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President's Message

Dear members:

Well, summer is officially here in the Rocky Mountains and, in addition to the warmer weather, kids out of school, and plans for vacation, we also enter a very busy time of year for our industry. The current regional board has been staying busy and remains focused on expanding our outreach activities for the membership, as well as establishing new student chapters across the Rocky Mountain Region.

There are also a couple of updates from the ASPRS 2007 annual conference, held in Tampa, Florida May 7-11 that I'd like to mention. The turnout for the annual conference was very good, probably better than recent conferences, and I heard many positive comments from attendees about the technical sessions. As usual there wasn't enough time for everyone to attend everything they wanted, but that's to be expected. I had a lot of positive feedback from various exhibitors, so hopefully the business part of the conference was also beneficial for everyone. More important to note in this publication, the RMR was awarded three national awards at the conference in Tampa. Unfortunately this was the first time in 5+ years that the RMR was not awarded the 1st place award for Region of the Year category (can't win it every year right!!), but I believe Rocky Mountain was the only region to win an award in all three categories of nomination. This

continues to reflect the high level of effort and professionalism maintained by the RMR and its past and present board members. We will have a separate article to outline these awards in more detail.

I'd also like to make note of another membership activity hosted by the Rocky Mountain region that wouldn't have appeared in the spring *Rocky Mountain Compiler*. On February 9th, the ASPRS RMR hosted an ASPRS Certification Workshop which was held at Merrick & Company. We had 20 participants, which is a great turnout for this first-time event in the RMR. I believe the RMR is the first, and only, region to host a certification workshop on behalf of our national society, so we'd like the opportunity to expand these types of events in the future. Please feel free to contact any members of the board if you or your company has interest in participating in or hosting a workshop. This is a great example of how the region provides meaningful tools and content to support our members. A hearty thank

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you and congratulations go out to board member **Victoria Provenza** for all her hard work that went into coordinating and making this a successful event.

In April we also hosted our latest edition of the "Best of the West" series, in which the RMR invites companies to present their latest solutions and products to our members. We had a great presentation from **Shaun Callaghan** of Definens, Inc. based on their eCognition solution for image classification. If your company has interest in participating in these monthly events, please contact me at tryan@lizardtech.com and we'll schedule a time for you during one of our upcoming meetings.

We continue to assist with preparations for a couple of events occurring in our region—the 2007 GIS in the Rockies conference and the 2008 ASPRS Fall Conference. If you have any questions about these events, or wish to contribute as a volunteer for these conferences please feel free to contact a board member.

As always, we on the RMR Board of Directors encourage all of our members to become more involved in your region. If you have input as to how we can provide more value to your membership, then we welcome a dialogue. You can assist or participate in the ASPRS-RMR in many ways, including attending monthly board meetings, volunteering at local conferences, contributing to the regional newsletter or website, just to name a few. Feel free to contact any of the board at <http://www.asprs-rmr.org/officers.html>.

We look forward to your participation in the months and years ahead!!

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RMR Receives 3 National Awards

Your Rocky Mountain Region, thanks to many coordinated efforts, has continued to receive many accolades from the National headquarters. These awards were presented at the ASPRS 2007 Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida and are based on the previous calendar year's successes. This time around RMR was chosen for 3 awards:

- Region of the Year Award – 1st Honorable Mention (2nd place)
- Region Website of the Year – 2nd Place
- Region Newsletter of the Year – 3rd Place (*Rocky Mountain Compiler*)

Rocky Mountain Compiler

By receiving these awards in three separate categories, even though we didn't win Region of the Year for the 6th straight year, I think we can take pride and feel good about what the board of directors does to represent our region. Again we receive affirmation that the Rocky Mountain Region consistently leads the way for ASPRS!!

It's All About MEEP!

Yep, another acronym for our acronym-laden industry. But, this one promises to be pure fun!

What is MEEP? MEEP is our new Membership Enhancement and Engagement Program. The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Board of Directors has been busy canvassing the membership for ideas and suggestions to improve the membership experience and engage members in the Region's activities. Overwhelmingly, members asked for more networking opportunities and to belong to a community. Read on for how we plan to address the MEEP plan.

- State Liaisons – The RMR spans from the Canadian border to the Mexican border along the Continental Divide. That's a lot of territory for one region. In an effort to reach members outside the Front Range of Colorado, we're asking for volunteers to step forward to host more localized events in their area. While regional governance has historically been concentrated in the Front Range of Colorado, we would like to establish "Chapters" in each state to enhance membership opportunities for our entire membership in Montana, Wyoming, and Western Colorado and Southern New Mexico. We need volunteers to fill the position of State Liaison. If you have an interest in serving the Society in this capacity, please contact **Victoria Provenza** at (303) 408-6022 or victoria@prospatial.com.
- Student Chapter Sponsor – Do you live near or are you associated with a university or college in the RMR? We are looking for remote sensing and photogrammetry professional members to serve as Student Chapter Sponsors. This rewarding position will assist student chapters in obtaining speakers for their meetings and serve as the student chapter's link to the professional world of ASPRS. If you have an interest in serving the Society in this capacity, please contact **Victoria Provenza** by phone at (303) 408-6022 or by email to victoria@prospatial.com.
- PECORA Local Committee – The RMR will serve as local host for the PECORA Symposium in 2008. Become involved in this prestigious event by serving on the Local Committee. **Carol Mladinich** of the USGS has volunteered to head this committee. If you have an interest in serving the

Society in this capacity, please contact **Victoria Provenza** by phone at (303) 408-6022 or by email to victoria@prospatial.com.

Please help us make the RMR a great value to you and others in our profession. Consider volunteering for one of the above listed opportunities. Make a difference...VOLUNTEER!

