>2</sup>: Given that COFPAES is a lobbying organization, and given that AAGS Board members are uncertain what benefit COFPAES provides AAGS members, continued association with COFPAES was questioned. Martin will find out whether AAGS is a member of COFPAES, or only affiliated through NSPS. Martin suggested that Meyer communicate with COFPAES leadership to find out what benefits COFPAES provides to AAGS members who are neither federal nor state employees.

## 5. Old Business and Communications

- A. International Federation of Surveyors (**FIG**): The *ad hoc* committee produced a plan for a way forward. Meyer sent a message to the President of NSPS, asking for a time for a phone conversation to discuss what AAGS wants to do, but still awaits the response. Meyer will keep the AAGS Board informed as things develop.

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<sup>2</sup> cofpaes.org – Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services

- B. **Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO)**<sup>3</sup>
- i. The opportunity to represent AAGS as Delegate to COGO was opened to the organization at large. One volunteer is not yet licensed and probably not experienced enough to be the delegate. Cavell volunteered to be the AAGS Delegate, which involves attending one in-person meeting per year (in the DC region), plus monthly conference calls.
  - ii. Martin recommended that AAGS select a representative from nearby the DC region, to save travel costs. (It has been usual for AAGS to subsidize travel for its representatives.) Even so, no one from the DC region has volunteered for this role.
  - iii. Before submitting Cavell's name to COGO as the AAGS Delegate, Meyer will call Cavell to discuss the question of travel costs.
- C. The **AAGS Newsletter** has been produced by C. Ghilani, and is to be distributed 4/12.
- i. Please let Meyer know if you have any suggestions for the *Meet AAGS* column.
- D. **Web-based membership renewal issues:** Colburn responded 4/11/2019. He said that creating a renewal path requiring only a member ID number, not a login, is not possible online – only using a paper application. Meyer explored the online renewal process empirically, and discovered that at this time existing members are required to log in.
- E. **UESI Surveying and Geomatics 2020 Conference** Committee
- i. It was suggested that AAGS organize a session, but no one has volunteered to lead. This effort needs to be launched by May.
- F. **Information Matrix:** PBS may contact AAGS again in the coming months as things develop toward a 5-minute TV segment. No update is expected at least until August/September.
- i. Interested members should email [thomas.meyer@uconn.edu](mailto:thomas.meyer@uconn.edu)
- G. **O\*Net:** Finished. RTI may contact a sample of AAGS members to request information. Questions were deemed reasonable but non-specific.
6. Committees
- A. Website (Meyer)
- i. Email from Colburn Strategic Partners indicated a new monthly fee and increased hourly fee. Martin will research charges paid in 2018, to compare. Continuation with this service provider will be examined further at the next meeting.
  - ii. In the same email, Colburn Strategic Partners provided three options to address the need to discontinue the SaLIS website. Briggs moved to accept the third option, full closure for \$500, to end the website cleanly. Ghilani seconded the motion, which passed with no objection.

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<sup>3</sup> [cogo.pro/Home\\_Page.html](http://cogo.pro/Home_Page.html)

- B. Membership committee (Zilkoski): Three documents were presented.
  - i. Corporate membership (Draft): Feedback is requested by Zilkoski for establishment of suitable rates. \$180 per employee-vote was suggested, but the idea is to encourage companies to get more engaged – that is, to get more of their employees active.
  - ii. Job advertisement: Briggs made a motion to accept this document as is. Ghilani seconded the motion, and it passed without further discussion.
  - iii. Template articles of affiliation: Briggs made a motion to accept this document as is. Ghilani seconded the motion, and it passed without further discussion.
- C. Ad-hoc UESI (Martin)
  - i. This topic is deferred until the May meeting.
- D. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton)
  - i. Nothing to report at this time.
- 7. Surveying and Land Information Science (Ghilani)
  - A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
    - i. Nothing to report at this time.
  - B. SaLIS (Ghilani)
    - i. Ghilani has updated subscription rates, and the May issue is to be finished by next week.

Because of conflicts, the May meeting of the AAGS BOD is to be rescheduled following a message to all board members by AAGS President Meyer.

*Suggested Future Board meetings for 2019 are shown below. If a sufficient number of Board members express conflict with a specific date, the meeting will be rescheduled.*

June 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
July 11 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
August 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
September 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
October 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
November 14 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time
December 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time

- 8. Upon invitation, Briggs read: *“For the Good of the Order, the AAGS Board gives the President and Treasurer the authority to carry out the day to day activities of the AAGS until the next Board Meeting.”*
- 9. Upon a motion to adjourn promoted by Briggs, AAGS President Meyer adjourned the meeting at 17:18 hrs. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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