

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 12, 2019

1. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Meyer at 16:04 hrs. EST.

B. Acting Recorder Elisabeth Rollins called the roll:

i. Present:

President: Tom Meyer

President-Elect: Dan Gillins

Vice-President (Director 3rd year): Herb Stoughton

Director (1st year): Tony Cavell

Treasurer: Dan Martin

AAGS Members: Dave Zilkoski, Brian Fisher

ii. Absent:

Immediate Past President: Chuck Ghilani

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

Secretary: Dan Roman

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

AAGS/NSPS Liaison: Jacob Heck

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

2. Agenda

A. Herb Stoughton had noted the time change from EDT to EST.

B. Upon call for further additions, new business was not introduced.

C. Vice President Herb Stoughton made a motion for acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda, posted December 12. Treasurer Dan Martin seconded the motion, which carried without objection.

3. Minutes

A. No alterations to the November 14 Meeting Minutes were submitted.

- B. The November 14 Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.
- 4. Treasurer's Report (Martin)
 - A. The November 2019 Profit & Loss Financial Statement (spreadsheet) was distributed to board members.
 - i. Balances are doing well in the Operating Account, Investment Account, and Scholarship Account (formerly known as NSPS Foundation)
 - ii. SaLIS presents a health profit of approximately \$13,000.
 - iii. Without SaLIS, AAGS would be running about even.
 - iv. Other financial details are available on request.
 - B. Upon inquiry by Meyer, Martin confirmed that, given that the new MOU and Articles of Affiliation are now in force, this statement will be the last time charges for COFPAES dues to appear.
 - C. FIG and ABET dues will also be adjusted. Martin will seek information about the new lower dues, paid independently from NSPS.
 - D. Stoughton asked whether AAGS pays dues to COGO. As yet, COGO does not charge dues. Articles of Affiliation include a contingency for the institution of dues in the future.
 - E. Stoughton made a motion for acceptance of the report, and Cavell seconded the motion, which passed without objection.
- 5. Old Business and Communications
 - A. Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO) (Cavell):
 - i. Election is coming up in the near future [date unknown]
 - ii. Nothing heard in recent meeting about dues¹
 - iii. Martin suggested that if a COGO post-meeting report is available, this could be distributed to AAGS board members. While COGO meeting notes are not currently distributed, Cavell acknowledged that creating a formal post-meeting report is appropriate.
 - B. An AAGS position letter on the deprecation of the US Survey Foot was successfully delivered to NIST by the deadline.
 - i. Of the twelve votes received, only one was dissenting
 - ii. Comments have yet to be compiled
 - iii. Thanks to the working group that drafted the letter

¹ Per NSGIC Board meeting minutes 07/29/2019 <nsgic.memberclicks.net/assets/BOD%20Meeting%20Minutes%2007.29.19.pdf>, at the in-person COGO meeting held in San Diego [ESRI User Conference 07/08-12/2019], an annual membership fee of up to \$500 to cover COGO's operational costs was discussed. "The proposal assumed that a COGO organization would serve an association management function, including managing the finances under a COGO treasurer."

- iv. Martin inquired whether the position letter was the same as a letter sent previously to Juliana Blackwell of NGS.
 - Meyer clarified that Michael Dennis had advised sending the letter to the CEO of NIST instead, so the letter was redirected.
 - Cavell added that while the issue was initiated within NGS, it was appropriately turned over to NIST.
6. Committees
- A. Elections (Ghilani)
 - i. The ballot has been distributed to AAGS Full Members and Fellows by post, and all present had received their ballot.
 - ii. Meyer will check with Trisha Milburn regarding distribution of dues notices.
 - B. Legal (Heck)
 - i. The new MOU and Articles of Affiliation with NSPS have been approved.
 - ii. NSPS updated the amount charged for office services. This has not updated in several years.
 - iii. The Quarterly NGS/AAGS/NSPS conference call is scheduled for Friday, December 13, at 1 PM EST. Meyer stated that those interested are welcome to join. Phone number and PIN were distributed to Board members.
 - C. Website (Meyer)
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - D. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)
 - i. AAGS discussion of Corporate Membership is temporarily suspended, until Geodetic Certification is further underway.
 - E. Ad hoc UESI (Martin)
 - i. Conference will be in Lawrenceburg, Indiana from May 31, 2020 to June 2, 2020. *Only one taxi service covers Lawrenceburg. Participants are advised to plan ahead.*
 - ii. Those who submitted abstracts should have received email from program chairs regarding acceptance. Workshop notifications are going out a bit later.
 - iii. A partial agenda has been distributed, and Meyer will distribute the complete agenda when available. AAGS has a meeting scheduled for 4pm, Tuesday, June 2nd. This meeting may also serve as the AAGS Annual Meeting.
 - F. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton, Meyer)
 - i. Meyer brought up Geodetic Certification at the final UESI Conference planning meeting December 2. UESI people expressed serious interest in collaborating. Meyer will reach out to UESI Director Diane Swecker about this, in 2020.

- 7. Surveying and Land Information Science (Ghilani)
 - A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - B. SaLIS (Ghilani)
 - i. Three papers have been accepted for the May, 2020 issue.
 - ii. One additional paper is wanted.
- 8. New Business and Announcements
 - A. O*NET occupation taxonomy questionnaire

Martin, Stoughton, Cavell, and Zilkoski discussed their disappointment in the definition and task list for Geodetic Surveying in occupational questionnaires. They also discussed the need to update the OPM definition, particularly in light of innovations toward 2022. With the Board’s concurrence, Martin will contact O*NET to help them get the best information into their questionnaire. Meyer has contacts to share with Martin.
- 9. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, January 09 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.

Suggested Future Board meetings for 2020 are shown below. If a sufficient number of Board members express conflict with a specific date, the meeting may be rescheduled or cancelled.

February 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
March 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
April 09 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
May 14 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
June 11 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
July 09 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
August 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
September 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
October 08 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
November 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
December 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

- 10. Upon invitation, Acting Recorder Rollins 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.”*
- 11. At the next meeting, AAGS President Tom Meyer will pass the gavel to AAGS President-Elect Dan Gillins, for the year 2020.
- 12. AAGS President Meyer adjourned the meeting at 16:35 hrs. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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Date: February 4, 2020

Compiler: Elisabeth Rollins