



Rio Grande Chapter

American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

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Board Meeting Minutes

7 December 2017, 2:05 pm – 3:23 pm

Attendees: Steven Sesnie, Jake Darlington, Nathan Kempf, Chris Lippitt, Caitlin Lippitt, Su Zhang, Michaela Buenemann

1. The Board Meeting was **called to order** at 2:05 pm.
2. **Roll call** was conducted with a quorum established per the 7 members present above.
3. **Agenda.** A motion to approve the agenda with second was made. With a quorum established, the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. **Prior Board Meeting Minutes.** A discussion was made to locate the most recent minutes when we had a quorum and approve at a later date.
5. **Treasurer's report.** Caitlin emailed a Treasurer's report and discussed the procedure for Su to take over the bank account as Treasurer. A motion was approved to transfer the credit union bank account to Su Zhang at the soonest possible date. This will require a letter from the Rio Grande Chapter (RGC) president and the approved meeting minutes. There was also discussion on the lack of available funds and lack of future reimbursement from National and the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR). In an effort to raise RGC funds, Chris suggested charging a registration fee to non-students for annual meetings. He also suggested restaurant fundraising opportunities. Caitlin suggested offering remote sensing software instead of cash for scholarships.
6. **Rocky Mountain Region (RMR) report.** Michaela and Chris recently attended the RMR annual meeting in Denver. They stated that the format was well received with workshops and panels, but could do a better job getting the word out to other ASPRS members. The RMR scholarship has been postponed to January 1, 2018 and there has been discussion on dropping the full-time student requirement to part-time.

7. **NMSU Student Chapter report.** Michaela reported that the NMSU student chapter is currently inactive, but plans to revive it this coming spring.
8. **UNM Student Chapter report.** No direct report.
9. **Highlands University Student Chapter report:** There has been no word on activity in a long time.
10. **Student Chapters:** There was a discussion on how to boost student chapter activity. Steve would like to see student representative on the RGC Board. Caitlin responded that we should organize more activities and events to encourage student participation. She also added that the RGC should participate in Geography Awareness Week and GIS day. Michaela mentioned that she would like to see a combination event for socializing and outreach. She also mentioned that she would like to keep the fall camping trip, but combine it with a workshop.
11. **NM Geospatial Advisory Committee report.** Jake reported that he has not been able to attend in some time, but does plan to attend future meetings.
12. **NM Geographic Information Council report.** No report.
13. **Old Business**
 - a) Chris mentioned that Descartes Labs did a presentation at UNM in an effort to promote use of their software tools.
14. **New Business**
 - a) **ASPRS RGC Scholarship.** Steve reported that he likes the idea of offering prizes versus cash. Caitlin offered to look into software opportunities and free licensing by the next meeting. The consensus was to keep the RGC scholarship program.
 - b) **Annual Spring Meeting.** After some discussion, the consensus was to select April 7, 2018 as the date for the spring meeting. It was also decided to host the meeting in Las Cruces. Further discussion will continue on making the meeting a 2-day event with a meeting and a technical session. Steve offered to call some restaurant in the area to inquire about fund raising for the RGC.
 - c) **Upcoming Conferences.** There was some discussion on attending the upcoming AAG conference to be held in New Orleans on April 10-14, 2018.
 - d) **Selection of next meeting date(s):** There was discussion on if the meetings should be held quarterly, but it was decided to have them every two months. The consensus

was to have the next meeting on January 11, 2018 at 2 pm with the following meeting to take place in March 2018.

- e) **Action Items.** Steve to write letter to bank and call Las Cruces restaurants. Caitlin to look into software prizes. Nathan to compile and distribute meeting minutes.
- f) **Adjourn.** A motion to adjourn with second was made and the meeting ended at 3:23 pm.