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Meeting: ASPRS – RMR Annual Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: January 20, 2007 5:00 PM

Meeting called to order 5:00 PM

Board Members Present at Wellshire Inn, Denver: Terry Ryan, Victoria Provenza, Allen Cook, Jeff Young, Shaun Callaghan, Brian Soliday, Sheila Pelczarski

Report by Sheila Pelczarski

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The Rocky Mountain Region held its Annual Dinner Meeting at the Wellshire Inn in Denver on Saturday, January 20. The evening began with an informal social hour, during which ideas were solicited for improving the Region in all aspects. Each person was asked to write down an idea on a sticky note, then all ideas were placed into categories on a table top for all to see and ponder. Participants were also asked to write the name of the state in which they were born on their nametags. This made for some interesting discussion, as many states across the US were represented. Later in the evening, outgoing President **Jeff Young** was able to remember the birth state of every person in attendance, long after the tags had been removed! An impressive Italian Renaissance buffet dinner was enjoyed by all. As the meeting got underway, **Terry Ryan**, Vice President and Scholarship Committee chair, presented the two scholarship winners in attendance.

David Cook, University of Wyoming, summarized his research using remote sensing to study environmental impacts of a pipeline in Wyoming, analyzing both the growth of rural population, concentration of farm animals, and possible links to higher amounts of estrogen in the water system caused by these triggers.

Shannon Spencer, Colorado State University, gave a summary of his work studying soil carbon estimates throughout various agricultural and grazing lands within the US. Remote sensing was incorporated into a model to predict the net primary production of these lands.

Outgoing President **Jeff Young** introduced the new Board members for 2007 and they were

inducted by **Tina Cary**, past National ASPRS President and ASPRS Fellow. Jeff then summarized the major activities and accomplishments of the past year. He recognized members who had made significant contributions to the Region during 2006, including Newsletter Editor **Jennifer Whitacre**, Treasurer **Mark Hess**, and former President **Brian Soliday**.

Incoming President **Terry Ryan** then talked about his plans and hopes for 2007, especially in the area of encouraging new membership and continuing the establishment of new Student Chapters. He highlighted increasing student involvement in the Region's activities and encouraged mentoring from members to students. He wants the Board to focus on increasing value of membership in 2007 and develop new way of acquiring income. We will continue on the success of the Best of the WEST series and engage corporate partners. Overall, Terry will focus on creative ideas for revenue generation to keep the region strong.

Time meeting finished: 9:00 PM

Signed and dated as a true record by Victoria Provenza, ASPRS RMR Vice-President

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