



Rio Grande Chapter

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Minutes: ASPRS – Rio Grande Chapter Meeting (May 16, 2014 12:30pm)

Attendees: Chris Lippitt, Michaela Buenemann, Caitlin Lippitt, Jake Darlington, Brian Knehans, Nathan Kempf, Steve Sesnie, Dan Paulsen, Mark Simpson

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 12:35 pm with the attendees briefly introducing themselves including ASPRS their respective membership history as this was the first board meeting of newly elected chapter board members. After introductions, Michaela commented that it might be interesting to capture more Chapter history.
2. **Roll call** was conducted and with proof of **quorum** established, the meeting proceeded.
3. C. Lippitt moved to approve the **agenda** with second by Jake and with no discussion, the agenda was approved.
4. After confirming that no business was conducted in April due to the Chapter conference the **March meeting minutes** were likewise approved by motion (C. Lippitt and seconded by Brian).
5. **Treasurer's report.** Brian reported that the current statement balance stands at \$1,356; with a check having cleared in the last month for a student reimbursement. Chris Lippitt indicated that he would be providing a reimbursement request soon (April conference expenses) and that a number of student reimbursement requests would be coming in (potentially 8 or 9 in total) from the new UNM Student Chapter. Michaela requested a report be provided prior to the meeting if possible. Brian will also look into the online banking options. Chris Lippitt motioned to accept the Treasurer's report and with a second the motion carried.
6. **Membership Report.** Michaela reported that we have 77 members in the State and Michaela will try to analyze membership on a monthly basis and distribute. Chapter membership expansion is primarily accounted for with major growth at UNM including the addition of 13 members.
7. **Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Report.** Michaela indicated that there as a brief and poorly attended Regional meeting. The GeCo in the Rockies 2014 has announce an extension to the deadline for submission of abstracts to the 20th of June. During the regional meeting there was some discussion of starting a Montana chapter, however, nothing is firm at this point.
8. **NMSU Student Chapter Report.** With school out there was no report. Michaela mentioned that she would try to rejuvenate the student chapter. Jeff Young (ASPRS Rocky Mountain region) presented about Big Data recently with about 30 attendees.
9. **UNM Student Chapter Report** – Chris reported that the student chapter is initiating with about 20 members, 9 of whom enrolled as members in ASPRS. The student chapter bylaws have been adopted with elections taking place and momentarily the chapter will be submitting the

application to ASPRS and expect to be officially up and running very soon. Steve has committed to providing an R workshop and the UNM ASPRS student chapter will be hosting one of the speakers in the colloquium series.

10. **NM Geographic Advisory Committee & NM Geographic Information Council Report.** Michaela asked Dan to comment on the idea of trying to establish closer ties with the NM GAC group. Michaela may reach out to Gar to investigate how ASPRS Rio Grande might be more informed of the meeting minutes. Dan also noted that the NM Society of Professional Surveyors may also be an organization which we might liaison with. Dan mentioned that he would volunteer to be a liaison.

11. **Old Business.**

- a. **Spring Meeting Review.** Six talks were given and officially there were 27 attendees, but Chris estimated that there were likely around 40. Some attendees were from Biology and the feedback was highly positive and they would be willing to host again. There was one poster entry from Amanda at NM Highlands that was also given as a talk. Chris said that a lesson learned could be getting more lead time on the call for papers. Two of Chris' students presented their work. Michaela asked if there were any pictures from the meeting. Chris mentioned that Joe may have some pictures. Michaela asked if Chris would be able to do a brief write up with some pictures so that a summary could be presented in the RMR newsletter. Michaela will email Joe about the availability of pictures. Other board members commented that the meeting was good.
- b. **Scholarship.** No applications were received. Steve mentioned that perhaps we should question the effort and application process and think about incentivizing further the scholarship. Michaela noted that perhaps we could take up the issue in another meeting. Action item to consider what we should do in the future with regard to the scholarship.

12. **New Business**

- i. **Website** – Michaela mentioned that there may be issues with the mailing address listed on the website and Michaela requested that Nathan update the website with new information. Michaela asked if anyone had thoughts about how to revamp the website (http://www.asprs-rmr.org/local_chapters/riogrande). Nathan is the main contact person and if you have events, he will make sure they get posted to the calendar. Action item would be to consider ideas to improve the website.
- ii. **Vision, mission, and values** of ASPRS RGC. Michaela thought we should develop a set of Vision, mission and values for the chapter to revisit who we are and what we do. Dan thought it would make sense to do this. Michaela led the discussion of development of a vision mission and values statement. Chris mentioned that we should consider it from a local chapter perspective. Chris suggested that perhaps the fall meeting could be a forum for development through a brain storming session of a vision mission and values statement.
- iii. **Fall meeting** – Discussion centered on regular attendance at the meeting by the board. Fall meetings have occurred mid-way between ABQ and LCS traditionally. September is a good time as the semester is getting underway and the weather is still reasonable.

13. **Upcoming conferences**

- i. SWAAG, Albuquerque, NM Oct 23-25. Meetings at the Hotel Andaluz / Convention Center.

Chris mentioned that the window for corporate participation is closing soon so if there is interest in exhibitors and sponsors should take action with their sponsorship soon; it will be large meeting since it is the Great Plains and Southwest region meeting combined.

Chris also mentioned that he is in possession of the Chapter banner.

- ii. September 22-26, 2014 GeCo in the Rockies Conference.
- iii. AAG April 8-12, Tampa FL.

14. Action Items

- a. Michaela to contact Joe regarding pictures from the Spring Meeting.
- b. Chris to develop brief summary of the Spring meeting.
- c. Consider how we structure the scholarship in the future.
- d. Consider ideas to improve the website.
- e. Board members should be thinking about formulation of the Chapter Vision Values Mission statement and reconvene a brainstorming opportunity during the fall meeting.
- f. Michaela will conduct a doodle poll for date of the fall meeting.
- g. Chris will look into a Chapter booth at the SWAAG meeting.
- h. Brian will investigate on-line banking.

15. **Next meeting** date. June meeting was set for June 20th.

16. Motion to **adjourn** per dial tone concluded the meeting at 1:39pm.