

American Association for Geodetic Surveying

Board of Directors

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 09, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER (PRESIDENT) 4:04 PM Eastern
2. ROLL CALL (Dan Roman)
 - 2.1. Present:
 - President: Tony Cavell
 - Secretary: Dan Roman
 - Treasurer: Dan Martin
 - President-Elect (ASPRS Liaison): Bob Burtch
 - Immediate Past President: Dave Zilkoski
 - Director (3rd year)/Vice-President: Eugene Levin
 - Director (2nd year): Scott Martin
 - Director (1st year): Kevin Ahlgren
 - NSPS Liaison (non-voting): Jacob Heck
 - COGO Liaison (non-voting): Jay Doody
 - SaLIS Editor (non-voting): Ahmed Elaksher
 - Communications and Geodetic Certification, and UESI Liaison (non-voting): Thomas Meyer
 - Guests (non-voting): John Hamilton, John Hohol
 - 2.2. Absent:
 - Reporter (Association editor) (non-voting): Ronnie Taylor
 - Parliamentarian (non-voting): Steve Briggs
 - 2.3. At least two directors were present as well as a quorum; therefore, the meeting was authorized.
3. AGENDA
 - 3.1. Upon a call for additions, the AAGS BOD agenda was accepted as distributed February 09.
4. MINUTES
 - 4.1. The January 12 AAGS Board Meeting Minutes final draft was accepted as distributed January 28.
5. REPORTS OF OFFICERS
 - 5.1. Secretary (Roman)
 - 5.1.1. The AAGS logo needs to be renewed with the USPTO, by November 2022.
 - 5.1.2. This process is done every five years.

- 5.2. Treasurer (Martin)
 - 5.2.1. The Treasurer's report was sent out by email.
 - 5.2.2. Transition from NSPS Curt Sumner to Tim Burch as Executive Director has been resolved with Bank of America.
 - 5.2.3. Cavell did a graph of last year's expenses for the 12 month period, and noticed a positive direction in income versus expenses.
 - 5.2.4. \$17K of income was investment income—specifically the scholarship fund and the mutual fund. Since this income is not available for operating expenses, AAGS is actually in the red for the year.
- 5.3. President Elect (Burtch)
 - 5.3.1. Nothing to report.
- 5.4. Immediate Past President (Zilkoski)
 - 5.4.1. Nothing to report.
- 5.5. Vice President (Levin)
 - 5.5.1. Levin changed his affiliation from Michigan Tech to Meharry Medical College's new School of Applied Computational Sciences, as Professor of Spatial Data Science.
 - 5.5.2. Levin will forward this detail to Cavell.
- 5.6. President (Cavell)
 - 5.6.1. Institutional memory can be critical for continuity and sense of purpose.
 - 5.6.2. Review of AAGS governing documents
 - Adjustments for Covid season
 - Conflicts or missing instructions can be brought up to date by committees.
 - 5.6.3. Following Article IV § 5, 6, 7, of AAGS Bylaws, the Board will elect three officers: Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter. See *Special Orders* below.
 - 5.6.4. The NSPS AAGS Liaison Agreement names Liaison (Heck) as non-voting Member of the Board.
 - 5.6.5. Following this AAGS Board meeting, at 5:00 PM Eastern, NGS Chief Geodesist Daniel Roman, Ph.D. will present *Geodesy in 2030*.
 - 5.6.6. Additional information is available in the President's Report, sent by email.

Cavell will try to pull together a committee of experienced AAGS members who can bring and apply institutional memory to the interpretation of foundational documents, specifically where ambiguities appear.

Cavell also hopes to find an executive document describing AAGS policies.

6. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- 6.1. Membership Committee (Zilkoski)
 - 6.1.1. *Ask a Geodesist*, by Tom Meyer
 - 6.1.2. Improving communications through webinars
 - 6.1.3. Next Membership Committee meeting is Wednesday, February 23, at 4:00 PM Eastern.

6.2. Geodetic Certification Committee (Meyer)

6.2.1. Nothing to report.

6.3. Communications (Meyer)

6.3.1. A work ticket has been opened with Josh Hawkings of Hawkeye Web Services.

Hawkings is ready to create an *Ask the Geodesist* web page/app for AAGS.

6.3.2. Meyer moved that the Board approve the cost of \$40 per year, for the page to allow users to upload files when asking a question. Individuals using the page would be logged in as AAGS members. As a committee motion, second is assumed.

Zilkoski promoted a responsible role for the web page and for vetting the questions, prior to putting it online. Meyer agreed, and countered that the page could be designed for Board member inspection only, without a broader audience, prior to establishing roles.

Meyer indicated that instructions/guidelines would be provided to help users develop questions of a reasonable type and scale.

The motion was delayed until an outline of procedures can be defined by the Communication Committee for clarity. The vote may be taken by email before the next meeting.

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

6.4.1. Nothing to report.

6.5. SaLIS Editor (Elaksher)

6.5.1. Multiple manuscripts are in the pipeline, and many have been accepted.

6.5.2. At least four papers are active for the May 2022 issue, with more for November as well.

6.5.3. Thanks to all contributors and reviewers.

7. REPORTS OF LIAISONS

7.1. COGO (Doody)

7.1.1. Meyer reported that COGO has not met since the last AAGS meeting.

7.2. ASPRS (Burtch)

7.2.1. ASPRS put out a schedule for *GeoBytes!* webinars.

7.2.2. The Pecora 22 conference will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the launch of the first Landsat satellite, October 2022.

