

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 09, 2020

1. Open meeting, President

- A. AAGS Immediate Past President Tom Meyer passed the gavel to AAGS President Dan Gillins, for the year 2020.
- B. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gillins at 16:03 hrs. EST.
- C. Immediate Past President Tom Meyer 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

- Treasurer: Dan Martin

- Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

- AAGS Member: Michael Dennis

- ii. Absent:

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

- Secretary: Dan Roman

- Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

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

- AAGS Members: Chuck Ghilani, Herb Stoughton*

- 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 January 09, carried without objection.

3. Minutes

- A. No alterations to the December 12 Meeting Minutes were submitted.
- B. The December 12 Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

4. Election Winners

- A. President: Dan Gillins
- B. President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski
- C. Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

5. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. The December 2019 Profit & Loss Financial Statement (spreadsheet) and Year-End Report was not available for distribution to board members.
- B. Balances are doing well:

Operating Account @~\$49.5K

Merrill Lynch Investment Account @~\$46K

Scholarship Account (formerly known as NSPS Foundation) @~\$55K

- C. Other financial details are available on request.

6. Editors, Committee Chairs and Liaisons

- A. Gillins presented a summary outlining all standing and ad-hoc committees of the AAGS as well as liaisons to other organizations. This latest summary (01/08/2020) was produced by Meyer and distributed as an Appendix with the meeting agenda.
- B. Gillins called for updates and/or edits to establish a fully correct update to the list:
 - i. The Government Programs Committee (Taylor) can continue actively:
 - Engage with quarterly NGS/AAGS/NSPS conference calls (last held Friday, December 13)
 - Use webinars or newsletters to facilitate information sharing among agencies and the private sector
 - Review training materials, e.g. for the Army Corps of Engineers Vet NGS Beta products
 - ii. Cavell requested that NGS provide a liaison to AAGS, as a member of the Government Programs Committee.
 - This person need not be an AAGS member.
 - Taylor will work with Zilkoski to draft an official request for liaison.
 - The template can be tailored for USGS, ACE, NGA, FEMA, BLM, FAA, USCG and other agencies.

- This letter may increase awareness of the committee and of AAGS, and may result in increased membership.
 - Taylor will present the letter to the board, for dual signature with Gillens.
 - iii. Leadership of the Geodetic Education and Certification Committee (Stoughton) is influenced by Meyer, as Meyer executes a strategy to activate other members. Cavell mentioned his interest in joining this committee. Gillens will reach out to Stoughton to ascertain leadership's future direction.
 - iv. NSPS Government Affairs meetings have been replaced by email and conference calls, but Taylor and Cavell have not received notifications. Pat Beehler of NSPS reached out to Cavell, so the way is reopened for committee members from AAGS to participate.
 - v. The Awards Committee was recognized as an inactive committee:
 - The AAGS Achievement Award is processed and executed by the AAGS Fellows. New AAGS Fellows are also nominated by the current AAGS Fellows.
 - AAGS Scholarships are awarded through the AAGS delegate to the NSPS Foundation (Jacob Heck), who reviews the scholarship applications. That delegate based on capability to make such decisions, without the need for a committee.
 - vi. Cavell is the AAGS liaison to the COGO.
 - C. The chair of each committee is chosen by the AAGS president, and the members of each committee are chosen by the committee chair, each advised by recommendations.
 - D. Gillins will produce an updated summary to include all correct data known.
 - E. All committee chairs and liaisons, as well as the SaLIS editor, are invited to report to the Board at future meetings, non-compulsively. If any points are prepared for reporting, then they will be added to the Agenda.
7. Surveying and Land Information Science
- A. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani)
There are 3 accepted papers for the May, 2020 issue. AAGS has a need for more papers going forward.
 - B. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
AAGS is negotiating to distribute SaLIS in China. *"The China National Knowledge Infrastructure"* (CNKI¹) claims a client base of 25,000 institutional users, 700 colleges and universities, 574 research institutions, and 500 public libraries. Meyer sent the offer to Ingenta, and it is deemed authentic.

¹ CNKI is a national information construction project under the lead of Tsinghua University, and supported by PRC Ministry of Education, PRC Ministry of Science, Propaganda Department of the Communist Party of China and PRC General Administration of Press and Publication. (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CNKI>)

8. Committees

A. Elections (Meyer)

- i. Nothing to report.

B. Communications (Meyer)

- i. Nothing to report.

C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton, Meyer)

- i. Nothing to report.

D. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

- i. AAGS discussion of Corporate Membership is temporarily suspended, until Geodetic Certification is further underway.

9. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

- i. Amanda Allred, PLS, has been voted to become new Vice President of NSPS. (See <https://www.nspc.us.com/page/2020Election>)
- ii. Spring 2020, 13 teams will participate in the National Student Surveying Competition at Corbin, VA.
 - Meyer inquired about the difference(s) between this NSPS competition and the UESI competition at the Surveying and Geomatics Conference.
 - Dennis pointed out that the UESI competition is primarily among civil engineering students. Dennis indicated that ASCE has long conducted regional surveying competitions for civil engineering students, but 2020 will be the first year for national competition.
 - Cavell has served as judge at some ASCE regional competitions, which are relatively simple and straightforward one-day competitions for skills accuracy, with speed as a tiebreaker. He indicated that the NSPS competition typically involves a project that may last several weeks, involving research, field work, report writing, and oral presentation.

B. COGO (Cavell)

- a. Nothing to report.

C. UESI (Dennis)

- i. ASCE-UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference on May 31 – June 2, 2020 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. (*Only one taxi service covers Lawrenceburg.*)
- ii. Hotel Booking opens January 22.
- iii. The Presentation Deadline is Feb. 14, but AAGS will provide feedback to UESI that this date is too close.

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

10. New Business and Announcements

A. Nothing introduced.

11. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, February 13 @ 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.

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

12. Upon invitation, Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer 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.”*

13. AAGS President Gillins adjourned the meeting at 17:01 hrs. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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