

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

1. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gillins at 16:08 Eastern.

B. Secretary Dan Roman called the roll:

i. Present:

President: Dan Gillins

President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski

Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer

Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

Secretary: Dan Roman

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

AAGS/NSPS Liaison, Delegate to NSPS Foundation and Chair: Jacob Heck

FIG 2020 Delegate: John Hamilton¹

ii. Absent:

Vice-President (Director 3rd year): John Bean

Treasurer: Dan Martin

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

UESI Liaison: Michael Dennis¹

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

2. Agenda

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

B. A motion for acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda, posted February 13, carried without objection.

¹ *Italics indicates AAGS non-Board members*

3. Minutes
 - A. No new alterations to the January 09 Meeting Minutes were submitted.
 - B. Taylor moved that the finalized January 09 Meeting Minutes be approved as distributed. Zilkoski seconded, and the motion passed without objection.
4. Review of last month's action items
 - A. Draft letter to government agencies on selecting a liaison for Government Programs Committee (Taylor)
 - i. Taylor will complete a draft letter by Tuesday, February 18, with help from Zilkoski.
 - ii. The draft will be reviewed by the Committee prior to submission to the Board.
 - iii. Taylor received a brief summary description of the Government Programs Committee from Meyer, and would appreciate the complete official description if anyone can provide it.
5. Treasurer's Report (Martin)
 - A. The 2019 Year-end numbers and memo entries are still being processed. Treasurer Martin will have a year-end summary available for the Thursday, March 12 meeting.
 - B. The January P&L statement was distributed February 13.
 - C. Balances are doing well:
 - Operating Account @~\$49.5K
 - Merrill Lynch Investment Account @~\$46K
 - Scholarship Account (formerly known as NSPS Foundation) @\$58,877.24
 - D. Other financial details are available on request.
 - E. Treasurer Martin notes that association membership revenue is quite low.
 - i. TMilburn has provided a list of AAGS members who did not renew during the past 1-2 years. Gillins is working on an email reminder to these members, providing a link to renew. Zilkoski recommended highlighting membership benefits.
 - ii. Burtch mentioned the possibility of developing representatives/liasons at universities, to recruit students and professors as members.
 - iii. Meyer discussed prior communication with SaGES, whose membership is largely academic. Cooperation between SaGES and AAGS could provide reciprocal value, but while SaGES appreciates SaLIS as a benefit, they do not accept AAGS full membership dues.
 - iv. Cavell suggested using information on the NGS datum release 2022 to attract new members.

- v. Meyer mentioned a common misconception afoot, that NSPS members are automatically affiliate members of AAGS. He supposed that if all NSPS members were affiliated with AAGS at \$1 per head, the revenue would amount to ~\$40K.
 - vi. Heck will check with contacts at NSPS, supposing that a more workable arrangement would be discounted dues for NSPS members, as power users would find AAGS membership valuable.
 - vii. The cost of SaLIS is fairly fixed, given that it is distributed electronically. A printed copy is available for a price. Bookkeeping for thousands more members is not trivial, and AAGS is charged by HQ on a per member basis.
 - viii. Gillins requests additional discussion of membership development outside the board meeting. Additional suggestions to grow membership as a whole are also welcome.
6. Surveying and Land Information Science
- A. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani)
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - B. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
 - i. Negotiations to distribute in China are on hold, possibly due to COVID-19.
7. Committees
- A. Communications (Meyer)
 - i. Nothing to report.
 - B. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)
 - i. See section 5.E. above.
 - ii. Zilkoski will update April 2018 communication regarding current/future benefits to AAGS members
 - *Ways to increase membership of other professionals such as GIS Professionals*
 - *Concept of "Talk to an Expert" program as a benefit to AAGS members*
 - *Ad hoc committee to explore creating a NSPS-AAGS affiliate membership: Bean, Ghilani, Gillins, Kalen, Martin, Meyer, Roman, and Taylor (Meyer-O'Brien discussion Re: possibility of establishing the affiliate category, sent to ad hoc committee members)*
 - *Email to AAGS members requesting input about what AAGS can do to assist them in their operations*
 - C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton, Meyer)
 - i. Nothing to report.

8. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

- i. The next quarterly meeting with AAGS, NSPS, and NGS is Friday, March 13, 1pm Eastern. These quarterly meetings are open to members of all three groups.
 - *Online: meet.google.com/ipr-aejw-upu*
 - *Phone: +1 409-698-0097 PIN: 176 944 #*
- ii. NSPS Spring Meetings
 - April 1: NSPS Student Competition at NGS Testing and Training Center²
 - April 2–4: Business meetings
- iii. Timing is good now for negotiation with NSPS regarding points discussed earlier (see section 5.E.v and vi), prior to the NSPS Spring Meetings.

B. COGO (Cavell)

- i. *Meyer had forwarded the COGO Q1 draft meeting agenda, from Jon Warren, P.L.S., who requests feedback and preferences for a March meeting date. Participants can respond to jpwarren@bellevuewa.gov | 425-452-6460*

C. ASPRS (Zilkoski)

- i. Seeking someone, preferably connected in NGS, who can actively represent AAGS as a liaison with ASPRS.
- ii. Gillins will talk with Mike Aslaska (?) about finding such a person.
- iii. The AAGS Board is invited as well, to suggest someone who may be active in ASPRS meetings, and who could become a member of AAGS or at least a liaison. The name can be sent to Dan Gillins.
- iv. Traditionally, the liaison provides linkage between the organizations, through engagement with leadership, partnership in conference/webinar development, and other information sharing.
- v. Zilkoski remarked on Burtch's background as a good fit for this role, given that Burtch is a past member of the ASPRS Board, who has been Workshop Coordinator in the ASPRS Certification program.

D. UESI (Dennis)

- i. Gillins mentioned the ASCE-UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference on May 31 – June 2, 2020 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. (*Only one taxi service covers Lawrenceburg.*)
- ii. Hotel Booking is open.

² Set up by NSPS Education Committee, at the NGS Testing and Training Center:
15351 Office Dr., Woodford, VA 22580
15351 Office Dr., Corbin, VA 22446

- iii. AAGS has a meeting scheduled for 4pm, Tuesday, June 2nd. This meeting may also serve as the AAGS Annual Meeting.

9. New Business and Announcements

A. John Hamilton seeks travel cost sponsorship as AAGS delegate to FIG Working Week 2020, Commission 6 Engineering Surveying.

- i. AAGS has participated in FIG through NSPS, until late 2019 when AAGS officially joined FIG independently.
- ii. Hamilton has attended the FIG Working Week since 2006, with \$2000 sponsorship from NSPS. This year NSPS decreased that sponsorship to \$1000, so Hamilton seeks a \$1000 sponsorship from AAGS.
- iii. Gillins made a motion to support this request, seconded by Zilkoski. As requested by Meyer, Gillins will seek input from AAGS Treasurer Martin on the impact of this expense on AAGS discretionary funds.

B. Jacob Heck – 100 Advances in Geodesy (AGU)

- i. AGU's Geodesy Section is compiling a list of the top 100 advances in geodesy in the past 100 years, in science, technology, data, education, and broader impacts.³
- ii. Please send your ideas to jacob.heck@noaa.gov (1-3 sentences, 1-3 references) to compile and forward to the AGU team.

10. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 @ 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.

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

11. Upon invitation, President-Elect Dave Zilkoski 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.”*

12. AAGS President Gillins adjourned the meeting at 17:08 Eastern.

³ <https://connect.agu.org/geodesy/celebrating-agu100>

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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