

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

I. Open meeting, President

A. The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by AAGS Immediate Past President Dave Zilkoski at 16:05 Eastern.

B. The roll was called by President-Elect Bob Burtch:

1. Present:

President: Tony Cavell

President-Elect: Bob Burtch

Immediate Past President: Dave Zilkoski

Vice-President (Director 3rd year): Eugene Levin

Director (2nd year): Scott Martin

Director (1st year): Kevin Ahlgren

Treasurer: Dan Martin

AAGS/NSPS Liaison: Jacob Heck

Communications and Geodetic Certification: Thomas Meyer

AAGS Member: Brian Fisher

2. Absent:

Secretary: Dan Roman

SaLIS Editor: Ahmed Elaksher

Reporter (Association editor): Ronnie Taylor

Parliamentarian: Steve Briggs

AAGS Members: Dan Gillins, John Hamilton

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

4. Zilkoski announced election results, and transferred the role of President to Tony Cavell.

- According to AAGS Bylaws, the number of votes determines the order of roles for simultaneously elected Directors. Scott Martin had one more vote than Kevin Ahlgren.
- See all newly elected roles listed above.

5. As incoming President, Cavell will touch base with current/candidate officers, and lead the Board in electing the Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.

- Giving notice to voting members of the Board, officer nomination/confirmation will be performed at the February AAGS Board meeting.

II. Agenda

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

III. Minutes

A. The December 08 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes final draft was accepted as distributed January 03.

- B. Elisabeth Rollins <egrollins67@gmail.com> cannot commit to attend AAGS meetings.
 - 1. *Each Board Member can send Elisabeth a list of his own contributions, to include motions, seconds, and discussion points.*
 - 2. *Elisabeth will compile these updates in a Board Meeting Minutes document for review.*

IV. President's Report

- A. Hearty thanks to Zilkoski for shepherding AAGS through 2021.
- B. Recognition of officer talents.
- C. Need to amplify AAGS influence by raising awareness of the critical nature of geodesy in a broad range of professions.
 - 1. Providing seconds/assistants to those in Liaison roles.
 - 2. Prioritizing the effectiveness of the Geodetic Certification Program.
 - 3. Developing ways to increase capital, to invest in the future of AAGS and of those who depend on geodesy.
 - 4. Forming a committee to recommend improvements to AAGS documents, specifically where the bylaws provide ambiguous guidance.
 - 5. Encouraging active participation by AAGS members.

V. Treasurer's Report (Dan Martin)

- A. December financials are not yet available because it takes time to close out the year. These details should be available from NSPS Christina Lee in February.
- B. *AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GEODETIC SURVEYING INC* trademark registration is finalized, coordinated with Dan Roman and Trish Milburn.
- C. Dan Martin is waiting for an invoice for UESI Conference sponsorship. Meyer says that Cincinnati State's Carol Morman will take care of this, and send email.
- D. *Dan Martin is working with NSPS Christina Lee to transfer AAGS BOA signatory from Curt Sumner to Tim Burch.*
- E. *Dan Martin is working on the AAGS budget for 2022. It should be finished next week.*

VI. Communications Committee Report (Meyer)

- A. Discussion with Josh Hopkins about changes to the AAGS website.
 - 1. Addition of a Discussion space.
 - 2. Options and complexity available.
 - 3. Committee (Zilkoski, Meyer, and other interested individuals) should interact with the webmaster to order direction.

VII. Membership Committee Report (Zilkoski)

- A. Summary of discussion with a member *not* renewing membership
 - 1. Departing member did not feel that AAGS offered anything relevant to his work. The videos were interesting but not pertinent to his day-to-day operations.

2. *From previous meeting: Heck prepared a list of association management services for discussion. Action Item: The Membership committee will prepare a short report in preparation for the meeting with NSPS leadership in 2022.*
3. *From previous meeting: 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 in future membership committee meeting.*

B. Recommendations from the December 22, 2021, Committee Meeting

1. Add an AAGS "Ask a Geodesist" Discussion Button to the AAGS Website
2. Start an "AAGS Blog" for members to ask questions or discuss projects
3. Convene Three AAGS Sponsored Webinars for members in 2022

VIII. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

A. No updates to report.

IX. Surveying and Land Information Science (SaLIS) Ex-Comm (Meyer)

A. SaLIS editor (Elaksher)

1. Per Elaksher, the coming issue is in good shape.

B. A primary author has sent hearty kudos for SaLIS professional quality.

C. Dan Martin raised the question how SaLIS can be promoted, to reach toward it's past status, on the forefront of scientific journals.

