

# ASPRS-RMR Meeting Minutes

## February 17, 2004

Attendees: Jaymes Pardue, Bryan McFadden, Brian Soliday, Sheila Pelczarski, Jen Whitacre, Allen Cook, Roland Mangold, Mark Hess, Tina Cary, Terry Ryan  
Absent: Jan Van Sickle, Richard Cooke, Jeff Young

*Note: Action Items (person responsible) in Red Bold Text*

1. Approved Minutes – minutes accepted, no changes
2. Reviewed Actions
  - All – COMPLETED
  - No outstanding issues to note
3. 2005 Goals and Plans
  - RMR voted top region for 2004
  - Main competition for region of the year for 2005 will come from Potomac and Upper- Midwest regions.
  - Membership is and will be our organization's main strength.
4. Newsletter Status/Issues
  - RMR selected for 1<sup>st</sup> place for "Newsletter of the Year" award by National!
  - Renewal of Tina Cary's contract for producing the newsletter in 2005 was discussed. Tina presented a proposed contract. Additional editing was requested, when needed. After discussion, the contract was approved with an addendum regarding a "not to exceed" rate for cost of production and rates for additional editing services.
  - Sheila stated that she no longer has time to help edit the newsletter due to the demands of keeping the web site up to date.
  - We will create a section in the newsletter for upcoming events. **Jennifer** will cover.
5. GIS in the Rockies Conference
  - Roland informed us that each society is to take ownership of a track and provide a distinct name for the track.
  - **Jeff Young** will be asked to be the track chair for the Remote Sensing track.
  - **Sheila and Roland** will work together to request that National broadcast e-mail announcements for GIS in the Rockies to all ASPRS members, not just the RMR.
  - The board agreed upon approval of mailing to all members.
6. Treasury Items
  - All is in order and RMR finances are in great shape
  - Accounts transferred to Mark with no issues.
  - Budget for 2005 recommended by Allen.
7. Membership Outreach
  - Student rebate program approved in December to continue as is.
  - All RMR members will be invited to attend monthly board meetings to encourage higher retention and participation of members.
  - Idea of corporate vs. personal membership costs was raised, and how can we take advantage of more corporate paid memberships?
  - Jaymes recommended that we start a quarterly technical forum (during the lunch or dinner hour) to help members build their knowledge base and exchange ideas. **Jaymes** will work on developing this program. **Bryan and Jaymes** will work to set up a Colorado School of Mines event based on this concept.

- Board agreed to motion to take 100% of our regional membership rebate and roll it into our regional initiatives.
- It was recommended that we continue to support and establish student chapters across RMR and expand to include colleges or universities we haven't worked with in the past.

#### 8. Web Site Update

- **Sheila** will check with National staff to get the National web page for the region to reflect the change in RMR officers. Not all new officers have been posted.
- **Sheila** will broadcast notices of upcoming board meetings to all members of RMR.
- Received initial proposal from consultant to create dynamic web site with back-end database.

#### 9. ASPRS Annual Conference in Baltimore – March 2005

#### 10. Next Meeting

- **Jaymes** to send out potential dates