AAGS Board Meeting Minutes for 20 July 2015

1. **Meeting started at 1604 EDT**
    a. President appointed Dave Doyle as Director 1st year in place of Matt Wellslager to ensure a quorum.
2. **Roll Call**
    a. AAGS Board
        i. President: Ronnie Taylor [present]
        ii. President-elect: Tom Meyer [not present]
        iii. Immediate past president: Michael Dennis[present]
        iv. Vice-president (Director 3rd year): Tom Moore [not present]
        v. Director (2nd year): Chuck Ghilani [present]
        vi. Director (1st year): Matt Wellslager [not present]
        vii. Secretary: Daniel Roman [present]
        viii. Treasurer: Dan Martin [not present]
        ix. Reporter/editor: Steve Briggs [not present]
        x. Dave Doyle, AAGS/NSPS Liaison, delegate to NSPS Foundation [present]
    b. Invited Participants:
        i. Earl Burkholder [present]
        ii. Larry Hothem [present]
        iii. Barbara Littell [present]
3. **Agenda reviewed (President)**
    a. Agenda changes? No.
    b. Ronnie Taylor noted that most of the topic material had just been covered in the just concluded General Membership meeting and that some topics would be covered only in an abbreviated format here.
    c. Michael Dennis motioned approval of June minutes pending minor typographical corrections
        i. Chuck Ghilani seconded.
        ii. Unanimous approval
4. **Treasurer's Report (Ronnie Taylor for Dan Martin)**
    a. Ronnie noted that the re-investment options actually have a minimum $1500 per year payment requirement. That reduces potential earnings to zero and has increased risk. Not such a good deal as had been thought previously.
    b. Ronnie noted that Dan Martin had talked with Bob Jupin regarding the Black Rock funds as an alternative.
        i. Ronnie asked whether this should be deferred or covered during this meeting.

ii. Dave Doyle felt that the whole board should meet to discuss this and that the decision should be deferred.

iii. Michael Dennis noted that we just learned about this and need some time to review.

iv. Ronnie asked whether we should have a special meeting to cover this topic.

v. Michael seemed to think it wouldn't gain us much in income. Better to delay until the next meeting to allow sufficient time to review and better ensure we have more participation.

5. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters

a. Ronnie Taylor noted that this was covered during the previous General Membership Meeting, but he wanted to pursue some additional topics. Ronnie asked Earl Burkholder about any progress in the Southwest. Michael Dennis noted that there is still an ASCM chapter affiliation there. Chuck Ghilani noted that there is something similar in Pennsylvania but only with state organization not national. Chuck said we should aim for something in every state.

b. Ronnie asked what we would get out of affiliations vice versa and whether this would be at the state level. Student chapters are different organizations than these affiliations.

c. Dave Doyle suggested Ferris State U. They are still an ACSM chapter.

d. Michael, Ronnie, and Dave all discussed about whether the ACSM chapters may not understand that ACSM does not equal NSPS. Maybe more outreach is needed to make these groups aware of AAGS.

e. Michael Dennis noted that many chapters do not have accredited surveying programs. Most places have geomatics organizations.

f. Chuck Ghilani suggested that we look to Lambda Sigma (LS as in Land Surveyors) honors society as an engineering organization that might be suitable for affiliations.

g. Ronnie said he would work on-getting the paperwork we have used to be streamlined for other groups at student/state levels.

h. Dan Roman asked about whether there were any information on the old ACSM chapters. Ronnie noted that NSPS may have that information.

6. Next Board meeting scheduled for August 13, 2015

7. Adjournment

a. Michael Dennis moved

b. Dave Doyle seconded

c. Motioned carried unanimously

d. Adjournment was at 1640 EDT