



Rio Grande Chapter

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Minutes: ASPRS – Rio Grande Chapter Meeting (Mar 7, 2014 12:36pm)

Attendees: Joe Zebrowski, Michaela Buenemann, Zach Taraschi, Steve Sesnie, Brian Knehans, Rob Dzur.

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 12:36 pm
2. **Roll call** was conducted with the attendees listed above present for the meeting.
3. **Quorum** was established and the meeting proceeded.
4. J. Zebrowski moved to approve the **agenda**.
5. **Treasurer's report.** Brian reported that he wrote the outstanding check for the pending student reimbursement and deposited the check from the RMR. Ensuing discussion considered that the overall account balance may cover the scholarships. Joe requested that Brian, send out a follow-up email with the current available account balance.
6. **Membership Report.** Joe noted that it appears that there is a plus up in student membership at UNM with a number of students in the area showing up affiliated with the Penn State Online program.
7. **Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) Report.** Michaela reported that an upcoming meeting is scheduled for next week. Currently the big news from the Region is that the Chapter has won first place for its newsletter and second place for the website.
8. **Business.**
 - a. **Survey Results.** Joe reported that he and Nathan had discussed formatting of the survey results and will share those results shortly.
 - b. **Scholarship.** Steve has volunteered to oversee the process to review scholarship applications, however, no applications have been received to date. Steve thought it might be good to encourage students to apply. The deadline is March 14th.
 - c. **Election Status** – Joe just received an email from Nathan and Jake about elections indicating that 12 ballots were cast and the results were unanimous. All those on the ballot were elected to the board. Joe will get together with Nathan to compose a message to those who were elected.
 - d. **Spring meeting.** – Michaela, Chris and Joe will be conducting a planning session for spring meeting in the coming week. Michaela raised the issue of accommodations for students. Steve indicated that he lives in the East Mountains and offered possible camping accommodations pending coordination with his family to students that may be coming up from Las Cruces. Joe thought that it might be useful to put a call out to other ABQ based members who might be able to host out of town visitors.

- e. **NMSU Student Chapter Report.** Zach reported that they had a student chapter meeting two weeks ago in which they discussed membership, recruitment and lining up speakers. Joe welcomed Zach to the meeting.
- f. **Recent Meetings and Upcoming Conferences.** Joe discussed that one of his colleagues attended the recent IMLF LiDAR conference in Denver this year and thought it interesting that the comments he received from this colleague were that the meeting was not a very technical conference and more of a managerial conference about what organizations are doing with LiDAR. Steve reported that he published an article and will be writing an upcoming article in the next few months to come out in LiDAR news and mentioned that LiDAR is a staple of natural resource management at the USFWS. Steve said that he would let everyone know when the article comes out.

Upcoming Conferences / Events are as follows:

- i. ASPRS 2014 Conference, Louisville, KY, Mar 23-28.
- ii. ASPRS RG Spring meeting, April 5.
- iii. NMGIC Spring Meeting, 30th Anniversary, date was recently set.
- iv. SWAAG, Albuquerque, NM Oct 23-25. Meetings at the Hotel Andaluz / Convention Center.
- v. AAG April 8-12, Tampa FL.

Spring Meeting Funding. During the meeting the board approved funding in the following amounts: \$100 for food and \$50 for posters.

- 9. **Next meeting** date. The next meeting was scheduled for May 2nd.
- 10. Motion to **adjourn** per dial tone concluded the meeting at 1:15 pm.