



Meeting: ASPRS – RMR Board Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: May 12, 2006 12:30 PM

Meeting called to order 12:34 PM

Present by TeleCon/WebEx: Jeff Young, Victoria Provenza, Jaymes Pardue, Mark Hess, Sheila Pelczarski, Allen Cook, Terry Ryan

Apologies for absence: David Opitz, Roland Mangold, Trent Casi, Richard Cooke, Jen Whitacre

Members/Guests in attendance: Paula Smit

Note: Action Items in Aqua

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1. Welcome and Agenda Acceptance:

Jeff welcomed members and guest present by WebEx. He acknowledged Jaymes Pardue as the Rocky Mountain Region's Past President and congratulated him for leading the region in receiving the Region of the Year Award at the ASPRS Annual Meeting in Reno, Nevada.

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

APPROVED: Unanimous – Terry motion/Jaymes 2nd

2. Review and Approve 03/10/2006 Meeting Minutes:

****Motion to Accept March Meeting Minutes with suggested comments***

Jeff

Jeff

APPROVED: Unanimous – Terry motion/Mark 2nd

****Motion to Accept April Meeting Minutes with suggested comments***

APPROVED: Unanimous – Terry motion/Mark 2nd

Victoria will send corrected minutes to Sheila for final sign off. Sheila will then forward minutes to Mark to transfer to a PDF and return to Sheila for posting on the website.

Victoria

3. Treasury Report:

Mark

Checking Account Balance 05/12/2006 \$ 12,830.82

CD Account Balance 03/31/06* \$ 15,878.02

*Interest paid in 2006 through 03/31/06 \$ 137.87

Five rebate checks were distributed to student chapter members. The rebate check from National was deposited into the checking account and the National Rebate allocation was distributed to the Rio Grande Chapter. Mark indicated that the region was slightly under budget for 2006. Sheila asked if the income from the GIS in the Rockies 2005 conference was received. Mark confirmed that it had been received last fall and deposited into the checking account.

Mark asked for comments on the draft ASPRS RMR Student Chapter Meeting Reimbursement Policy that was circulated via e-mail. All members commented that they agreed with the changes and were satisfied with the document.

****Motion to Adopt the ASPRS RMR Student Chapter Meeting Reimbursement Policy into the region's bylaws***

APPROVED: Unanimous – Victoria motion/Jaymes 2nd

4. National Directors Report:

Jeff for
Allen

Jeff indicated that the Annual Conference had a bustle of activity in the Exhibits Hall. The papers that Jeff attended were interesting and well attended. Paula Smit added that she was disappointed with the number of drop outs (speakers

not showing).

5. Newsletter Status/Issues:

Jeff reminded contributors to the newsletter that Jen has distributed an e-mail with advanced notice of responsibilities and due dates.

Jeff for
Jen

6. GIS in the Rockies:

Jaymes reported that there were some issues with the GIS in the Rockies website. For the most part, the new marketing team is working out well. Jeff, Victoria and Jennifer Stefanacci will work to increase the number of paper submissions for the ASPRS track.

Jaymes

Jeff,
Victoria
and
Jennifer

7. Membership Outreach:

Terry reported that the region gained 5 new members (3 students and 2 from industry) in April. He set a goal for each member to complete calling the members on their Membership Outreach Campaign list by June 9, 2006.

Terry

Jeff represented the Board at the University of Wyoming student chapter visit. Representatives from the BLM and Wyoming DOT as well as a retired photogrammetrist presented a wide variety of topics for the students. The students asked the presenters for career advice. The focus of their questions detailed their concern to remain scientists and how not to become button pushers as technicians.

8. Annual Scholarships:

Dave Opitz of VLS, when approached by Jeff, agreed to consider funding a designated scholarship in the region for a student using feature extraction technology in their thesis. Jeff will continue to solicit organizations for funding for regional scholarships that do not compete with the scholarships presented by National. Paula Smit requested information on the scholarship program. Jeff will follow up by sending Paula an e-mail regarding the regional scholarship program and information on sponsorship. Jeff noted that the criteria for scholarship winner selection needs to be updated and will work with Terry to revise the criteria.

Jeff

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Jeff and
Terry

9. Website Update:

Sheila reported that the schedule of upcoming board meetings is posted on the website as well as the dates of conferences of interest to our membership. There has been quite a bit of activity in the job market and reflected on the

Sheila

updated jobs page <http://www.asprs-rmr.org/jobs.html> . Sheila is still working on resolving the minor glitch on the Mozilla browser. She stated that the DreamWeaver software that she uses to maintain the website needs to be upgraded. Mark said that there were monies in the budget for this type of expense. Sheila will research the price of upgrading to the new edition of Dream Weaver software and report her findings to Mark and Jeff.

Sheila

10. Date of Next Meeting: June 9, 2006 12:30 PM Telecon/WebEx

11. Closing Statements:

Jeff

Jeff transitioned into the Best of the WEST series by describing its inception. Jeff originated the idea and bounced it around to several board members as partial fulfillment of National's requirement for regional chapters to provide value to its membership. The Best of the WEST series was initiated because:

- a.) It meets the criteria to become a successful region.
- b.) It is a great networking opportunity.
- c.) It will engage members who will not generally participate in monthly meetings. (There were 10 responses from the membership within 2 hours of the announcement).

Motion to Close Meeting

APPROVED: Unanimous – Jeff motion/Jaymes 2nd

Following the meeting, three additional guests joined the WebEx to view the inaugural Best of the WEST series. Jeff introduced Rebecca Holman of Visual Learning Systems, Inc, a wholly owned subsidiary of Overwatch Systems Geospatial Operations. Rebecca's presentation provided an overview of the VLS software, Feature Analyst and LIDAR Analyst. The presentation concluded with upcoming capabilities and future directions of the VLS software.

Time meeting finished: 1:16 PM Best of the WEST series commenced at 1:30 PM MST

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

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