1. As an academic, peer-reviewed journal, SaLIS has found a niche, a different direction than JSE.
2. Meyer has been talking with senior authors individually, to invite attractive articles, because citation rate makes success for each journal.
3. Per Meyer, if all NSPS members were SaLIS subscribers, that would be adequate, but NSPS leadership has met this multiple times with animosity. Cavell will discuss this with Meyer, and see about approaching the new NSPS Director.
4. Zilkoski and Scott Martin maintain that SaLIS does not give surveyors the practical information that surveyors want to read. Zilkoski recommended reviving the AAGS Bulletin. Levin recommended adding more industry content. Cavell affirmed a combination of academic and easy-read material, even cross-referenced, to appeal to surveyor curiosity.
 - Basic adjustment analysis for surveyors
 - Issues associated with RTNs
 - Basic concepts important to surveyors such as curvature, orthometric corrections, geoid models
 - Short articles on professional topics explained in layman terms
 - Simplified geodetic concepts and terms
5. Meyer recommended bundling the Bulletin together with an issue of SaLIS. Burch counter-suggested combining academic and non-academic content within SaLIS.

- Scott Martin cited Zilkoski's *GPS World* NSRS content as relevant to the work of his constituents, providing technical content and layman information with graphics in an appealing balance for the professional land surveyor.
- ASPRS' *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing* (PE&RS), calling itself "the official journal of imaging and geospatial information science and technology," maintains a high level of academic support, even though it also includes advertisements and non-academic articles.
- Likewise, *Survey Review* includes advertising space and soft articles.
- SaLIS itself formerly included columnar and other non-academic content, so that each piece requires distinctive identification, as peer-reviewed or otherwise.
- *Journal of Geophysical Research*, in contrast, contains only peer-reviewed, academic papers.

X. Liaisons

A. COGO (Cavell)

1. Jay Doody, PS, PE, of Connecticut Association of Land Surveyors. Inc. <jjdoody@snet.net> is the new COGO delegate/primary representative.
2. No further update.

B. ASPRS (Burtch)

1. The ASPRS Annual Conference 2022 will be held in two parts.¹
 - 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. The Call for Abstracts for Geo Week in Denver is now closed to new submissions.
 - 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. The Call for Abstracts for the Virtual Program remains open until February 15, 2022.

C. UESI (Meyer)

1. AAGS actively supports UESI 2023 as a joint event with FIG Working Week 2023 in Orlando, Florida.
2. Action item: Meyer will get verbiage from UESI, for NSPS Liaison Heck to coordinate NSPS support for this event.
3. Burtch indicated that ASPRS' Karen Schuckman may also be interested in supporting the event.
4. Action item: Zilkoski and Heck will invite John Hohol to the an AAGS Board meeting to discuss FIG and provide direction.

D. NSPS (Heck)

1. NSPS Executive Director Tim Burch replaced Curt Sumner on his retirement, as of January 03.
2. During the coming month, Heck will reach out to Burch to discuss AAGS/NSPS teamwork and opportunities.

¹ <https://my.asprs.org/2022conference>

- 3. Curt Sumner has a part-time position of Executive Director Emeritus at NSPS to help with the transition of duties.

XI. Additional Business

- A. Burch will talk with Dan Roman about a geodetic presentation to accompany the February AAGS Board meeting.

XII. New Business and Announcements

- A. Scott Martin raised the question of AAGS strategic planning or roadmap development.
- B. Scott Martin is ready to coordinate with Gillins, Dennis, and Zilkoski, to prepare an article for *xyHt*, to raise awareness in related industry, of AAGS history, influence, and activity. Any compensation would be redirected to AAGS.
- C. Cavell affirmed that AAGS Board members are right to use opportunities in writing for publication, to include a paragraph about AAGS.

XIII. Upcoming Meetings

- A. The next meeting of the *AAGS BOD* is scheduled for Wednesday, February 09 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.
- B. The next meeting of the *AAGS Membership Committee* is scheduled for Wednesday, January 26 @ 4:00 PM Eastern.

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 canceled.

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

XIV. For the Good of the Order

- A. Upon invitation, AAGS Immediate Past President 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.”

XV. Meeting Adjourned

- A. AAGS President Cavell adjourned the meeting at 17:11 Eastern.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth Rollins

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Compiler: Elisabeth Rollins