



Rio Grande Chapter

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Minutes: ASPRS – Rio Grande Chapter Meeting (Dec. 7, 2012)

Attendees: Michaela Buenemann, Rebecca Richmond, Joe Zebrowski, Nathan Kempf, Jake Darlington, Rob Dzur, Brian Knehans, Clyde Hubbard

1. The meeting was **called to order** by Joe at 12:35 pm.
2. **Roll call:** Roll call conducted with the above noted attendees present at the opening of the meeting (except for R. Dzur who joined the meeting in progress).
3. **Quorum:** A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.
4. **Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made and it was approved.
5. **Approval of Past Meeting Minutes:** Sept. minutes were approved by consensus.
6. **Treasurer's report:** Brian provided an overview of Chapter finances noting that our accrual balance stood at \$370. Brian made a motion to define a process for reimbursement. The rough outline of this process would entail Brian sending out the Treasurer's Report including requests for reimbursement prior to the monthly Board meeting and then having expenditures approved at the subsequent Board meeting. If no Board meeting occurred, reimbursements could still move forward as long as the Treasurer could determine that there existed a quorum of positive responses to the reimbursement(s) in question at which point, the Treasurer would cut the checks to distribute the funds. Brian also reported that the mailbox would be cancelled and that mail could be sent to the Chapter at the BHI address. Brian indicated that he would send out the new mailing address along with the Treasurer's report.
7. **Membership report:** Joe reported that membership stands at 73 with 10 members added since June, with all but three (3) being student members. Joe mentioned that there still existed a need to do better in recruitment. Related to our membership, Joe mentioned that M. Vessel was leaving the Chapter/Board as he is transitioning to Colorado. Joe encouraged us all to reach out to Mike to wish him well.
8. **Rocky Mountain Region Report:** Michaela provided the Region report noting that there was a request for new student chapter in the region and another for Utah. It also appeared according to Michaela that there may be some movement at UNM as well given the energy they have at UNM. Joe requested that Michaela send him the UNM faculty contact or alternatively that she might contact as well with CC to Joe. Michaela also mentioned that the Region is reviewing scholarship applications and she noted that there was some difficulty in differentiating between Graduate and Undergraduate applicants and that there would be a scholarship for each category. As an aside, Michaela discussed GIS in the Rockies and the fact that it is pricy and Michaela suggested perhaps another venue might exist to save money since as a comparable conference it is about the same cost as AAG, but probably not with the same attendance and

value. She also noted that we could contribute promotional news items to the Regional newsletter. Michaela suggested that an at-large board member (one without a current formal functional role) might take this role in promotion of our chapter activities and work to prepare a “blurp” for the newsletter for promotion in the Chapter within the Region. Joe mentioned that news items could be other community news such as the fall meeting or for example the new geospatial facility at Highlands in Las Vegas, NM.

9. Old Business:

- a. **Scholarship.** Joe has secured about \$150 in pledges and \$70 in contributions in Board Members contributions and Joe also noted that the Region had indicated that it would offer to contribute \$500. Joe needs to follow-up with the Region on their offer to contribute. Joe believes we should take the risk to offer this scholarship in the Spring for a \$250 Graduate and \$250 Undergraduate scholarship. Michaela moved and Nathan seconded that we begin publicizing the availability the 2013 Scholarship.

10. New Business

- a. **Technical Tours** – Although Joe mentioned that this was a preferred topic of his, he decided to defer discussion on Tech Tours.
- b. **Election Planning** – Current plans are to induct officers in April at the annual meeting. Joe will send out an announcement. Nathan has a timeframe for the proposed election schedule and provided some highlights. Key dates included:
 1. Sending out nomination request and returning by official ballot on the 24th of Jan., and
 2. Having results by the 22nd of Feb.

This schedule would allow the possibility of having a board meeting between the election results and the annual meeting. Joe believed that this timeline could work as is and he moved to approve the suggested timeframe. Michaela seconded the motion. Joe concluded this topic by asking board members to consider if they wanted to continue on in their role.

11. Conferences

- a. **SWAAG** – Michaela reported that there were about 160 in attendance at the fall SWAAG meeting which had some good keynotes and sessions; one session in particular was dedicated to Remote Sensing and another was dedicated to GIS. Michaela mentioned that the next SWAAG would be in Nacogdoches, TX followed by Albuquerque, NM. Also as commentary since about half the attendees are students there was some brief discussion that this could be a good reason for ASPRS to have some presence.
- b. **Tribal GIS** – Clyde reported that the recent National Tribal GIS conference was well attended and a good meeting for the Tribal Community. Joe indicated that our membership includes someone that works at the Jicarilla-Apache. Joe mentioned he would send that person’s POC to Clyde.
- c. **Upcoming** – Joe called out to ask if besides the ASPRS spring meeting there might be another spring meeting in the geospatial community. Rob contributed

that over February 11-13, 2013 was the International LiDAR Mapping Forum. Joe asked that Nathan put that conference on our website.

12. **Next meeting date:** Joe recommended the 11th of January for the Next meeting.
13. **Action Items Review:** Joe will make an appeal to a member to take on the task of publishing news items to the Region, Michaela to coordinate with the Region regarding our annual funding.
14. **Update from NMSU Chapter.** Michaela recommended an update from the NMSU Chapter as a standard item on our meeting agenda. Rebecca shared that there was a good tech talk on UAVs recently in Las Cruces and that they were looking for presentations/presenters and also that the student Chapter had recently elected a new President.
15. Motion to **adjourn** per dial tone concluded the meeting at 1:25 pm.