Invitation to New Student Chapters

In a continuing effort to expand our outreach and meet the main objectives of the ASPRS Rocky Mountain Region (RMR), the current Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to invite educational institutions, and their faculty advisors to consider creating and building ASPRS Student Chapters at their respective schools. This invitation is open to all institutions with new and/or existing Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing and GIS programs. This is an ideal opportunity for students who wish to become more active in their educational and professional lives by participating in ASPRS.

By starting a student chapter with the RMR, students and educators alike will have access to technical presentations, job fairs, discounts on ASPRS publications, networking opportunities, and eligibility for over \$20,000 in National and Regional awards, scholarships, and fellowships.

If you'd like to inquire about existing student chapters within the RMR, or to obtain a Petition Form in order to begin the process at your institution please contact **Victoria Provenza**, Vice-President ASPRS-RMR by phone at (303) 408-6022 or by email to victoria@prospatial.com.

UPCOMING Social Events

“Leaves On,” “Leaves Off” and “Nearest Neighbor” Socials

To provide more networking opportunities, we are adding two social events to the annual calendar and need your help and participation to make them successful. To serve as host or organizer for a social event in your area, contact **Victoria Provenza** at (303) 408-6022 or victoria@prospatial.com.

LEAVES ON (Summer Social)

SAVE the DATE: Tuesday, July 17th. Members, their families and guests are invited to the RMR 1st Annual LEAVES ON Social at “Film on the Rocks” at the Red Rocks Amphitheatre, Denver, Colorado for a Tailgate Party at 5:00pm followed by live music by “Born in the Flood” at 6:00pm and the classic film “Back to the Future” shown under the stars with scenic Denver night lights in the background. Tickets are \$10.00 per person and can be

purchased online at www.denverfilm.org or at any King Soopers. For Tailgating location and more information contact **Victoria Provenza** at (303) 408-6022 or victoria@prospatial.com.

Nearest Neighbor Social

This social planned for the Fall Season is an informal gathering of ASPRS professionals living near one another based on the Table of Eight concept. Ideal for ASPRS professionals, both those living in urban locations and those in rural locations, this social provides an opportunity to converse with other members and share experiences in a relaxed atmosphere. To host or organize a Nearest Neighbor Social at your home, place of business, local park or restaurant, contact **Victoria Provenza** at (303) 408-6022 or victoria@prospatial.com.

LEAVES OFF (Winter Social)

The Annual Meeting of the RMR serves as the “Leaves Off” social. (Yes, it’s business attire for those who have not attended in the past!) The Annual Meeting serves as a kick-off for the year where the newly elected officers are inducted and scholarships are presented. Please plan on attending this year. Information on the place and time (typically in January) will be posted on the website and in a future newsletter.

2008 Scholarship Announcement

In its continuing efforts to support and build awareness for the Remote Sensing and GIS sciences, the Rocky Mountain Region of ASPRS is proud to announce its academic scholarship program for 2007-2008.

The Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) of ASPRS offers scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students every year. The scholarships are intended for students residing and studying in the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado, Montana, New Mexico and Wyoming) who are demonstrating excellence while pursuing studies in the fields of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) or related disciplines. Both undergraduate and graduate students of any accredited educational institution within the four-state region whose studies are concentrated on these disciplines are eligible for the awards.

The deadline to submit an application is December 10, 2007. Awards are presented at the ASPRS-RMR Annual Dinner Meeting in January. We’ve consistently offered thousands of dollars in annual scholarships and YOU could be our next winner.

Download the 2008 ASPRS-RMR Scholarship Application now from www.asprs-rmr.org/news.html.

Preference is given to those studies that apply sound scientific principles to practical applications and/or to those presenting their work at an ASPRS sponsored conference. Award of the undergraduate and the graduate scholarships is based on academic merit (that is, the scholarships are not needs-based and the application form does not request any personal financial data).

For more information, please contact **Victoria Provenza**, Vice-President ASPRS-RMR at (303) 408-6022 or at victoria@prospatial.com.

Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm Rocky Mountain Region welcome to our new members!

Krista Deal	Broomfield, CO
Tim Kammerer	Denver, CO
Jorge Aguayo	Aurora, CO
Natalie Campos	Boseman, MT
Patricia Dappen	Las Vegas, NM
Troy Jones	Albuquerque, NM
Bruce Metzger	Woodland Park, CO
Charles Matthys	Lakewood, CO

Job Postings!!!

Greetings ASPRS Rocky Mountain Region Members:

The opportunities for networking, conferences, employment, training, grants and contracts are really picking up! If you haven't checked out the [News & Events](#) or [Jobs](#) pages on the RMR web site lately, what are you waiting for? These listings are updated frequently, so keep an eye on them regularly!

Coming Events

GIS in the Rockies, 12 - 14 September 2007 at INVESCO Field at Mile High, Denver, Colorado.

ASPRS and CRSS (the Canadian Remote Sensing Society) **joint conference** around the theme of Our Common Borders - Safety, Security and the Environment through Remote Sensing, **28 October - 1 November 2007** in Ottawa, Canada. Check your passport expiration date now to ensure you will have a good trip.

2008 ASPRS Annual Meeting will be **27 April - 2 May 2008** in Portland, Oregon.

See the RMR website for officer contact information

<http://www.asprs-rmr.org/officers.html>

and late-breaking news

<http://www.asprs-rmr.org/news.html>



Definiens was gracious enough to sponsor one of the ASPRS Student Scholarships last year, demonstrating that it is an innovative company supporting the new minds coming in to the industry. If your company would be interested in sponsoring one of these future remote sensing professionals, please contact **Terry Ryan** at tryan@lizardtech.com, or **Victoria Provenza** at victoria@prospatial.com.



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