

*American Association for Geodetic Surveying*

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 13, 2019

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1. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Tom Meyer at 16:03 hrs. EDT.

B. Acting Scribe Rollins called the roll:

i. Present:

Thomas Meyer, President

Dan Gillins, President-Elect

Chuck Ghilani, Immediate Past President

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

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

Tony Cavell, Director (1st year)

Elisabeth Rollins, Acting Recorder

Steve Briggs, Parliamentarian

Jacob Heck, AAGS/NSPS Liaison

ii. Absent:

Dan Martin, Treasurer

Dan Roman, Secretary

Ronnie Taylor, Reporter (Association Editor)

Dave Zilkoski, Membership Chair

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

2. Agenda

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

B. AAGS Parliamentarian Briggs made a motion for acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda, posted earlier June 13. Vice President Stoughton seconded the motion, which carried with no objection.

3. Minutes

- A. No alterations to the April 11 Meeting Minutes were submitted.
- B. The April 11 Meeting Minutes were approved as distributed.

4. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. Latest spreadsheets were received from AAGS Accountant Jupin. Board members may email Meyer or Martin for these spreadsheets if they wish.
- B. Budget report (Gillins, Martin): Gillins will follow up with Martin.
- C. COFPAES<sup>2</sup>: Members of the board expressed no interest in COFPAES. See related discussion of MOU and Articles of Affiliation in Section 6.B below.

5. Old Business and Communications

- A. International Federation of Surveyors (FIG): (Gillins, AAGS delegate) Report on recent FIG Working Week in Vietnam in April, 2019:
  - i. During the general assembly AAGS was officially installed as full member of FIG. Hamilton accepted the membership certificate and will send it to headquarters to be filed with other official documents.
  - ii. NSPS bid to host the 2023 FIG Working Week in Orlando, FL, was accepted. AAGS may be able to help NSPS with that event.
  - iii. The next (2020) FIG Working Week is in Amsterdam, Netherlands, May 10-14, 2020.
  - iv. Hamilton submitted a report including a list of sessions of interest to Engineering and Surveying. Links to papers presented can be available.
- B. Coalition of Geospatial Organizations [COGO]<sup>3</sup> (Cavell)
  - i. The main point of business at the COGO meeting dealt with why COGO did not accept a new member.
  - ii. A motion to enact a remedy for the situation was out of order. AAGS abstained from the vote.
  - iii. Correspondence followed, to engage wise decision-making regarding the suitability of the organization makeup, as well as its impact on consensus building.
  - iv. Briggs moved, seconded by Ghilani, that AAGS should officially support the Digital Coast Act<sup>4</sup>, in a COGO motion. The motion passed without objection. Cavell will inform COGO of the AAGS position.

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<sup>2</sup> cofpaes.org – Council on Federal Procurement of Architectural and Engineering Services

<sup>3</sup> [http://cogo.pro/Home\\_Page.html](http://cogo.pro/Home_Page.html)

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/hr4062>

C. 2020 UESI Surveying and Geomatics Conference<sup>5</sup> (Gillins)

- i. Through September 26, 2019, the Steering Committee of the 2020 UESI S&G conference is accepting abstracts for presentations and special panel sessions.
- ii. UESI 2020, themed “Surveying: The Road to Successful Engineering”, is to be held May 31-June 02, 2020, in Lawrenceburg, IN, near the campus of Cincinnatti State College.
- iii. In UESI 2018, AAGS had two sessions and two moderators. Gillins suggests that in 2020 AAGS wants four sessions and four moderators. Moderators are to encourage topic development and the submission of abstracts for these sessions.
- iv. Several AAGS board members hope to attend. Gillins will present, and Meyer plans to submit an abstract as well.
- v. Meyer will send out email to encourage the development of further sessions.

## 6. Committees

## A. Elections (Ghilani, Bean)

- i. Ghilani seeks candidate suggestions for third-year Director.
  - Martin has suggested a government person.
  - Heck has volunteered to run.
  - Zilkoski was suggested. Ghilani will ask him.
  - Bob Packard in California was suggested, and his contact information is sought.
- ii. Gillins is currently President-Elect, but at least one more candidate is needed for the coming ballot. Stoughton declines to run again at this time.
- iii. A third member of the Elections committee, appointed by the current President, is required according to the by-laws. Meyer will look into this.

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

- i. Agreed changes to the MOU include:
  - Accountant: Since AAGS Accountant Jupin will be retiring eventually, Meyer modified related text, adding “or the current accountant”. (MOU, III.C.)
  - FIG: Given that AAGS is now a member of FIG, AAGS will no longer be sending support money to NSPS to represent AAGS at FIG. (MOU, IV.A.)
  - COFPAES: AAGS can also take this opportunity to part from COFPAES, as discussed in Section 4.A.B. above. (MOU, IV.A.)
  - Meyer will also delete “GLIS” from the document. (MOU, V.)

