

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2020

I. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Dan Gillins at 16:01 Eastern.

B. Vice President John Bean called the roll:

1. Present:

President: Dan Gillins

Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell

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

Treasurer: Dan Martin

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

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

SaLIS Editor: Ahmed Elaksher

SaLIS Editor: Eugene Levin

Member: John Hamilton

2. Absent:

President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski

Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer

Secretary: Dan Roman

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

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 October 13, was accepted without objection.

III. Minutes

A. No corrections were submitted to the September 08 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes.

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

- A. Robert Jupin retirement; AAGS recognition (Gillins/Martin)
 - 1. In recognition of NSGS Accounting Manager Robert Jupin's many years of bookkeeping service and attention to detail, Gillins suggested commemorating his retirement with a modest plaque to express appreciation.
 - 2. Gillins will coordinate the production of this plaque with NSPS Office Manager Trish Milburn, who has provided this service before.
 - 3. Martin noted that billing for this item should be no more specific than "Award", so as to avoid ruining the surprise.
 - 4. Cavell seconded the motion, which passed without objection.
 - 5. Martin further remarked that if any individual wishes to contribute to a retirement cash gift for Robert Jupin, the opportunity is available.
- B. Election nominations for 2020 (Meyer)
 - 1. The Election committee, headed by Meyer, has presented a report for Board approval, in the form of a ballot for the 2020 AAGS Board election.
 - 2. Meyer has been contacting candidates, and presented them as follows:
 - President-Elect: Tony Cavell
 - Incoming 1st year Director: Ahmed Elaksher, Eugene Levin
 - 3. This is the official ballot, unless other names are added. Martin noted that the ballot ought to be finalized, given that photos and bios must be prepared for ballot distribution in time in November.
 - 4. The Board approved the Election committee report, without objection.
- C. New recurring meeting time discussion (Gillins)
 - 1. Given that the Tuesday afternoon meeting of the AAGS Board presented a schedule conflict, Gillins polled members to find a new time.
 - 2. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday were eliminated, and Board members agreed to a new recurring meeting the second Wednesday of each month, at 4:00pm Eastern. Please see Section X below.

V. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. The Profit & Loss summary distributed October 13 does not present anything out of the ordinary. The net income for the year is currently negative, without impinging on AAGS investments.
- B. Martin is not overly concerned, but maintains that generating primary income via membership is essential.
 - 1. Ahmed suggested providing webinars as a service that could attract members, resulting in more revenue.
 - 2. Martin recalled that AAGS was historically the educational arm of ACSM. When ACSM disbanded, land surveyors began receiving their training through the state organizations. Thereafter, conferences lacked geodetic education, a niche service area where AAGS was uniquely capable to provide benefits.

3. Cavell indicated that he has presented to multiple state conventions online, but that online training is expected by participants to be free of charge. Presentations or webinars for pay would be a greater effort at professional production. This might develop most appropriately in the context of the Geodetic Certification Program.
4. Cavell additionally suggested charging a higher rate for student membership dues, which Gillins accepted as a future meeting agenda item.

VI. Surveying and Land Information Science

A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

B. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani/Gillins, Elaksher, Levin)

1. Elaksher reported that the May issue of SaLIS so far has the following content:

One professional paper accepted

One professional paper under review—two responses complete, waiting on the third

One student paper accepted

Additional writers interested, but submissions not yet provided

2. Regarding one author who had published in non-technical media, discussion commenced whether it would be legitimate to republish in SaLIS. Copyright issues were enumerated, and Levin covered the issue of graphics/figures, which must be modified to present in another publication. Discussion concluded that the author may rewrite the same article to provide scientific support and specific data/values, such that at least 25% of the content should differ from the initial publication.
3. Elaksher suggested that NGS reports could be rewritten as journal articles for SaLIS. Gillins resonated with the idea, specifically mentioning Dru Smith as a good source for such articles, and committed to facilitate a meeting between Smith, other authors, and SaLIS editors.
4. Considering the level of effort and the busy schedule of scientists such as Smith, Cavell suggested that SaLIS/AAGS consider working with a co-author/editor for such articles. Elaksher responded by suggesting recruitment of students to rewrite articles as class project work, under the guidance of professors and approval of the original author(s).

VII. Committees

A. Communications (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

B. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

1. No updates to report.

C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

VIII. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

1. NSPS Fall Meetings are going on, remotely. Big news is that NSPS has had lawyers examine their MOUs with various groups. As a result, these will be rewritten and redistributed, e.g. to AAGS, by

the end of the calendar year. At that point, AAGS will have the opportunity to examine and comment as necessary.

2. Friday, October 30, NSPS Board of Directors plan to meet online.

B. COGO (Cavell)

1. The Coalition of Geospatial Organizations is getting ready to revise its “Scorecard on the US National Spatial Data Infrastructure”.
2. Cavell is polling Board members conversant with the technologies and issues, for feedback/contributions to share with COGO.

C. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. ASPRS is moving forward with ProLearn (manipalprolearn.com) to offer courses.
2. A Request for Information is expected to be sent out to coursework authors.

D. UESI (Dennis/Gillins)

1. ASCE-UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, is postponed to April 2022.
2. UESI is working on a proposal to join FIG.
3. ASCE are finishing a draft of a manual on Surveying Engineering.

IX. New Business and Announcements

Don't miss the Membership meeting Tuesday, October 27, at 4:00pm Eastern, on GoToMeeting (Zilkoski).

Web: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/261607029>

Phone: +1 (669) 224-3412, Access Code: 261-607-029

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11 @ 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 2020-21 are shown below. If a sufficient number of Board members express conflict with a specific date, the meeting may be rescheduled or cancelled.

AAGS Board	AAGS Membership Committee
November 18, 2020 @ 4:00 PM Eastern December 09, 2020 @ 4:00 PM Eastern January 13, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern February 10, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern March 10, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern April 14, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern May 12, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern June 09, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern July 14, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern August 11, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	December 02, 2020 @ 4:00 PM Eastern January 27, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern February 24, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern March 24, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern April 28, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern May 26, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern June 23, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern July 28, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern August 25, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern September 22, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

September 08, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern October 13, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern November 10, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern December 08, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern December 01, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
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XI. For the Good of the Order

Upon invitation, Director Tony Cavell 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. Meeting Adjourned

AAGS President Gillins adjourned the meeting at 17:04 Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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