

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

I. Open meeting, President

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

B. Treasurer Dan Martin emerged from the wilderness¹ and called the roll:

1. Present:

President: Dan Gillins

President-Elect: Dave Zilkoski

Immediate Past President: Tom Meyer

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

Director (1st year): Bob Burtch

Treasurer: Dan Martin

AAGS/NSPS Liaison: Jacob Heck

SaLIS Editor: Ahmed Elaksher

SaLIS Editor: Eugene Levin

Members: Chuck Ghilani, John Hamilton

2. Absent:

Director (2nd year): Tony Cavell

Secretary: Dan Roman

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. New recurring meeting time discussion (Gillins)

¹ cf. Martin email November 09, 11:31 a.m.

1. Board members agreed to a new recurring meeting the second Wednesday of each month, at 4:00pm Eastern. Please see Section X below.
 2. Zilkoski suggested that the AAGS Membership Committee meeting be moved likewise from the fourth Tuesday to the fourth Wednesday of each month. This was accepted without objection.
 3. Schedule rearrangements accommodating Thanksgiving and Christmas were agreed in Section VII.C. resulting in the schedule shown in Section X below.
- B. Upon call for further additions, Martin mentioned the need to renew the trademark for AAGS, and provided a brief preview of the Treasurer's Report.
- C. As moved by Ghilani and seconded by Bean, the AAGS BOD agenda, distributed November 18, was accepted as posted.

III. Minutes

- A. The corrected/finalized October 13 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes were not available.
- B. October minutes will be available before the December meeting, along with the finalized November 18 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes.

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

- A. AAGS Bookkeeper Robert Jupin retirement; AAGS recognition (Gillins/Martin)
 - 1. Gillins has contacted NSPS Office Manager Trish Milburn to order a plaque of thanks.
- B. Election (Meyer)
 - 1. Meyer has sent ballots to Trish Milburn to distribute to AAGS members.
 - 2. All members are encouraged to vote!
- C. Trademark discussion
 - 1. Bob Jupin's replacement, Christina.Lee@nsps.us.com, has indicated that the AAGS trademark agreement is due for renewal.
 - Martin elaborated that Lee should be mentioned on the updated trademark agreement.**
 - Cost of renewal for five years is \$925 for one class, \$325 each for each additional class.**
 - AAGS uses three classes, for a total of \$1575, due 11/22/2020**
 - 2. Martin recommended renewing the trademark at this time, and Meyer seconded. There were no objections.
 - 3. Meyer discussed the significance of the trademark agreement, which covers the use of the AAGS logo and font.
 - 4. Martin will pursue renewal through the USPTO, with a signature from Dan Roman as AAGS Secretary.

V. Treasurer's Report (Martin)

- A. Update on balances
 - 1. General fund: \$44,000+
 - 2. Merrill Lynch: \$46,000
 - 3. Fellowship fund \$8000+
- B. Merrill Lynch (investment account) servicing
 - 1. Merrill Lynch will not be able to service the account in its current form because the account handler has resigned.
 - 2. Merrill Lynch can send AAGS a check, or it can redirect the funds to another investment account, as AAGS directs.

Martin will call Christine Lee to discuss options for a decision in the near future.

Vanguard account

TIAA account

other investment strategies

In the October meeting of the AAGS Board, Cavell 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. Among efforts to increase the visibility of SaLIS, Elaksher has reached out to FIG and ASPRS.
2. ASPRS is willing to include SaLIS information in their journal, asking SaLIS to advertise ASPRS to AAGS members.

Levin discussed development of a special issue of SaLIS

Advertising opportunities for readers to submit papers to FIG conferences and to ASPRS

Elaksher noted that there is little overlap/competition between ASPRS and SaLIS, as they emphasize theoretical research and education research, so this may be a good opportunity

The specific type of advertisement has not yet been specified

ASPRS has big membership, and could encourage submissions to SaLIS. SaLIS readers know about ASPRS already, anyway.

3. Increased visibility through Google, when searching, for example, "surveying journals and magazines"

International researchers need to be able to find SaLIS when searching

Penn State offers a list of surveying journals and magazines² including SaLIS

Meta tags are needed in the header of the AAGS website, to get more hits, e.g. "applied geomatics"

4. FIG conferences have good visibility internationally, but no journal. Would FIG find SaLIS useful?

AAGS is a member of FIG, and FIG receives a copy of SaLIS

FIG would be "a big fish to catch"

Let FIG members know about SaLIS, issuing calls for papers on the FIG website

Contact authors of recent papers presented at FIG, converting conference paper to journal paper

5. Zilkoski led a discussion about individuals involved in FIG, to ask for authors to contact.

John Hohol, NSPS Subcommittee for International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

John Hamilton, NSPS Delegate to FIG Commission 6, Engineering Surveys

Louise Friis-Hansen, FIG Director

Jacob Heck, NSPS Young Surveyors

VII. Committees

A. Communications (Meyer)

1. NGA has announced internally that SaLIS exists as a good resource that should be checked out.

B. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

C. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)

² <https://guides.libraries.psu.edu/c.php?g=378978&p=2568678>

1. Membership meetings just before Thanksgiving and Christmas are rescheduled.
2. The next Membership meeting will be Wednesday, December 2nd at 4:00 PM Eastern.
See Section X.
3. Zilkoski will email Trish Milburn to send out renewal notices in December.

VIII. Liaisons

A. NSPS (Heck)

1. Friday, October 30, NSPS Board of Directors met online.
2. Notes were distributed to the AAGS Board November 18.
3. Officers are to extend their terms one more year.
4. Student Competition rules are coming out this month, and can be shared with all surveyor programs.

No field component

All online (more accessible)

5. NSPS is setting up a diversity committee to evaluate the profession and bring in more groups.
The NSPS report includes a link to the NSPS questionnaire.

B. COGO (Cavell)

1. No updates to report.

C. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. A Request for Information has been sent out to coursework authors:

For educational programs within ASPRS

Open until the end of November

2. The Eastern Great Lakes region had a virtual meeting, where various technologies were presented.
3. Topics including Technologies are listed on the ASPRS website.

D. UESI (Dennis/Gillins)

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

IX. New Business and Announcements

Don't miss the Membership meeting Wednesday, December 02, 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. Coming Meetings

The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Wednesday, December 09 @ 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 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	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 October 27, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern December 01, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

XI. For the Good of the Order

Upon invitation, President-Elect Dave Zilkoski 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 17:00 Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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Date: December 01, 2020

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