7.2.3. A special issue of PE&RS is to feature AI based environmental monitoring with UAV systems.

7.3. UESI (Meyer)

7.3.1. Nothing to report.

7.4. NSPS (Heck)

- 7.4.1. UESI Surveying and Geomatics 2022 Conference is rescheduled October 2-4, 2022, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.
- 7.4.2. Heck talked with NSPS Tim Burch, who is very interested in working together with AAGS. He may be available to meet with the AAGS Board in March, 2022.
- 7.4.3. NSPS spring meetings will take place March 29 - April 2, 2022, to include the NSPS Student Competition. The number of teams signed up, 17, shows a good amount of interest, even though, as Cavell noted, the Civil Engineering student competition conflicts with these dates.
- 7.4.4. Heck mentioned the FIG Conference 2023, to NSPS Tim Burch, since AAGS wants to participate. Discussing in more depth can be on the March or April agenda, when Burch is likely to attend. Now is a good time to plan.

7.5. All Liaisons (Cavell)

- 7.5.1. A Liaison MOU may appear to be ambiguous, but Heck clarified that since inheriting the role from Dave Doyle, he has served as a single bilateral liaison between two organizations. Hohol concurred.

8. PRESENTATION

8.1. Mr. John Palatiello of Miller/Wenhold Association Management – organizational services (cancelled)

8.2. FIG Foundation President John Hohol

- 8.2.1. Canadian surveying organizations, Professional Surveyors Canada (psc-gpc.ca) and Canadian Institute of Geomatics (cig-acsg.ca), were described as serving Canada as AAGS and NSPS serve the US.
- 8.2.2. APPAT, the Pan American Association of Surveying and Topography Professionals, is an umbrella organization for most Latin American associations. APPAT plans to hold its general assembly in conjunction with the FIG Working Week.
- 8.2.3. FIG Foundation and AAGS have had a mutually supportive relationship going back several years.
- 8.2.4. The last FIG meeting in the Americas was in 2002 – the largest international conference so far.
- 8.2.5. FIG Working Week 2022, September 11-15, will be a hybrid in-person/virtual event in Warsaw, Poland.
- 8.2.6. FIG 2023 (www.fig.net/fig2023) is to be in person in Orlando, Florida.
 - Located Signia Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek, and the Waldorf Astoria Orlando.
 - Dates: May 28-June 1, 2023
 - The complex includes an island that can be used for GNSS or UAV demonstrations.
 - Translation services (Spanish) will be offered.
 - SIRGAS is being leveraged to increase Central American participation.
 - Reference Frames and Practice seminar to be held.

9. SPECIAL ORDERS¹
 - 9.1. Following Article IV § 5, 6, 7, of AAGS Bylaws, the Board will elect three officers: Secretary, Treasurer, and Reporter.
 - 9.2. All nominees confirmed that they were amenable to candidacy. No further candidates were offered, and without objection, all three candidates were approved by the AAGS Board:
Secretary – Daniel R. Roman, Ph.D., NGS Chief Geodesist
Treasurer – Daniel J. Martin, NGS Northeast Regional Geodetic Advisor
Reporter – Thomas H. Meyer, Ph.D., University of Connecticut, Professor
10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - 10.1. None.
11. NEW BUSINESS
 - 11.1. None.
12. Motion: 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.
13. GOOD OF THE ORDER²
 - 13.1. Past President Zilkoski moved that, 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.
 - 13.2. The motion was seconded by Director Martin, and passed without objection.
 - 13.3. Cavell recognized AAGS Past Presidents with a word of appreciation.
 - 13.4. Cavell recognized AAGS Fellows for their contributions.
 - 13.5. Scott Martin confirmed that he would present at 5:00 PM Eastern, April 13, following the April AAGS Board meeting.
 - 13.6. Additional participants joined for the presentation at 5:00 PM Eastern.

¹ Important business previously designated for consideration at this meeting

² The term *Good of the Order* refers to that portion of the agenda or meeting during which members may make statements or offer observations about the character or work of the organization without having any particular item of business before the meeting. Items that may come up under this heading are statements such as compliments or criticisms about some program or activity that the organization had undertaken, announcements of concern or compliments. — *Robert's Rules of Order*

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

14.1. Next AAGS Board meeting: March 09, 2022, 3:00 PM Central, 4:00 PM Eastern.

Online: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/557836501> or

Phone: +1 (646) 749-3112 Access code 557836501#

<i>Suggested future AAGS 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.</i>	
March 09, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern April 13, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern May 11, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern June 08, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern July 13, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern	August 10, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern September 14, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern October 12, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern November 09, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern December 14, 2022 @ 4:00 PM Eastern

15. PLANNED PROGRAM

15.1. Daniel Roman, Ph.D., NGS Chief Geodesist – *Geodesy in 2030*.

16. ADJOURN

16.1. AAGS President Cavell adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Roman, AAGS Secretary

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