

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

I. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gillins at 16:02 Eastern.

B. Secretary Dan Roman called the roll:

1. Present:

President: Dan Gillins

President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski

Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer

Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell

Secretary: Dan Roman

SaLIS Editor: Chuck Ghilani

Earl Burkholder

John Hamilton

Daniel Colling

Glen Schaeffer

Edward O'Brien

2. Absent:

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

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

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

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

Treasurer: Dan Martin

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

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

II. Agenda

A. Upon call for further additions, no new business was introduced.

B. Gillins indicated that he would cover Martin's Treasurer's report and SaLIS subscription rates, based on files posted by Martin earlier August 11.

C. The AAGS BOD agenda, posted August 10, was accepted without objection.

III. Minutes

A. No corrections were submitted to the July 09 Meeting Minutes

IV. Review of Last Month's Action Items and Important Business

- A. Discussion of COGO endorsement of URISA letter (Cavell)
 - 1. No further developments beyond last month's discussion.
- B. New editor for SaLIS (Gillins/Meyer)
 - 1. Ghilani, Meyer, and Gillins have interviewed three interested candidates for the post that Ghilani is vacating.
 - 2. A decision is desired this week, and Gillins will notify board members for an online vote.
Gillins sent this notification Thursday, August 13 afternoon.
 - 3. The new editor will be encouraged to bring others on as associate editors, spreading the workload.

V. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. The Treasurer's Report was distributed by email August 11, along with SaLIS financial and subscription pricing information, and the June 2020 P&L. Questions were invited, but none were raised.
- B. The board determined to leave subscription pricing unchanged for 2021. Gillins will inform Martin. Members agreed that raising prices would be counterproductive, and that lowering prices would risk sending the message that the price had been too high.

VI. Surveying and Land Information Science

- A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
 - 1. No further discussion.
- B. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani/Gillins)
 - 1. Five articles have been accepted for the November issue, including two student papers.
 - 2. These articles have been sent to Sheridan for processing; so the November issue is done.
 - 3. One article has been accepted for the May 2021 issue, and one submission needs further work on grammar and presentation, by the author.

VII. Committees

- A. Communications (Meyer)
 - 1. Messaging to membership has been met with good feedback.
 - 2. Ghilani is to send Meyer the Table of Contents for the November issue of SaLIS, to be distributed to attract readers.
 - 3. The AAGS website has been updated, to include photos of AAGS officers. Officers whose photos have not yet been included are welcome to submit photos by email to Meyer.
- B. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)
 - 1. The July meeting was attended by Gillins, Zilkoski and Roman. All AAGS members are welcome.
 - 2. Discussion covered
 - a. ideas to get more material
 - b. potential for a newsletter
 - c. how to publish something online such as a bulletin
 - d. how digital publishing expedites the process from submission onward
 - e. inclusion of much more detailed explanatory material

3. Contact from Trish Milburn reported six new AAGS members, and 69 members from 2019 who did not renew in 2020.
 - 5 AAGS Fellows
 - 8 Affiliate members
 - 10 Associate members
 - 10 Full members
 - 36 Student membersZilkoski will send the AAGS Fellows a personal email to encourage renewal.
4. Zilkoski noted that more members participated in the August 11 Board meeting than before, and he encouraged them to continue attending. He urges all AAGS members to consider being involved with the AAGS Board, committees, etc., and to participate in the AAGS Membership meeting two weeks after the Board meeting.
5. Ghilani emphasized that SaLIS accepts technical articles and reports, in addition to research.
6. The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 25, at 4pm Eastern. Gillins sent a recurring calendar invite to the Membership GoToMeeting, to all AAGS members.
7. Cavell suggested that Trish Milburn could coordinate the inclusion of AAGS news blurbs in NSPS News and Views, which would deliver such content to a broader audience.

VIII. Liaisons

- A. NSPS (Heck)
 1. No updates to report.
- B. COGO (Cavell)
 1. Every couple of years, newer COGO members suggest deprecating qualification-based selection in favor of bid only. However, COGO has set out a strong set of criteria for selecting suppliers, so the turbulence seen at this time will die away.
- C. ASPRS (Burtch)
 1. No updates to report.
- D. UESI (Dennis/Gillins)
 1. ASCE-UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference has been postponed to April 25-27, 2021, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.
 2. The national student civil engineering/surveying competition to be held June of 2021, at the NGS Testing & Training Center near Corbin, VA. This location may change.
 3. UESI will be sending a proposal to FIG, applying for membership. AAGS will provide a letter of support, as discussed at the May 14 meeting.
 4. Gillins will talk with Michael Dennis about other groups aiming for FIG membership.

IX. New Business and Announcements

- A. Don't miss the Membership meeting Tuesday, August 25, at 4pm Eastern, on GoToMeeting (Zilkoski).
Web: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/261607029>
Phone: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 261-607-029
- X. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Tuesday, September 08 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.
Web: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/557836501>
Phone: +1 (646) 749-3112, Access code: 557-836-501

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.

October 13 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
November 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
December 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

- XI. Upon invitation, Secretary Dan Roman 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.”*
 - XII. AAGS President Gillins adjourned the meeting at 16:34 Eastern.
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Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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