

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 09, 2018

1. Open meeting, President
 - A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Charles Ghilani at 16:00 hrs. EDT.
 - B. Secretary Roman called the roll.
 - i. Present: Charles Ghilani, President; Thomas Meyer, President-Elect; Dan Gillins, Vice-President, Director (3rd year); John Bean, Director (1st year); Dan Roman, Secretary; Elisabeth Rollins, Acting Recorder; Dan Martin, Treasurer; Dave Doyle, AAGS/NSPS Liaison, delegate to NSPS Foundation.
 - ii. Absent: John Hamilton, Immediate Past President; Herb Stoughton, Director (2nd year); Ronnie Taylor, Reporter (Association Editor).
 - iii. Other Attendees: Dave Zilkoski.
 - iv. At least two directors were present as well as a quorum; therefore, the meeting was authorized.
2. Agenda
 - A. Following an invitation for additions to the published AAGS BOD agenda, acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda as-is was moved and approved without dissent.
 - B. Roman moved for acceptance of the June 14 meeting minutes, and Meyer seconded the motion.
3. Acceptance of the June 14 Board Meeting Minutes was approved without dissent.
4. Treasurer's Report (Martin)
 - A. Martin reported updated financials from Bob Jupin, including about \$180 in new member processing fees, which indicates 12 new non-student members.
 - i. Meyer inquired whether the *Net Income* was at the level to be expected at this time of the year. Martin replied that the number represents totals for memberships, SaLIS, investments, etc.; and is therefore not indicative of disposable income compared with the expected output. For example, the scholarship fund is not disposable income.
 - ii. Martin will clarify income versus expenditures for the September meeting, to show more clearly where each portion of AAGS assets stands.
 - iii. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was moved by Roman and seconded by Bean, passing without dissent.

- B. Martin mentioned that the AAGS CD matures September 10, 2018. He mentioned 18-, 24-, and 36-month CD options available from Berkshire Bank, Alley Bank, and Discover Bank.
- i. Considering that AAGS income and output are running close, Martin recommended taking a 24-month option and requested feedback.
 - ii. Roman suggested splitting the current CD into two instruments -- one for 18 months and the other for 36 months. When the 18-month CD matures, it could be reinvested for 36 months, staggering two CDs at 18 months such that funds are always only 18 months away.
 - iii. Martin indicated that he would check with Bob Jupin about this possibility, and post information by email for a virtual vote by next week.
- C. *[Added after the meeting] Martin sent email 08/10 to report Bob Jupin's counsel regarding the points discussed:*
- i. *There is no early withdrawal penalty if AAGS requires funds from a CD prior to maturation.*
 - ii. *Splitting the principal into separate brokered CDs with different maturity dates should not be a problem. The Board needs to decide if the split will be 50 / 50 or some other ratio.*
 - iii. *Once the final decision is made, Jupin will coordinate with the Merrill Lynch contact to place the order for the new CDs immediately following the maturity of the current CD.*
 - iv. *By email, Roman moved that AAGS split the current CD it in two at maturation, reinvest the money in an 18-month CD and a 36-month CD, and renewing the 18-month CD as a 36-month CD to achieve staggered expirations. Meyer seconded the motion. Roman invited further discussion by email.*
 - v. *Ghilani sent email 08/11 to invite votes on the Roman motion to "Direct our treasurer to split our investment 50-50 with half being a 18-month CD and the other a 36-month CD with the eventual goal of having two 36-month CDs once the 18-month matures and is rolled over".*
 - vi. *Ghilani sent email 08/16 to announce that all board members had voted "aye". Ghilani requested that AAGS Treasurer Martin execute the motion, and Martin agreed.*
5. 2019 Membership Dues (Ghilani)
- A. Ghilani mentioned that the November issue of SaLIS includes a new member application form. Following a small discussion whether the current fees are appropriate for the coming year, Martin moved that AAGS keep the fees the same. Meyer seconded and the motion passed without opposition. These rates are:
- i. Member \$180
 - ii. Associate \$135
 - iii. Affiliate \$40
 - iv. One-time processing fee for Members, Associates, and Affiliates \$15
 - v. Student \$1 (Processing fee waived)

6. Committee Reports

A. Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI) Ad hoc Committee (Martin)

- i. The first UESI meeting will be in the August 20th time frame.
- ii. The UESI Ad hoc Committee will explore options for moving focus from NSPS to ASCE, beginning with a broad-spectrum, generic MOU. A desired benefit is to participate in the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG). Unless otherwise agreed, a report shall be produced by September 19, 2019.

B. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

- i. The AAGS Brochure has been completed and made available.
- ii. The Membership Committee is trying to schedule a meeting to discuss the AAGS member benefits summary, and particularly, the Affiliation Agreement. The Affiliation Agreement template is currently available for comment. Upon acceptance, it is to be used with State Societies as well as national organizations such as ASCE.

C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton)

- i. No update.

D. Election Committee (Hamilton)

- i. As Meyer mentioned, the ballot should be prepared before the September 13 meeting. Ghilani will send email to Hamilton asking for the ballot.
- ii. Board review in October 2018
- iii. Ballot mailed to members in November 2018
- iv. New Board members to be acknowledged/congratulated in December 2018

7. Surveying and Land Information Science (Meyer/Ghilani)

A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)

- i. Meyer and Ghilani have communicated with EU authors regarding the new privacy laws. The new privacy policy/warning is now posted on the website. Various responses have been received from authors. Martin expressed appreciation for Meyer and Ghilani doing this task.

B. Editor's update (Ghilani)

- i. Material for the November issue is in hand, and page edits were sent August 08 to Sheridan Press.
- ii. Papers have been accepted for the May 2019 issue, as well.
- iii. Zilkoski inquired about the plan to have links from the AAGS website to papers online. Zilkoski recommended that *each member* should send their own links for inclusion in an online "Bibliography of AAGS Members". Ghilani noted that citation and their link info should be sent to Eric Colburn via Meyer.

- iv. "Articles and Publications by AAGS Members" would be similar to the NGS publication library [<https://www.ngs.noaa.gov/library/>]. It would be outside the firewall because these citations are already publicly available. Links would be provided to AAGS private pages to highlight member content, inducing searchers to download and pay for more articles.
 - v. It was suggested that *AAGS Reporter Taylor* can collect info to highlight each AAGS member's publications, educational articles, and video; including links to peer reviewed journals such as SaLIS, GPS World, and others.
 - vi. It was then decided that AAGS members who have written articles shall send the article and its link directly to Tom Meyer <thomas.meyer@uconn.edu>, who will collate the information and send it to Colburn and Associates.
8. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018, @ 4:00 PM EDT.

Suggested Future Board meetings for 2018 are shown below. If a sufficient number of Board members express conflict with a specific date, the meeting will be rescheduled.

September 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time October 11 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time November 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time December 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time

9. AAGS Treasurer Martin 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."*
10. As moved by AAGS President-Elect Meyer and seconded by Martin, AAGS President Ghilani adjourned the meeting at 16:40 hrs. EDT.
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Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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