



Rio Grande Chapter

American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

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Board Meeting Minutes

25 July 2014, 12:30-1:30 PM

Attendees: Michaela Buenemann, Nathan Kempf, Jake Darlington, Joe Zebrowski, Rob Dzur, Dan Paulsen

1. Meeting **called to order** at 12:35 pm by Michaela.
2. **Roll call** was conducted with a **quorum** established. Michaela asked for a motion to approve the agenda and Joe moved to approve the agenda with second by Jake and with no discussion, the motion carried. Subsequently, a motion by Joe to approved the minutes was also made and again seconded by Jake and with no discussion, the prior meeting minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's report.** No treasurer's report had been sent out before the meeting, so the board continued on to the next item on the agenda.
4. **Membership report.** Michaela reported as of today we have 73 members, with no real significant change in membership. Joe noted that he had some past reports that he agreed to email to Michaela so that she can keep track of membership and identify trends in the excel sheet she is compiling.
5. **Rocky Mountain Region report.** Michaela reported that there was a vote to approve the UNM chapter which passed and is now pending with the National office. Joe mentioned that students at NM Highlands, Las Vegas have expressed interest in establishing a chapter and have started an on-campus geospatial club which they may consider rolling into an ASPRS Student chapter.
6. **ASPRS NMSU Student Chapter report.** None.

7. **NM Geospatial Advisory Committee report.** Joe and Jake reported that they weren't able to attend the last meeting so there was no news to report.
8. **NM Geographic Information Council report.** Joe reported that he phoned in on the last meeting and that one of the topics was that NMGIC would be forming a scholarship committee and NMGIC appeared receptive to using similar processes already in place with the ASPRS Rio Grande scholarship process. NMGIC is focused on education this year with that being the theme of the upcoming conference. Current developments related to the conference include seeking of speakers with the current main challenge being to find a keynote speaker. The other item discussed was a conference on Sept. 19 in the Farmington area for a San Juan area conference. Joe also noted that he is working on establishing a geospatial educators contact lists.
9. **ASPRS RGC Website.** Michaela shared information related to the feedback she had received from the board on the website. Joe had a comment that it might be good to feature an image of a place in NM and possibly ask students to potentially post an image of the month for submittal to the website. Dan mentioned similarly, that we could reflect more of the New Mexico flavor of our chapter. Michaela asked if Nathan could take note of those items on the website. Michaela suggest that Nathan let us know what kinds of changes are made and we revisit next month.
10. **Scholarship.** Joe mentioned that he couldn't really see any holes in the logic of the scholarship or the selection process. He commented that students might not have confidence that they would have an opportunity to win. Joe noted that perhaps it could be marketed differently as a travel or research funding scholarship. Michaela discussed perhaps placing more emphasis on the essay portion of the application and to reduce the number of supporting materials that students currently need to submit as part of their application. Joe mentioned that he was willing to work with Steve or anyone else on the next scholarship announcement and criteria.

11. Upcoming conferences.

Michaela discussed some details regarding an additional meeting that is upcoming (the NMAS – New Mexico Academy of Science conference) in the fall with a focus on energy and potentially introducing geospatial themes into the NMAS. Michaela welcomed ideas

from the board. Joe mentioned that there would probably be parallel interest among STEM educators and other groups like the NMGAC.

- a. 23-25 October 2014, SWAAG Meeting, Albuquerque, NM
- b. 31 October 2014, NMGIC, Albuquerque, NM
- c. 22-26 September 2014, GeCo in the Rockies, Grand Junction, CO
- d. 1 November 2014, Joint NMAS / NM EPSCoR Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

12. Other items.

- a. Joe indicated that one of his students joined the ASPRS Student Advisory Council, which included a trip to the National Conference, which was motivating. Joe will remind his student to connect with UNM and NMSU this fall.
- b. This summer Joe participated in the Integrated Geospatial Education Training Program in the Fall Church, VA area. The NSF program finishes next summer and he was impressed with the energy and skill that the community college educators are bringing to the topic of geospatial. One of the big issues he commented on is that the programs are often personality dependent and there should be some sort of investment or consideration by national groups such as ASPRS in how to support greater capacity building at these programs.
- c. Michaela polled the group for a meeting time for the next meeting. Joe indicated that he liked the Friday time frame. We agreed to have an August meeting to discuss the details of the fall meeting. The group also agreed to meeting again on 29 August at 12:30 pm.

13. Action items.

- a. Nathan to communicate the changes implemented on the website.
- b. Joe will email Michaela some prior membership reports.
- c. Joe will be working on geospatial educators contact list as well as the next scholarship criteria and announcement.
- d. Jake D., Nathan K., and Dan P. will take care of the meeting location for the September meeting some place in between Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Michaela thought she might be able to get a good group of students.

14. **Next meeting date:** 29 August 2014

15. Meeting **adjourned** at 1:15 pm.