

*American Association for Geodetic Surveying*

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 09, 2020

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I. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gillins at 16:03 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

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

Secretary: Dan Roman

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

Brian Riniker

2. Absent:

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

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

Treasurer: Dan Martin

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

SaLIS Editor: Chuck Ghilani

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. The AAGS BOD agenda, posted July 08, was accepted without objection.

III. Minutes

A. No corrections were submitted to the June 11 Meeting Minutes

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

A. COGO Dues

1. Gillins and Martin examined the AAGS budget, and agreed it prudent to designate \$375 per year for COGO dues.

2. This decision had been passed without objection at the June meeting.

- B. Discussion of COGO endorsement of URISA letter (Cavell)
    - 1. Gillins explained that the endorsement proposed by COGO is not within COGO's purview.
    - 2. Cavell moved that AAGS decline to support endorsement, seconded by Zilkoski. Following discussion, the motion passed without objection.
      - a. Zilkoski recommended that Cavell ascertain the NSPS' position on the letter regarding the GIS operator and her boss. Meyer also recommended that AAGS "join forces with" NSPS on this.
      - b. Cavell immediately contacted NSPS President Mark Sargent, who was unaware of the request. Curt Sumner was unavailable. Cavell will continue pinging others.
      - c. Gillins indicated that a vote by email will be possible if direction is needed.
    - 3. The COGO meeting is 07/15 afternoon.
  - C. Draft letter to government agencies on selecting a liaison for Government Programs Committee (Taylor)
    - 1. Gillens will follow up with Taylor for an update on a generic letter to be customized for each agency.
- V. Treasurer's Report (Martin)
- A. Martin is unavailable to meet on Thursdays, 4-5pm Eastern.
    - 1. Gillins proposed rescheduling the AAGS meeting to a different weekday or time.
    - 2. Following discussion, the AAGS meeting is now scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month. See section X below.
    - 3. Gillins will contact other board members, to confirm their availability.
    - 4. Gillins will also update the calendar/GoToMeeting invite.
  - B. The Treasurer's Report was distributed by email July 09.
  - C. The P&L spreadsheet for June 2020 was not yet available.
  - D. One investment had dropped in value due to the pandemic, but it is recovering as the market stabilizes.
- VI. Surveying and Land Information Science
- A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)
    - 1. A couple of decent articles came through review..
    - 2. Meyer is cautiously optimistic about these as a chance to turn things around -- these articles are likely to be cited in follow-on articles.
  - B. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani/Gillins)
    - 1. Three papers have been accepted for the November issue, including one submitted by an undergraduate student.
    - 2. The November issue will be Ghilani's last.
      - a. The board needs to find another editor right away.
      - b. Associate Editors for SaLIS are technical, not logistical.

VII. Committees

A. Communications (Meyer)

1. Nothing to report.

B. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

1. Cavell wants to participate on this committee.
  - a. As a past President of NSPS, Cavell stated that the NSPS certification program always found a market, and was always in the black.
  - b. Cavell brings experience and a complementary skill set, with strong interest in the certification process.
2. Cavell highlighted that pursuing certification is motivated by the need for resume enhancement, or “a feather in one’s cap”, for non-license professionals, and not academics.
3. Heck agreed that there is an audience in the surveying community, but pointed out that the audience may extend to scientific surveying, where a licensed surveyor is not called for, but certificate education may be marketable.
4. Roman indicated that a number of professional groups may find AAGS geospatial training beneficial.
5. Roman emphasized that standardization of methods and training is likely to create a market among various professional groups.

C. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

1. No meeting was held in June. The Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, at 4pm Eastern.
2. Gillins will request that Trish Milburn send the membership list (.xlsx) on a monthly basis, as well as send out a second renewal reminder, to the updated list of recent lapsed members.
3. With the membership list (.xlsx), Zilkoski will be able to pull relevant renewal information.
4. When the Geodetic Certification project gets going, then Full Member and Associate Member charges may be adjusted.

VIII. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

1. The summer season has been quiet.
2. The Surveyors Historical Society next Surveyors Rendezvous is postponed until September 22, 2021.

B. COGO (Cavell)

1. See IV.A. Vote on COGO dues above.
2. COGO is to submit a Letter of Support of Sen. Inhofe Bill regarding Ligado.

C. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. ASPRS 2020 Annual Conference was held virtually last month.
2. Burtch will check how well the conference online went, and email Gillins his findings.

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.

IX. New Business and Announcements

A. Don't miss the Membership meeting Thursday, July 23, at 4pm Eastern, on GoToMeeting (Zilkoski).

X. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11 @ 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.*

September 08 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
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 16:53 Eastern.

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Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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