



Meeting: ASPRS – RMR Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: March 21, 2007 12:30 PM

Meeting called to order 12:37 PM

Present by TeleCon: Terry Ryan, Victoria Provenza, Allen Cook, Trent Casi, Jeff Young, Molly Thomas, Rick Lawrence, Shaun Callaghan

Apologies for absence: Matt Bobo, Matt Wood, Brian Soliday, Sheila Pelczarski

Members/Guests in attendance: None

Note: Action Items in Aqua

OWNER

1. Welcome and Agenda Acceptance:

Terry

Terry welcomed members present via TelCon and a quorum was established.

****Motion to Accept Agenda as presented****

APPROVED: Unanimous – Victoria motion/Jeff 2nd

2. Review and Approve 08/11/06 Meeting Minutes:

Terry

****Motion to Approve August Meeting Minutes as presented****

TABLED: February Meeting Minutes need to be corrected. Allen needs to be moved from absent to present. Matt will make corrections and submit revised meeting minutes at next meeting for ratification.

Matt

3. Treasury Report:

Checking Account Balance 03/08/07	\$ 10,299.19
CD Account Balance 12/29/06*	\$ 16,362.50
*Interest paid in 2006 from 10/05/06 – 12/29/06	\$ 197.28

CD matured on 10/05/06 and was automatically renewed for another 12 months at an interest rate of 4.98% (APY 5.10%).

Shaun reported a new checks charge for \$64.50 was deducted from the February statement and 2 student rebate checks had been issued. The account appears higher than actual because we still owe National their 90% cut from the Workshop. Jeff asked about profit from the workshop. Victoria reported that the total profit was \$2785.91. National received \$1617.68 and the Rocky Mountain Region received \$168.23. Victoria will send Region Workshop spreadsheet to Board members via e-mail.

Shaun reported that the National rebate for membership has not been received yet. But expects it before the next meeting.

4. National Directors Report:

The last ExCom meeting was held in February. Allen reported that there is not a lot of additional activity since last ExCom meeting. Focus is on Annual Meeting in Tampa where the next ExCom meeting will be held. He asked for Jeff's collection of ideas and suggestions from RMR membership recorded on the sticky notes at the RMR Annual dinner in January. Allen will incorporate them in his discussion at the next ExCom meeting.

We still need to identify a regional Point of Contact for the PECORA Conference in Denver 2008. Victoria suggested Mark Eaton from USGS and will send Allen his contact information.

5. Newsletter Status/Issues:

Molly reported that the Spring Newsletter content had been collected and forwarded to Tina. There is concern among the Board members with the decreasing income from GIS in the Rockies if we can afford to continue the newsletter and fund scholarships. Jeff stated that Tina does a great job with the newsletter and goes beyond simply editing. Victoria agreed. Jeff recommends that we maintain Tina's contract because we gain great value from her services.

Shaun

Victoria

Allen

Terry will circulate a vote via e-mail to the Board members regarding issues pertaining to newsletter status.

Terry

6. GIS in the Rockies:

Trent

Terry announced that he is now involved in the search committee investigating alternative venue selections for GIS in the Rockies (GISR). The thought is if the event is held away from the Denver Metro area, that it will draw more attendees and there will be more opportunities for vendors because there will not be as much “day traffic” (people going home immediately after the tracks).

Jeff reported that the program is on track and Chris Longo is doing an excellent job heading the Planning Committee. The GISR Board has recommended that a financial budget be instituted with an auditing trail.

Trent reported that the new web site was launched on March 1st. Jaymes is heading the 20th Anniversary Committee and has requested that anyone with mapping tools from 20 years ago to contact him. The committee is planning to exhibit tools used when the conference started.

Registration and abstracts will be submitted via the new web site with backend database support. Rick stated that he viewed the web site and noted that the banner on the top of the GISR web site goes too fast. He also commented that the deadline date for abstract submissions was not posted.

We still need to appoint a track chair. Jeff recommended that we ask someone from Merrick & Company. Victoria agreed to contact Bill Emison and ask if he would like to serve in that capacity.

Victoria

7. Membership Outreach:

Victoria

Victoria reported that we gained seven new members including two student members. Rick Lawrence has identified a student who has interest in spearheading an effort to form a new chapter at Montana State University (MSU). Rick will send the student’s contact information to Victoria via e-mail. Victoria will forward information regarding beginning a student chapter to the student.

Rick
Victoria

Victoria described her idea of a “Leaves On” social during the summer at Red Rocks to add value to membership. The event would be informal and is an attempt to engage local membership in regional activities as well as provide value for the membership. The board liked the idea and Victoria will move forward with planning it.

Victoria

8. Annual Scholarships:

No discussion

9. Website Update:

Sheila continues to update the events and job pages regularly. She really needs help. We need to find an assistant for her immediately.

10. Closing Statements:

Terry closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and attendance.

13. Date of Next Meeting:

April 16, 2007

****Motion to Close Meeting***

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Terry 2nd

Terry

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Time meeting finished: 1:10 PM

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

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