



**Meeting:** ASPRS – RMR Board Meeting Minutes

**Date and Time:** October 20, 2006 12:30 PM

Meeting called to order 12:39 PM

**Present:** Jeff Young, Terry Ryan, Victoria Provenza, Allen Cook, Sheila Pelczarski

**Present by TeleCon/WebEx:** Jaymes Pardue, Trent Casi,

**Apologies for absence:** David Opitz, Roland Mangold, Mark Hess, Jen Whitacre

**Members/Guests in attendance:** Rick Lawrence

Note: Action Items in Aqua

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**1. Welcome and Agenda Acceptance:**

Jeff

Jeff welcomed members and guest present via TelCon/WebEx.

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

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Terry 2nd

**2. Review and Approve 09/08/06 Meeting Minutes:**

Jeff

\*\*\*\*Motion to Approve September Meeting Minutes as presented\*\*\*\*

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Sheila 2nd

**3. Treasury Report:**

Jeff for  
Mark

Checking Account Balance 10/20/2006           \$ 11,078.12

CD Account Balance 06/30/06\*                 \$ 16,018.65

\*Interest paid in 2006 through 06/30/06       \$     278.50

The CD is accumulating modest interest and overall we're in good shape and financially solvent. We may need to dip into the reserves to fund scholarships if the actual income from GIS in the Rockies is lower than projected.

#### **4. National Directors Report:**

Most of the National activity is focused on preparations for the upcoming conference in San Antonio. Two calls for papers in the classified session have been issued for the Annual Meeting in Tampa. Allen will distribute the call for papers via e-mail to interested parties. Allen's e-mail address is: [allen.cook@ngc.com](mailto:allen.cook@ngc.com). Allen also reported that there has not been significant discussion on national licensure but ASPRS is working on a preliminary certification for students that leads to professional certification. Pecora is set for November 17 – 20, 2008 in Denver. The Rocky Mountain Region will be the regional sponsor and host for the meeting. Planning will begin after the first of the year. Jeff said that he spoke with Jim Sturdevant at EROS and Jim indicated that the Adams Mark Hotel and Convention Center had been selected as the venue. Jim needs assistance of approximately 50 volunteers to help support the conference. As a region, we strongly support the conference. The theme being discussed is one of collaboration to assist in eradicating duplicity in data collection.

There hasn't been any further discussion on the workforce issues. The USGS Rolla office received a one year reprieve but the Menlo office is moving forward on closing. Jeff added that there is a delay in the A-76 process as there is a competitive bid under MEO (most efficient operation). Moral continues to be a concern.

#### **5. Newsletter Status/Issues:**

Jeff reported that all contributors met the deadline and the content was good. He had fun with the "Next Big Idea" he discussed in the President's Message section. TRB Geomatics has been asked to comment on the future of the geospatial industry.

Jen will be stepping down as newsletter editor at the end of the year and we need to work diligently to find a replacement for her unless we "annex Indiana".

Allen

Jeff for  
Jen

## 6. GIS in the Rockies:

Jaymes reported that the financial report recently released was disappointing. The profit from the 2006 GIS in the Rockies Conference is \$1500.00. The vendor registration was down approximately 15 – 20%. Attendance was about the same as in previous years. Attendees tend to rate the conference very high but vendors rate it very low. Attendance is typically around the 600 – 620 range. Expenses were in check but the largest driver was the lack of returning vendors and onsite registration. ASPRS RMR purpose for participating as a sponsoring society is for a professional presence in the regional geospatial community and as a revenue vehicle to fund annual scholarships. Jeff and Victoria are attending the Board and Planning Meetings tomorrow and will report back at our planned meeting in November. The ASPRS RMR organizational commitment to GIS in the Rockies 2007 is as follows:

Jeff Young: GISR Board of Directors, Executive Committee

Victoria Provenza: GISR Planning Committee

Trent Casi: GISR Planning Committee

Jaymes Pardue: 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee (Chair)

Jeff will correspond with the Executive Committee communicating that ASPRS RMR is fully engaged in the success of the 2007 conference and peripheral responsibilities. Jeff has also offered the SANZ conference line to facilitate participation for traveling members of the committees. He will suggest utilizing technology available to accommodate frequent travelers at the summit meeting tomorrow. He also intends to take a strong stance on fiduciary responsibility to ASPRS RMR and other sponsoring societies.

## 7. Membership Outreach:

Terry is working on collecting contact information for the student chapters and getting their paperwork in order. He invited our guest, Rick Lawrence from Montana State University to organize a student chapter at his institution. Rick indicated that he was willing to be the faculty sponsor and stated that a critical mass of students has been reached to insure a successful chapter. Terry will coordinate with Rick on organizing the new student chapter at MSU.

Victoria agreed to contact faculty from the Front Range universities to encourage them to distribute the Rogues flyer and ASPRS RMR Scholarship Announcement to their students.

Jaymes

Jeff and  
Victoria

Terry

Victoria

## 8. Annual Scholarships:

Terry circulated revised scholarship criteria. Sheila commented that we formerly required two letters of recommendation. Jeff was concerned that two letters were redundant and may reduce the number of applicants as the intent of the letter of recommendation is to qualify that the student meets the eligibility requirements for the scholarship. Rick agreed, stating that most students have a well defined study plan so one letter would be sufficient. Terry will circulate criteria via e-mail for one final review before publishing and distributing to the region.

Terry

Jeff continues to reach out to regional industry leaders for scholarship donations or sponsorship of sector specific awards.

## 9. Website Update:

Sheila

Sheila continues to update the web page regularly, usually weekly for the News and Jobs pages. She received 20 new job postings and most have been added. She will complete the posting soon. The glitch on the jobs page in the Mozilla browser has been corrected. Jeff recommended that Jennifer Stefanacci assist Sheila with the day-to-day management of the web site.

## 10. Movements on the Board:

Jeff

We need to continue to solicit membership for active participation on the 2007 Board. Jeff will provide a list of openings at the next meeting. Sheila recommended that we revisit the list that was circulated last year and the year before for names of interested parties.

Jeff

## 11. Best of the WEST Update:

SANZ continues to sponsor the Best of the WEST series at no cost to the RMR. Victoria requested that the December Best of the WEST slot be reserved as an information session on ASPRS Certifications and the upcoming ASPRS Certification Workshop sponsored by Merrick and the ASPRS RMR. Jeff reserved the December Best of the WEST for the ASPRS Certification and benefits webinar.

## 12. Closing Statements:

Jeff

Jeff thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting

**13. Date of Next Meeting:**

November 20, 2006 – TeleCon/WebEx format

\*\*\*\*Motion to Close Meeting\*\*\*

APPROVED: Unanimous – Allen motion/Terry 2nd

Time meeting finished: 1:53 PM

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

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