

# ***American Association for Geodetic Surveying***

*Board of Directors*

*Monthly Meeting Minutes*

*Wednesday, November 10, 2021*

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## I. Open meeting, President

A. In Dave Zilkoski's absence, the Board of Directors meeting was called to order by AAGS President-Elect Tony Cavell at 16:08.

B. AAGS President-Elect Tony Cavell also called the roll.

### 1. Present:

President-Elect: Tony Cavell

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

Immediate Past President: Dan Gillins

Director (2nd year): Bob Burtch

Director (1st year): Eugene Levin

Communications and Geodetic Certification: Thomas Meyer

SaLIS Editor: Ahmed Elaksher

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

Members: Earl Burkholder

### 2. Absent:

President: Dave Zilkoski

Treasurer: Dan Martin

Secretary: Dan Roman

AAGS/NSPS Liaison: Jacob Heck

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

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

## II. Agenda

A. Upon a call for additions, the AAGS BOD agenda was accepted as distributed November 09.

## III. Minutes

A. The October 13 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes final draft was accepted as distributed October 26.

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

A. Election Ballot: List of nominations for AAGS Director positions. (Gillins)

1. Gillins sent a draft ballot to the Board 11/09 for discussion and approval.

2. Joining President-Elect Bob Burtch are Director nominees Scott Ahlgren and Kevin Martin, all highly qualified.

3. Ahlgren and Martin had not been AAGS members, but honored by the nomination, became members and gladly agreed to run.

4. The Board approved the ballot without either objection or addition.

5. **Action item:** Gillins will communicate with Trish Milburn of NSPS, and she will create the official ballot and distribute it to AAGS members. If appropriate, she will include a blank for write-in candidates.

*In September, the Board agreed to extend the Board meeting by 30 minutes to include a short presentation relevant to AAGS members (Martin).*

**Action Item:** *The Membership Subcommittee for Communications will work together to compile a list of topics and presenters for the Board's review and comment.*

- B. Zilkoski will visit GeoLearn in November, to explore obtaining a discount for AAGS members from Joe Paiva of GeoLearn (Zilkoski).
  1. **Action Item:** Zilkoski will present a report to the December Board Meeting.
- C. *American Association for Geodetic Surveying, Inc.* trademark registration (Roman).
  1. **Action Item:** It is Martin's responsibility to contact Trish Milburn and coordinate with Roman to maintain AAGS trademark registration.
- D. AAGS can become a formal sponsor of the UESI Surveying and Geomatics Conference 2022 (Meyer).
  1. The Board discussed the prospectus for exhibitors and sponsors, and the importance of benefits associated with each level of sponsorship. For visibility and access to conference participants, a table, banner, SaLIS issues, and recognition in conference materials were all prioritized.
  2. The Board discussed the availability of funds, despite absence of a specific line item for this conference.
  3. Taylor moved that AAGS sponsor the UESI Surveying and Geomatics Conference 2022 at the silver level<sup>1</sup> (\$2500). Burtch seconded the motion, which passed without objection.

*The conference would be an opportunity to promote both SaLIS and AAGS membership. It is also an opportunity to strike up strategic relationships with other participants, and to promote geodetic certification. Issues of SaLIS are available for an AAGS table.*

*Two AAGS banners are available for conference use.*

*Meyer is fully registered for this conference, with an abstract accepted to present, and he is willing to staff an AAGS conference table for some time.*

*Hamilton has also submitted an abstract, and awaits notification of acceptance.*

*AAGS moderated a technical track at the last UESI conference. Given that AAGS does not have its own conference, the UESI conference seems a good opportunity for AAGS to do more.*

4. Elaksher reminded the Board that the conference planners are still recruiting papers and presenters, and a presentation about AAGS, historical perspective, activities and future direction would be appropriate and welcome. Abstracts are due November 19, 2021.

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<https://www.surveyingconference.org/sites/surveyingconference.org/2020/files/inline-files/uesi-surveying-geomatics-2022-conference-exhibitor-sponsor-prospectus.pdf>

5. Burtch recommended that the conference planners be alerted asap that AAGS has decided to become an official sponsor at the silver level, because they have already begun to prepare advertisement materials.
6. **Action item:** Meyer and Elaksher will inform UESI and Treasurer Martin of the decision.