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.surveyingconference.org/>

- ii. AAGS obligation to pay inter-societal dues to the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc. (ABET) was discussed. (MOU, IV.A.)
  - The appropriateness of AAGS participation in ABET was undisputed. However, no one responded in favor of AAGS continuing financial support for ABET, and AAGS has not participated actively in ABET during, at least, the past ten years.
  - Gillins shared that over the past month, NSPS has drafted a new set of criteria for surveying, on behalf of ABET, which in turn submitted it to ASCE for review, without consulting or informing AAGS.
  - Ghilani raised the question why AAGS is paying NSPS 5% of ABET dues. It was agreed that NSPS ought to have sought AAGS input.
  - Stoughton moved, Briggs seconded, to postpone discussion until the July 11 meeting, contingent upon AAGS getting a copy of the documentation that NSPS sent to ASCE. The motion was defeated, and discussion continued.
  - Gillins pointed out that AAGS should contact NSPS directly for the documentation, rather than request the documents from ASCE.
  - As AAGS liaison to NSPS, Heck will draft a positive email to be reviewed by the board. This email will request NSPS to clarify its recent development with ABET, including the documents submitted to ASCE and how AAGS may participate actively. The aim is to look at the criteria NSPS is putting together for surveying programs, and find an opportunity to get back in the loop.
  - Heck or Meyer will send an email to Martin to find out precisely how much AAGS is paying NSPS toward ABET.
  - Meyer will include on the agenda for the July 11 meeting, the question whether to continue support through NSPS to ABET, and at what level, for what level of AAGS involvement.
  - Because the point regarding AAGS support of ABET remains open, the draft MOU is not yet ready to be approved.
- iii. AAGS-NSPS Coordination and Communication was discussed. (MOU, VI.)
  - While several members of the AAGS Board are members of NSPS, a mutually agreed Liaison has not been appointed, as described in the current MOU.
  - AAGS has a delegate to NSPS (Heck), who does not have voting privileges at NSPS. AAGS is not aware of an NSPS delegate to AAGS.
  - A question was raised as to whether there be one liaison between the two organizations, or two liaisons, one from each organization to the other.
  - Such a liaison would appropriately communicate with the AAGS Board to inform regarding matters such as ABET.
  - The President delegated Cavell and Briggs to draft an updated MOU, to clarify the role and responsibilities of an AAGS-NSPS liaison, with speaking privileges but without voting privileges. This draft is to be reviewed by the Board. Trisha

Milburn will provide sample MOUs from other organizations to provide verbiage.

- iv. AAGS will ask NSPS for “a list each year, of all members of NSPS, Inc., including their addresses and membership status, in electronic form,” which NSPS has agreed to provide. (Articles of Affiliation, p. 2.)  
Because reciprocity is appropriate, AAGS will continue to acknowledge openness with NSPS about AAGS membership and elected officers. NSPS has access to this information, but the Articles of Affiliation certify its legitimacy.
- v. Agreed changes to the Articles of Affiliation include:
  - FIG: Given that AAGS is now a member of FIG, neither AAGS nor NSPS is any longer obligated/responsible to the other to maintain that affiliation. (Articles of Affiliation, p. 2.)
  - Affiliate Governor clause: “To select and support the Affiliate Governor to serve a minimum term of two years.” (Articles of Affiliation, p. 3.) This clause appears to be an artifact of the Board of Governors, which ceased to exist some years ago. The Affiliate Governor would be able to speak to motions on the Board of Directors, yet without having a vote.  
Cavell recommended keeping the clause, with updated wording. Cavell will work to provide Meyer with appropriate language for an updated version. The best title for non-voting delegate to the Board of Directors will replace “Affiliate Governor”.
  - REMOVED “To encourage their members to become members of the NSPS, Inc.” (Articles of Affiliation, p. 3.) – Cavell pointed out that this verbiage was probably left over from boilerplate designed for affiliation with a State Society; not appropriate for AAGS.
  - Stoughton moved, Cavell seconded, that the Articles of Affiliation be accepted as amended, subject to the change to be made by Cavell (Affiliate Governor clause). There were no objections.

C. Website (Meyer)

- i. The website has been shifted to a new vendor, Hawkeye, of College Station, TX.
- ii. The cost is ≤33% of what the previous provider planned to charge.

D. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton, Meyer)

- i. Nothing to report at this time.

7. Surveying and Land Information Science (Ghilani)

A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)

- i. Nothing to report at this time.

B. SaLIS (Ghilani)

- i. Meyer will include a call for papers in each AAGS newsletter, as well as send an email blast call for papers.
  - ii. Three papers are lined up for the November 2019 issue of the SaLIS journal.
  - iii. 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.
8. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, July 11 @ 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.*

August 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
September 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
October 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
November 14 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
December 12 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

9. Upon invitation, Briggs 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. Upon a motion to adjourn promoted by Stoughton, AAGS President Meyer adjourned the meeting at 17:08 hrs. EDT.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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