AAGS Board Meeting Minutes for 17 September 2015

1. Meeting started at 4:03 pm EDT
   a. President, Ronnie Taylor appointed Dave Zilkoski to serve as Proxy for Matt Wellslager

2. Roll Call (President)
   a. AAGS Board
      i. President: Ronnie Taylor
      ii. President-elect: Tom Meyer
      iii. Immediate past president: Michael Dennis
      iv. Vice-president (Director 3rd year): Tom Moore
      v. Director (2nd year): Chuck Ghilani
      vi. Director (1st year): Matt Wellslager
      vii. Secretary: Daniel Roman
      viii. Treasurer: Dan Martin
      ix. Reporter/editor: Steve Briggs
      x. Dave Doyle, AAGS/NSPS Liaison, delegate to NSPS Foundation
   b. Invited Participants:
      i. AAG
      ii. Patrick Kalen, Chair Alaska Section
      iii. David Zilkoski
      iv. Bob Jupin
      v. Curt Smith
      vi. Wes Parks
      vii. Karen Meekel
   c. AAGS members:
      i. No others present

3. Agenda reviewed (President)
   a. Call for agenda additions, corrections, or reorganization; finalize agenda
      i. Steve Briggs moved to accept as is, Tom Meyer seconded
   b. Approval of August 13, 2015 General Membership Meeting Minutes
      i. Chuck: Line 139, should read “minimal papers passing review process”
ii. Michael: Will make change and send out edited version

iii. Motion by Steve to accept edited version, Matt seconded

iv. Ronnie: Hearing none opposed, motion is approved

4. Review of actions that are or will be due shortly: Ronnie (5 minutes)
   a. Nominations;
      i. Sent out in October;
      ii. Steve: There is a 60 day notice, can post on website, just to get names.
          We can ask for people who are interested to participate.
   b. Dues for membership renewal notices.

5. Review of the NGS, NSPS, AAGS quarterly update provided by NGS.
   a. Ronnie Taylor participated in the quarterly meeting of NGS, NSPS and AAGS on
      Friday, 11 September 2015. Topics included:
      i. Changes in NGS leadership positions
      ii. Final wrap up of the Geospatial Summit
      iii. The next Surveying and Mapping Conference will be 14-16 March 2016 at
           the Hilton in Crystal City, VA.
      iv. MAPPs and NSPS will co-host. NGS will have a lesser role next year –
          possibly only participating in sessions instead of convening sessions.
   b. There was continued discussion of interactions of AAGS with NSPS and whether
      others should be invited and the agenda broadened. Ronnie Taylor and Curt
      Sumner agreed to keep the group relatively small but to retain ability to invite
      other groups to future meetings.
   c. The AAGS certification program was also addressed with the aim of having it on a
      future agenda.

6. Update on working with ASPRS to convene AAGS webinars. Dave Zilkoski (5 minutes)
   a. Dave Zilkoski Proposed several topics for bi-monthly webinars. The target
      audience would be beyond just AAGS to include NSPS, GLIS, ASPRS and others.
      An initial list of proposed topics/speakers:
      i. Michael Dennis: The Results of the NGS’ National Adjustment of 2011
         Project [NAD 83 (2011)]
      ii. Ronnie Taylor: Performing Precise Leveling – Avoid the Numerous Pitfalls
      iii. Dan Roman: Differences between NGS’s Hybrid and Scientific Geoid
           Models
      iv. Dave Zilkoski: GNSS-Derived Heights and Geoid Heights – Understanding
          Their Relationship
      v. Thomas Meyer: Why it’s important to understand how the geometry of
         satellites affect the accuracy of your coordinates.
vi. Dan Martin: Journey to the Moving Center of the Earth - The Evolution of the National Spatial Reference System
b. This series would start in roughly January and continue for the year.
c. Discussion ensued as to timing, advertising, and forum for the webinars.
d. Further details would be provided by Dave Zilkoski on the specifics for each lecture at a later date.

7. Treasurer’s report update
   a. Dan Martin provided three financial sheets prior to the meeting.
   b. He noted that the financial sheets for re-investing the AAGS funds discussed during previous meetings were in progress. New documents had to be routed for a second set of signatures. This added some delay but both Dan Martin and Dan Roman had signed the revised forms and these were being processed.
   c. He also noted that AAGS was paying more for its portion of the NSPS costs for several professional organizations such as FIG. NSPS continued to grow membership and this raises the overall costs of participating in various professional organizations. Since AAGS costs for this are fixed a flat percentage (e.g., 5%), then the net costs rise for AAGS and do not reflect our portion of the membership. This results in AAGS subsidizing NSPS’ growth to some extent.
   d. Dave Zilkoski raised the idea of joining these organizations as a separate entity from NSPS. The dues for these groups are based on membership size and would thus be lower than under the current arrangement with NSPS.
   e. Ronnie Taylor noted the discussion and shelved it for further discussion at a later date.

8. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters
   a. Since neither Tom Moore nor Karen Meckel were present, there was no discussion on Student Chapters or AAGS Affiliates.

9. Geodetic Education and Certification
   a. Michael Dennis reviewed coordination with NSPS, ASPRS and other professional groups. He asked about the efforts at NSPS to support the program.
   b. Some discussion followed on the likelihood that NSPS was aiming to generate its own certification program. This seemed unlikely based on some of the conversations at the earlier NGS-NSPS-AAGS meeting.

10. SaLIS
   a. Tom Meyer reported that the SaLIS ExComm treasurers, Bob Jupin, and he were discussing adjusting the online-only subscription rate, which is currently a higher dollar amount than the print-only rate. He expected to get
recommendations to the full committee soon and have actionable items for the October 8th Directors meeting (AAGS) and the next GLIS BOD meeting.

b. Editor Ghilani was approached by a European firm with an offer that might increase SaLIS’s author base, exposure, etc. The ExComm is looking over the offer to determine its legitimacy and ultimate beneficial offerings.

c. Chuck said November issue may be late, because he only has three papers and needs one more.

11. Next Board meeting scheduled for October TBD, 2015

   **Dan Roman left meeting; Michael Dennis took meeting notes for remainder**
   - Ronnie: I’m going to be away for most of the month starting October 12, so I’m thinking of scheduling the next meeting before then
   - Steve: That’s OK for next meeting, but need to have two directors present to conduct business.
   - Ronnie: I’ll send a notice proposing Oct 8 for the next meeting.
   - Steve: If Chuck and Mike can stay on the line we can talk about elections
   - Ronnie: What other AAGS members are on the line? None are it seems at this time. Michael, could you read the good of the order?

12. The Good of the Order (Michael Dennis)
   a. For the Good of the Order the AAGS Board gives the President and Treasurer the authority to carry out the day to day activities of the AAGS until the next Board Meeting.

13. Adjournment
   a. Steve Briggs moved to adjourn, Michael Dennis seconded
   b. Motioned carried unanimously
   c. Adjourned at 5:04 pm EDT