

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 11, 2018

1. Open meeting, President
 - A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Charles Ghilani at 16:02 hrs. EDT.
 - B. President Ghilani called the roll:
 - i. Present: Charles Ghilani, President; Thomas Meyer, President-Elect; Dan Gillins, Vice-President, Director (3rd year); Herb Stoughton, Director (2nd year); John Bean, Director (1st year); Dave Doyle, AAGS/NSPS Liaison, delegate to NSPS Foundation; Dan Roman, Secretary; Steve Briggs, Parliamentarian; Elisabeth Rollins, Acting Recorder.
 - ii. Absent: John Hamilton, Immediate Past President; Dan Martin, Treasurer; Ronnie Taylor, Reporter (Association Editor).
 - iii. Other Attendees: Michael Dennis, Earl Burkholder, Pat Kalen.
 - iv. At least two directors were present as well as a quorum; therefore, the meeting was authorized.
2. Agenda
 - A. Upon call for additions, Meyer indicated some additional discussion following SaLIS.
 - i. Plan S in EU implications on academic publishing in the US
 - ii. Announcement of first GPS III satellite launch
 - B. Stoughton made a motion for acceptance of the published AAGS BOD agenda with addition, and Meyer seconded the motion.
 - C. Acceptance of the AAGS BOD agenda was approved without dissent.
3. Approval of August Board Meeting Minutes
 - A. Acceptance of the August 09 Board Meeting Minutes was approved without dissent.
4. Treasurer's Report (Martin)
 - A. Results of on-line voting: The Board voted unanimously to split investment CD's into two equal parts with one being 18 month and the other 38 month with the eventual goal of having two 36 month CD on a 18 month cycle.
 - B. Martin emailed about the need to change how AAGS reports membership income. In 2019, new accounting standards will require a value to be placed on membership benefits (benefits associated with paid memberships), e.g., SaLIS. By the November meeting, AAGS will need to discuss membership benefits and work with Bob Jupin to establish a value for each benefit for accounting purposes.

5. Committee Reports

A. Election Committee (Hamilton)

- i. At the time of meeting, it was understood by the Board that Hamilton had only a partial ballot, and needed a second candidate. Allen K. Nobles of Tallahassee was suggested. Briggs indicated that he or Taylor would confirm.

Since 1980, Allen Nobles & Associates has offered surveying and engineering services for a variety of private and public sector clients. These include sectional, boundary, construction, foundation, wetland and jurisdiction line, specific purpose, roadway design and subdivision design and platting, as well as topographical and control surveys.

In 2018, Nobles Consulting Group, Inc. merged with SAM Surveying And Mapping, LLC under the SAM name.

- ii. Board review of ballot
 - President – Thomas Meyer
 - President-elect – Dan Gillins
 - First-year Director – Tony Cavell (pending acceptance)
- iii. Ballot to be mailed in November
- iv. New Board members to be acknowledged/congratulated in December

B. Utility Engineering and Surveying Institute (UESI) Ad hoc Committee (Martin)

C. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

Briggs brought up AAGS' need to develop a better value proposition for membership.

- i. Doyle recommended Geodetic Certification
- ii. Dennis indicated that, in order to reach a significant goal, AAGS must join forces with ASCE or other organizations; benefit of meeting other professionals in person
- iii. Doyle NSPS Board of Directors meeting next week
- iv. User conference suggested in 2020 – opportunity for AAGS to be joint conference participant – try to double number of people at UESI conference
 - Starting committees – make joint conference if possible, good to explore
 - Stoughton asked for POC names – Carol Morman, Professor at Cincinnati State University and colleagues
 - Stoughton suggested that AAGS President should formally contact to offer services – Bean seconded, but too many meetings get dropped through cracks so this should be a formal letter
- v. Ghilani says need ad hoc committee to work on conference

- Burkholder mentioned Education Committee has meeting October 26, so need to reach Carol Morman before that date – unanimously approved
- vi. SaGES conference in 2019, at Nicholls State University, in Thibodaux, Louisiana: [<http://www.geosages.org/index.php/what/conferences/conference-2019>]
- D. Geodetic Certification Committee (Stoughton)
 - i. Stoughton requested that board members be sure to read questionnaire comments from months ago.
- 6. Surveying and Land Information Science (Meyer/Ghilani)
 - A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
 - i. Continuation of SaLIS website
 - Meyer listed issues including a bad home page link from the AAGS homepage to the SaLIS homepage.
 - Discussion established no need to maintain a second page. The decision was made to remove the second URL given that it would cost money to update, and had only been required during the period that AAGS worked with GLIS.
 - A Google search for SaLIS points to the AAGS website link, so it is straightforward to discontinue the redundant page.
 - Without dissent, the board authorized Meyer to make the redundant page disappear, and directed Martin not to pay for the page's continuation.
 - B. SaLIS Editor's update (Ghilani)
 - i. November issue, *Special SaGES Conference* issue, sent to Sheridan Press for publication.
- 7. Plan S in European Union [<https://www.scienceurope.org/coalition-s/>]
 - A. Plan S is an initiative for "open-access" science publishing, launched 4 September 2018, initiated by the European Research Council and major national research agencies and funders from twelve European countries.

"By 2020 scientific publications that result from research funded by public grants provided by participating national and European research councils and funding bodies, must be published in compliant Open Access Journals or on compliant Open Access Platforms."
 - B. Discussion followed, anticipating associated Open Access movement in the US and impact on US publishers such as AAGS.
 - i. MIT, scientific articles placed in public access
 - ii. Plan S makes it unlawful in Europe for publishers to charge subscription fees
 - iii. NIH provides open access
 - iv. China is taking a wait and see attitude as is Germany – haven't heard from Korea

- v. *Might subscribers pay for a centralized document collection and printed presentation, even though individual articles are available without charge in a searchable database online?*

- 8. Meyer announced that the first GPS III satellite is to launch December 15 at 14:08—14:52 UTC (10:08—10:52 EDT):

GPS Block IIIA consists of the first ten (known as "tranche") of GPS III satellites, which will be used to keep the Navstar Global Positioning System operational. Lockheed Martin designed, developed and manufactured the GPS III Non-Flight Satellite Testbed (GNST) and all ten Block IIIA satellites. The first satellite in the series is scheduled to launch December 2018. The tenth and final GPS Block IIIA launch is projected in Q2 2023.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/GPS_Block_IIIA]

- 9. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Thursday, November 8, 2018, @ 4:00 PM EDT.

Suggested Future Board meetings for 2018 are shown below. If a sufficient number of Board members express conflict with a specific date, the meeting will be rescheduled.

November 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time December 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern Time

- 10. AAGS President-Elect 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.”*
 - 11. AAGS President Ghilani adjourned the meeting at 16:48 hrs. EDT.
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Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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