

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019

1. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Meyer at 16:07 hrs. EDT.

B. Acting Scribe Rollins called the roll:

i. Present:

Thomas Meyer, President

Chuck Ghilani, Immediate Past President (arrived for discussion)

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

Elisabeth Rollins, Acting Recorder

Ronnie Taylor, Reporter (Association Editor)

Jacob Heck, AAGS/NSPS Liaison

Dave Zilkoski, Membership Chair

ii. Absent (at roll call):

Dan Gillins, President-Elect

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

Tony Cavell, Director (1st year)

Dan Roman, Secretary

Dan Martin, Treasurer

Steve Briggs, Parliamentarian

iii. At least two directors were *not* present when the meeting was opened; therefore, business was not conducted. Participants stayed to discuss news and agenda items.

2. Agenda

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

i. Heck volunteered to field questions on his communications with the NSPS people, particularly regarding ABET.

ii. Bean requested to hear about the Geodetic Certification Committee.

Michael Dennis, Brian Riniker, Dave Doyle, Earl Burkholder, Ed J. O'Brien, Allen Nobles, John Hamilton, Pat Kalen, Larry Hothem.

3. Minutes

A. No alterations to the June 13 Meeting Minutes were submitted.

4. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

A. Martin is on vacation, therefore no report was submitted.

5. Old Business and Communications

A. Coalition of Geospatial Organizations [COGO]² (Cavell)

i. Cavell has been active with COGO, to be reported at the next meeting.

B. *2020 UESI Surveying and Geomatics Conference*³ (Gillins)

i. Meyer attended the last conference call for the UESI Surveying and Geomatics Conference, which is proceeding as expected.

▪ They are developing sessions and looking for moderators.

▪ Meyer sent out email to encourage the development of further sessions, but has received no response.

6. Committees

A. Elections (Ghilani, Bean)

i. The committee had been short one member, but Bean has accepted Meyer's invitation to serve.

ii. Ghilani indicated that one candidate (Heck) is on the ballot, but Meyer will send additional suggestions after the meeting.

B. Legal (Meyer)

i. Meyer distributed updated drafts of the AAGS-NSPS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Articles of Affiliation, for board members to review.

ii. As Meyer described, basically the changes are:

▪ AAGS ceases to be responsible to NSPS for COFPAES, and ceases to be associated with COFPAES.

▪ AAGS ceases to be responsible to NSPS for FIG, taking over responsibility to pay dues for FIG directly.

▪ AAGS will continue to be associated with ABET through NSPS as before. See *Section 8. News, below*.

C. Website (Meyer)

i. The new website vendor, Hawkeye, is working out just fine.

² http://cogo.pro/Home_Page.html

³ <https://www.surveyingconference.org/>

- Each time Meyer has sent a change to the POC at Hawkeye, Joshua, he has performed the task within half an hour, which is highly satisfactory.
- The cost is $\leq 33\%$ of what the previous provider planned to charge.

D. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

i. Honorary Lifetime Membership

- AAGS Officers and Directors have unanimously agreed (via e-vote) to honor Steve Briggs with Honorary Lifetime Membership in AAGS.
- The President will contact Briggs personally to let him know.
- Stoughton provided the history of this award, recommending that AAGS develop a membership category to cover honorary lifetime membership:
At the founding meeting of ACSM in 1940-41 two gentlemen were awarded lifetime Honorary Memberships. Afterward the honor was awarded to a number of individuals - Ralph Moore Berry, Walter Dix, and others.
There had been a formal procedure to petition the ACSM Board of Directors and submit documentation to the ACSM Admissions/Membership Committees (then to the BOD).
- Creating a new membership category will require a change in the AAGS by-laws. This can be taken up at a future meeting.

ii. Corporate Membership (appendix C) – a draft write-up has been posted by Zilkoski, and no one has suggested changes.

- Further work is needed to establish the costs and benefits associated with Corporate Membership.
- Zilkoski will re-send his last email on this subject.

iii. *Job Advertisement* (appendix D) was finalized/approved a couple of meetings ago, and can be used.

iv. *Template Articles of Affiliation* (appendix E) was finalized/approved a couple of meetings ago, and can be used.

E. Ad-hoc UESI (Martin)

- i. Nothing to report at this time.

F. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton, Meyer)

- i. Meyer has reached out to DOTs and other agencies that employ geodetic surveyors, to ask for job descriptions. He will sculpt the education program to fit these needs. This involves finding the common denominators required for these jobs, or job set/skills expected of these employees.
- ii. The certification program as designed so far will cover at least an undergraduate degree in geodetic surveying.

- iii. Meyer has reached out to specific professionals recommended by board participants. North and South Carolina, Connecticut, and Washington State were mentioned.
 - iv. Feedback is welcome.
 7. Surveying and Land Information Science (Ghilani)
 - A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
 - i. Nothing to report at this time.
 - B. SaLIS (Ghilani)
 - i. Three papers are lined up for the November 2019 issue of the SaLIS journal.
 - ii. The 2019 Surveying and Geomatics Educators Society (SaGES) Conference is scheduled for August 04–08 at Nicholls State University, Thibodaux, Louisiana, resulting in additional papers, which can be spread over more than one issue.
 - iii. The newsletter for August is coming along well under development. Richard Rapp’s nephew put Meyer in touch with his uncle, who has provided an autobiographical letter to AAGS for inclusion in the newsletter.
 - iv. Meyer will include a call for papers in each AAGS newsletter, as well as send an email blast call for papers.
 8. News
 - A. Heck reported on his contact with NSPS Curt Sumner and Jason Racette, who is the lead on the ABET Committee within NSPS. He discussed the NSPS position on ABET, and the AAGS MOU with NSPS.
 - The NSPS ABET committee has outlines for Associate level and Bachelors level accreditation.
 - Regarding changes to Accreditation Criteria for ANSAC, ETAC and EAC programs, Heck can get more information from Jason Racette, who is currently located in CT.
 - A four-year geomatics program may be launched in Meyer’s organization, so he will track information from ABET. Sample information is linked to <https://www.abet.org/accreditation/accreditation-criteria/>
 - Ghilani stated that AAGS should have a voting member on the ABET Committee, since AAGS is paying for membership. Associated changes to the MOU are implied.
 - Ghilani discussed the inadequacy of a two-year/30-credit program for accreditation. Meyer requested an email discussing these points.
 9. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, August 22 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.

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

September 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
October 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
November 14 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
December 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

10. Upon invitation, Heck 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. AAGS President Meyer adjourned the meeting at 16:37 hrs. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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