

ASPRS-RMR Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2005

Attendees: Jaymes Pardue, Jeff Young, Allen Cook, Brian Soliday, Terry Ryan, Jennifer Whitacre, Mark Hess, Matt Cross

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

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm

Agenda Accepted

1. Minutes from last meeting (9/30/05) discussed
 - **Minutes accepted**
 - **Initial approval for RMR board to stagger GIS in the Rockies board participation from two people to one – Will be further clarified by Jaymes at November 15th meeting.**
2. Outstanding items
 - **All RMR board members need to submit one or more names of members who could be candidates to fill open positions on RMR Board of Directors.**
3. Treasury Report (Mark)
 - **Current Checking account balance as of October 20, 2005 - \$11,030.29**
 - **CD account balance as of June 30, 2005 - \$15,603.48**
 - **October – Received \$3,510.50 from National Rebate payment, this payment will be deposited in November**
 - **Mark will develop the 2006 budget which will be reviewed during an upcoming meeting.**
 - **Initial discussions on scholarship amounts were brought up. Board will finalize total amount at next meeting.**
 - **Newsletter, web, and mailings were discussed for purposes of saving money – would we alter costs by modifying our current methods of disseminating information.**
4. 2006 Board Discussions
 - **Open positions:**
 - **GISR position: 2-year commitment**
 - **Possibly Roland**
 - **Communications: 2-year commitment**
 - **Jen will remain**
 - **National Director: 3-year commitment**
 - **Allen will remain**
 - **Vice President: 2-year commitment**
 - **Need a candidate**
 - **All current board members will submit one name as a prospect to fill outstanding board seats**
 - **Notes from last year's ballot will be reviewed to confirm procedural consistency**
5. National Director's Report (Allen)
 - **Ft. Collins High School will be contacted about logistics for presentation of Brown award**
 - **Allen will need someone to assist with presentation**
 - **Proposed to hold this on GIS Day if possible.**
 - **2007 Fall ASPRS Pecora Conference may be hosted by Denver**
 - **Planning assistance from the RMR has been offered.**
 - **Allen brought up planning for the Annual Dinner Meeting and that ideas from the Board will be greatly appreciated.**

6. Newsletter Status
 - **The following items need to be completed and posted to newsletter before December 7:**
 - **2006 Board ballot**
 - **Scholarship announcement**
 - **Annual Dinner Meeting in January 2006 proposed to be held at Maggiano's near Denver Tech Center**
7. GIS in the Rockies Conference (Jan and Roland)
 - **Jan or Roland will attend the November 4th meeting and report on developments**
8. Membership Outreach (Jeff)
 - **Reported items of concern:**
 - **Not enough new members joining RMR**
 - **As a board, we need to engage more companies to assist with employer-sponsored memberships**
 - **Our messaging to prospective members needs to focus on the value gained by participating in ASPRS.**
 - **Jeff Young will pursue National and discuss the need we have for a better list of current members in our region so that we can better utilize that information.**
 - **Membership plan developed by Jaymes and Jeff was unanimously approved by all meeting attendees.**
 - **Proposed that we can better implement the plan by doing a series of targeted site visits to local companies.**
9. Scholarship plan (Jeff)
 - **Discussed proposed amounts of scholarship funds to be allocated.**
 - **We're currently sponsoring \$6,500 in scholarships from last year. RMR usually offers a minimum of \$2,000 per year.**
 - **Proposed idea from Jeff Young is to allocate 2-3 years of ASPRS membership funds from each scholarship winner's award. This will maintain more consistent membership numbers.**
 - **National scholarships have been announced and we need to get information disseminated to the student chapters in RMR.**
10. Web site update (Sheila, sent by e-mail)
 - **Progress of website upgrading by Seth Kovanic is being monitored.**
 - **The Internet Explorer browser links appear to be fixed.**
 - **The menu pulldowns have been added to the Netscape/Mozilla versions.**
 - **He has redesigned the look of the web site but has not yet removed the 70th anniversary logo; he has new logos to work with.**
 - **All please check out the website and let Sheila know what you think of the new look. She will make sure Seth finishes work and bills us so this expense can be paid before the end of the year (\$500 already approved).**
 - **Dreamweaver software that is used to update the site should be upgraded; upgrade has been available for over a year (should be about \$200).**
11. Next Meeting Time
 - **November 15th @ 12:30 pm. at SANZ offices in Englewood.**