

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GEODETIC SURVEYING

Date 14 January 2026

Time 4:06 pm EST

Called to order by Kevin Algren

In Attendance	Dave Zilkoski	President
	Dan Martin	Treasurer
	Tom Meyer	Reporter
	Muge Albayrak	President-Elect
	Kevin Algren	Immediate Past President
	Rachel Alexander	3 rd Year Director/Vice President
	Jay Doody	2 nd Year Director
	John Hamilton	1 st Year Director

Absent	Jacob Heck	AAGS-NSPS Liaison (non-voting)
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Guests	Dave Doyle
	Karen Meckel

Election Results

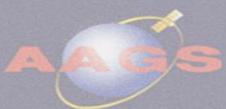
Kevin stressed the need to keep track of the Director slots and those filling the slots for clarity with the elections and with resignations.

Muge Albayrak voted in as President-Elect

John Hamilton voted in as 1st Year Director

Jay Doody slotted to fill Muge's remaining 2 years as 2nd Director

Presidency of AAGS Board of Directors transferred from Kevin Algren to Dave Zilkoski.



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Approval of Agenda

Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from December 2025 Board meeting read and approved

Board

Karen Meckel was nominated as the new secretary. A motion to elect Karen was made by Dave Zilkoski, seconded by Jay Doody and unanimously approved.

Reports

President—Dave stated that he has a couple of priorities in mind.

Geodetic Certification to be completed this year

Starting a sponsorship program aimed at obtaining sponsorship for ads on
AAGS website or newsletter

Replacement chair needed for the Membership Committee. Muge offered
to help and stated that one of her colleagues wants to get involved

Secretary—Nothing to report, but stated that she wants to see the Geodetic

Certification effort running by March

Treasurer—No report. Dan stated that he needs to check with NSPS to obtain more

frequent profit & loss statements and balance sheets from them
rather than quarterly. He asked Dave to address the issue with
NSPS rep. Dan will write a suggestion to Dave to address with
NSPS

Jay Doody stated that COGO has upcoming assessment coming to Dan for
NSDI work for 2025

Reporter—No report

President-Elect--No report

Immediate Past President—No report

3rd Year Director/Vice President—No report



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Publications—Tom is renewing discussions with reference to the MOU with NSPS

Regarding SALIS. Will schedule meeting with group of 4,
Seneca, Tom, Rich Finozze & Amit, for next week

YouTube Videos—Muge has ideas about some presentations for February and has some
OSU videos that need processing

She has asked Kevin Algren to do one on the new
Geoid/geopotential model NAPGD2022

Discussion ensued about Dave Z doing a short on EPP's, and both
Dan and Dave D stressing that information needs to get out
to surveyors about transformations, workflow and
best practices needed to correctly use the new
reference system

AAGS might consider helping NGS to disseminate information about
realization naming for state HARN/FBN that have alt names
in NCAT

Education—There is one half of one set of Geodetic Certification questions left from
vetting effort, from Gary Thompson in NC. Tom has been in contact
and he finished this week. Comment are in from all parties

Tom will send information out to everyone once it is organized.

Karen was asked how she views progress. She commented that we have
get the test put into the software and out there. We can't delay in
order to get it perfect first because it won't be perfect. The only
way to really test it is to have people take the exam

COGO—AAGS needs someone to chair the group. We can fill the slot, defer it or have
ourselves recycled in the selection queue. Duties include convening
meetings, working with other national organizations and making
decisions about the direction of COGO going forward. There is a
political side to the position as well, lobbying in D.C. for instance



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Also attending annual meeting in San Diego every year at the ESRI Conference.

Discussion ensued for whether to go back into rotation or have a nominee by August of the slot. John Hamilton expressed tentative interest and will discuss with Jay via phone Jay posted COGO website. cogonetwork.org

Jay moved that AAGS opt to be put back into rotation and look to fill the slot for next year. Dan seconded. Motion passed unanimously
NSDI report is due in 2027

NSPS Liaison—no report

FIG—Relationship between AAGS & FIG was discussed. AAGS needs to appoint a representative to FIG. Kevin Algren has been a temporary rep recently, and John Hamilton was at one time the AAGS official rep. Need to advise FIG President who the voting rep is for AAGS. Tom will look into the procedure for assigning an official rep. Dave Z would like to appoint John H

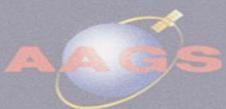
NSPS—Discussion about NSPS board. Linda Foster is outgoing president and Tim Murphy is incoming.

Kevin recounted a mention at AAGS, NSBA, NSPS, NGS quarterly meeting From December that NSPS Dick Kleinman is fully retiring and stepping away from efforts with NSPS modernization. Mike Banta will take over the NSRS working group.

NSPS spring meeting is in Crystal City, VA in April that includes a student competition

Concurrently they have a day on the Hill with one talking point being the geodesy crisis

Dave Z has been discussing AAGS participation in NSPS modernization Studies. He specified GNSS for floodplain mapping topic



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Unfinished Business

Jay raised the issue of the NSDI report card from COGO. It is being done again for 2027. Does AAGS want to be the lead on geodetic control? Jay will lead if so.

ASCE wants to incorporate geodetic control into 2029 civil engineering report card of infrastructure. Jay will volunteer AAGS assistance with that effort by contacting ASCE COGO rep.

Tom asked who the Liaison is for ASCE. Jay will find out.

Tom asked why NSDI report card is being repeated after only three years
It is supposed to be done every six years and with new datums it is
Likely going to be obsolete as soon as it's published.

Dan asked who uses the report card, and much discussion ensued. Jay will ask why the report is being done at this time

Announcements—Rachel Alexander read for the good of the Order statement

Next Meeting—February 11, 2026. 4pm EST

Meeting Adjourned

Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:07pm EST

For the good of the Order: 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

