



**Meeting:** ASPRS – RMR Board Meeting Minutes

**Date and Time:** August 11, 2006 11:30 AM

Meeting called to order 11:31 AM

**Present by TeleCon/WebEx:** Jeff Young, Victoria Provenza, Mark Hess, Richard Cooke, Jen Whitacre, Allen Cook

**Apologies for absence:** David Opitz, Roland Mangold, Trent Casi, Sheila Pelczarski, Terry Ryan, Jaymes Pardue

**Members/Guests in attendance:** Frank Witmer

Note: Action Items in Aqua

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**1. Welcome and Agenda Acceptance:**

Jeff

Jeff welcomed members and guest present via TelCon/WebEx. He noted that several board members were in transit from business travel and some were on vacation. Richard Cooke added that he received a request from Colorado Lieutenant Governor Jane Norton for Public Outreach and Educational Programs information from ASPRS regarding increasing interest in math and science related careers for K-12 students. Richard requested adding this topic for discussion. Jeff added the topic to Agenda under the National Directors Report.

\*\*\*\*Motion to Accept Agenda as amended\*\*\*\*

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Richard 2nd

**2. Review and Approve 05/12/2006 and 06/09/06 Meeting Minutes:**

Jeff

\*\*\*\*Motion to Approve May and June Meeting Minutes as presented\*\*\*\*

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Richard 2nd

**3. Treasury Report:**

Mark

Checking Account Balance 08/10/2006           \$ 11,825.92

CD Account Balance 06/30/06\*               \$ 16,018.65

\*Interest paid in 2006 through 06/30/06       \$ 278.50

All student rebate requests received through July have been processed. The largest expense this period was paid to Cary and Associates for \$680.00 for the newsletter. Mark reported that he checks the P.O. Box approximately 1-2 times per month and typically before every meeting.

**4. National Directors Report:**

Jeff,  
Allen,  
Richard

Jeff reported that MAPPS sent a letter to the DOL objecting to GITA's labor classifications in the Workforce Initiative Grant. MAPPS is taking a trade association position. URISA strongly opposed MAPPS position.

Colorado Lt. Gov. Jane Norton approached Richard at a recent business meeting and requested information from ASPRS on Public Outreach and Education, as well as published statistics on job descriptions and responsibilities to drive more students into the math and science fields. Lt. Gov. Norton indicated that there is a state wide initiative to encourage 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders to explore careers requiring strong mathematical and scientific skills. Jeff asked Victoria to work with Richard on this issue.

Allen reported that ASPRS has been invited to provide a board member to the AmericaView consortium. A potential candidate is Ryan Newberry of PDAP (Primary Data Acquisitions Division). Plans for Pecora 2008 in Denver are moving forward. James Sturdevant from EROS is the Steering Committee Chairman.

**5. Newsletter Status/Issues:**

Jen

Jen sent a call for articles to the designated newsletter contributors and requests that all plan around travel and GIS in the Rockies commitments so that articles will be submitted on time. The only student chapter that answered Jen's

call for articles was the Rio Grande Chapter. Jeff is continuing to work with Terry on identifying student chapters and increasing their participation in the region.

#### **6. GIS in the Rockies:**

Jeff

Trent and Roland have requested a leave of absence from their GIS in the Rockies responsibilities. Jeff filled the board position left vacant and Victoria volunteered to serve on the planning committee. Jeff spoke with the GIS in the Rockies Board and advised them of the substitution of members and reiterated that ASPRS – RMR is committed to providing representation and participation in all aspects of GIS in the Rockies. He suggested that more meetings be held in an electronic format and offered telecon and WebEx services via SANZ.

The ASPRS track is full. Registration is higher than this time last year although vendor participation appears to be declining.

#### **7. Membership Outreach:**

Jeff

Jeff will continue to work with Terry to validate student chapters. The goal is to have each student chapter provide contact information for their faculty sponsor and officers as well as provide statistics on membership and club activities.

#### **8. Annual Scholarships:**

Jeff

Jeff is continuing to solicit scholarship funding from businesses in our region. If the initial response is not strong, we still have the GIS in the Rockies income to fund all of our local scholarships.

#### **9. Website Update:**

Jeff

Website continues to run smoothly. Several members have commented on the advantages of the Jobs Page.

#### **10. Movements on the Board:**

Jeff

Several board members have indicated that they will not be returning next year. Jen has completed her move to Indiana but will continue to serve through the end of the year. Victoria is moving to Louisiana at the end of the year and will not be able to serve in 2007. Trent, Roland and Dave have indicated that their work or personal schedules are preventing them from being fully active at this time. Jeff reiterated that the board needs to begin soliciting from the regional membership to fill the vacancies that will become open in 2007.

**11. Best of the WEST Update:**

Three organizations have expressed an interest in presenting in the Best of the WEST series. Jeff will continue to work to provide interesting and informative presentations for our membership.

Jeff

**12. Closing Statements:**

Our guest, Frank Witmer asked if there was a student chapter at CU-Boulder. Jeff and Richard indicated that there was some interest but a faculty sponsor had not yet been identified. Allen mentioned that the National level is developing a student forum.

Jeff

**13. Date of Next Meeting:**

September 8, 2006 – TeleCon/WebEx format

Time meeting finished: 12:30 PM

Signed and dated as a true record by Victoria Provenza, ASPRS RMR Secretary

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