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 (Elaksher)

1. AAGS is receiving proposals from authors.
2. The review process is going well, thanks to all who volunteer to review articles.
3. SaLIS is in good shape with accepted papers.

VII. Committees

A. Communications (Meyer)

1. No updates to report.

B. Membership committee (Zilkoski)

1. Heck prepared a list of association management services for discussion.
  - NSPS leadership has requested that AAGS postpone adjusting the list of services provided by NSPS until after the beginning of 2022.
  - The committee discussed the list, and will continue the discussion at next month's membership meeting.
  - **Action Item:** The Membership committee will prepare a short report in preparation for the meeting with NSPS leadership after the first of the year.

*Some topics discussed during the meeting included:*

- + *Strategic planning services*
- + *Digital Bulletin-type publication editing and online publishing*
- + *AAGS tiered certification program coordination and management*

2. The committee discussed what type of material would be covered to meet certain tiers of certification.

- Meyer prepared a list of sample questions as a "straw man" examination for the geodetic certification program. He emailed it to Membership committee members for review.
- **Action Item:** The Membership committee will work to complete this topic at the next membership committee meeting.

C. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

1. Geodetic Certification awaits review by the Membership committee.  
No additional updates to report.

#### VIII. Liaisons

##### A. NSPS (Heck)

1. No updates to report.

##### B. COGO (Cavell)

1. *Cavell is looking for a replacement COGO delegate/primary representative. Please let him know if you are interested.*
2. Jay Doody, PS, PE, of Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors. Inc., is currently the likely candidate to replace Cavell as delegate/representative. More details will be available in a future meeting.

##### C. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. The ASPRS Annual Conference 2022 will be held in two parts.<sup>2</sup>
  - A live, in-person, face-to-face ASPRS Annual Conference will be held as part of Geo Week 2022, in Denver, CO, February 6-8, 2022. It will not be broadcast or recorded.
  - An ASPRS Virtual Technical Program will be held online, March 21-25, 2022. This will be a live webinar event consisting of oral presentations, panel discussions, and an online poster gallery. This event will be recorded and made available on-demand.

##### D. UESI (Dennis)

1. No further updates to report.

#### IX. New Business and Announcements

##### A. AAGS active participation to support UESI 2023 as a joint event with FIG Working Week 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

1. Meyer recalled that at the last UESI conference, discussion looked forward to the UESI 2023 conference as a possible joint event with FIG Working Week 2023.
2. NSPS will host the FIG 2023 event, which has not been hosted in the Western Hemisphere since the 2002 event in Washington, DC.
3. AAGS has a liaison with NSPS and is also a member of FIG.
4. UESI has requested AAGS to be more than a sponsor--even a co-organizer--for UESI 2023, supporting communications and planning.
5. **Action item:** Cavell will communicate with NSPS Liaison Heck, in coordination with President Zilkoski, about negotiation with NSPS and FIG.
6. **Action item:** Meyer will get the desired verbiage from UESI, and pass it to Cavell and Zilkoski, for NSPS Liaison Heck's use.

#### X. Upcoming Meetings

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<sup>2</sup> <https://my.asprs.org/2022conference>

- A. The next meeting of the AAGS Membership Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, December 01 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.
- B. The next meeting of the AAGS BOD is scheduled for Wednesday, December 08 @ 4:00 PM Eastern. Martin will not be available for that meeting, and Zilkoski might be unavailable as well.

*Suggested Future Board meetings 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 Membershi Committee
December 08, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	December 01, 2021 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
January 12, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	January 26, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
February 09, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	February 23, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
March 09, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	March 23, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
April 13, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	April 27, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
May 11, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	May 25, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
June 08, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	June 22, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
July 13, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	July 27, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
August 10, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	August 24, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
September 14, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	September 28, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
October 12, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	October 26, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
November 09, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	November 30, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern
December 14, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	

XI. For the Good of the Order

- A. Upon invitation, AAGS Immediate Past President Gillins 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

- A. AAGS President-Elect Cavell adjourned the meeting at 16:53.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

Acting Recorder

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