

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 08, 2020

I. Open meeting, President

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

B. Director Bob Burtch called the roll:

1. Present:

President: Dan Gillins

President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski

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

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

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

SaLIS Editor: Chuck Ghilani

2. Absent:

Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer

Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell

Secretary: Dan Roman

Treasurer: Dan Martin

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

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 September 08, was accepted without objection.

III. Minutes

A. No corrections were submitted to the August 11 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes.

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

A. New editorship for SaLIS (Gillins)

1. Ahmed Elaksher, Editor

2. Tony Cavell, Associate Editor

3. Eugene Levin, Associate Editor

B. Editors are invited to each Board Meeting as well as to each Membership Meeting, scheduled as shown in Sections IX and X.

1. Editors are to be included in AAGS email distribution.
2. Editors are encouraged to report as appropriate.

V. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. No updates to report.

VI. Surveying and Land Information Science

A. SaLIS Ex-Comm (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

B. SaLIS Editor (Ghilani/Gillins)

1. Ghilani confirmed that the November issue is complete, and articles have been sent to Sheridan for processing.
2. The May issue will include two professional papers, which have been accepted and forwarded to Elaksher.
3. Gillins referred to a recent email from NSPS, requesting that SaLIS publish a winning student paper.

Elaksher requested the paper for consideration.

An undergraduate paper does not need peer review.

A Masters or PhD paper should be reviewed by two academics.

4. Ghilani noted that good ideas are coming for future papers, with a positive level of energy.

VII. Committees

A. Communications (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

B. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

1. Membership Meeting notes were distributed to all Board members.
2. The meeting included good conceptual discussion of SaLIS and the AAGS Bulletin. A portion of SaLIS may be designated for non-peer-reviewed papers.
3. Editors are encouraged to discuss possibilities and develop ideas. Their ideas are sought especially for online publications.
4. Gillins looked into the AAGS LinkedIn group account, and found it to be owned currently by Briggs.
5. Both AAGS members and AAGS non-members may be invited into the AAGS LinkedIn group, as an informative portal to members-only benefits.
6. The next Membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, at 4pm Eastern, using GoToMeeting. All AAGS members are welcome.

C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

1. Heck indicated that Geodetic Certification always comes up at NSPS Board meetings, indicating sincere interest. Gillins agreed, remembering the surprising positive response when Michael Dennis put out a questionnaire to engineers, surveyors, etc., asking for suggested training topics.
2. Burtch stated that among Canadian surveyors, there are a handful of geodesists/geodetic surveyors.

3. Zilkoski stated that back when civilian use of GPS was in its infancy (~1990), surveyors were more concerned about understanding its technical concepts -- but that now GPS is used as a black box, to achieve correct answers without understanding the process.
4. Zilkoski noted the biggest issues for developing a certification program:
 - Need to focus and to start the program: What's the most important focus today?
 - Need for resources, and need to make it pay: Can't be done by volunteers/need to instructors.
5. Gillins need to partner with someone, perhaps NSPS or ASCE to get this done. Zilkoski responded that these two organizations stand to benefit the most.

VIII. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

1. The next quarterly meeting, of AAGS, NSPS, and NGS, is Friday, September 18, using Google Meet.
 - Heck is preparing a report on AAGS, to include developments on Geodetic Certification.
 - These quarterly meetings are open to members of all three groups.
2. NSPS meetings will be online, with a series of committee meetings, spaced apart, leading up to the NSPS Board meeting October 30.
3. The NSPS Foundation also meets Friday, September 11.
4. NSPS Young Surveyors plan to meet online September 23-25, with Kent Groh as invited speaker.

B. COGO (Cavell)

1. No updates to report.

C. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. Burtch will seek a response from ASPRS UAS division leaders, regarding UAV special issue guest editors.
2. Burtch will also reach out to OSU Research Professor, Civil, Envir & Geod Eng, Charles Toth, who may provide current expertise in mobile mapping, mobile LiDaR, etc..

D. UESI (Dennis/Gillins)

1. ASCE-UESI Surveying & Geomatics Conference, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, may be further postponed to April 2022.

IX. New Business and Announcements

A. Ghilani noted the need to build a panel to develop a ballot for the next election.

1. The Election committee would be composed of Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer, Vice-President (Director 3rd year): John Bean, Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell, and another member appointed by AAGS President Dan Gillins.
2. AAGS makes an effort to rotate among leadership from among academic, government, and private sector/industry members. It is difficult, however, to find candidates available from government or industry.

B. Don't miss the Membership meeting Tuesday, September 22, at 4pm Eastern, on GoToMeeting (Zilkoski).

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

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

- C. Bean voiced concern about the new AAGS Board Meeting presenting a schedule conflict. Gillins responded that the current schedule will pertain unless otherwise directed, but that Gillins will send out a new poll to find a new time for all board members.
- X. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Tuesday, October 13 @ 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.

November 10 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

December 8 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

- XI. Upon invitation, Director Bob Burtch 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. As moved by Zilkoski and seconded by Burtch, AAGS President Gillins adjourned the meeting at 16:44 Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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