

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> year): Tom Moore~~
- v. Director (2<sup>nd</sup> year): Chuck Ghilani
- vi. ~~Director (1<sup>st</sup> 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 Meckel~~

### 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"

- 35 ii. Michael: Will make change and send out edited version
- 36 iii. Motion by Steve to accept edited version, Matt seconded
- 37 iv. Ronnie: Hearing none opposed, motion is approved

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39 **4. Review of actions that are or will be due shortly: Ronnie (5 minutes)**

- 40 a. Nominations;
- 41 i. Sent out in October;
- 42 ii. Steve: There is a 60 day notice, can post on website, just to get names.
- 43 We can ask for people who are interested to participate.
- 44 b. Dues for membership renewal notices.

45 **5. Review of the NGS, NSPS, AAGS quarterly update provided by NGS.**

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

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61 **6. Update on working with ASPRS to convene AAGS webinars. Dave Zilkoski (5 minutes)**

- 62 a. Dave Zilkoski Proposed several topics for bi-monthly webinars. The target
- 63 audience would be beyond just AAGS to include NSPS, GLIS, ASPRS and others.
- 64 An initial list of proposed topics/speakers:
- 65 i. Michael Dennis: The Results of the NGS' National Adjustment of 2011
- 66 Project [NAD 83 (2011)]
- 67 ii. Ronnie Taylor: Performing Precise Leveling – Avoid the Numerous Pitfalls
- 68 iii. Dan Roman: Differences between NGS's Hybrid and Scientific Geoid
- 69 Models
- 70 iv. Dave Zilkoski: GNSS-Derived Heights and Geoid Heights – Understanding
- 71 Their Relationship
- 72 v. Thomas Meyer: Why it's important to understand how the geometry of
- 73 satellites affect the accuracy of your coordinates.

- 74 vi. Dan Martin: Journey to the Moving Center of the Earth - The Evolution of  
75 the National Spatial Reference System  
76 b. This series would start in roughly January and continue for the year.  
77 c. Discussion ensued as to timing, advertising, and forum for the webinars.  
78 d. Further details would be provided by Dave Zilkoski on the specifics for each  
79 lecture at a later date.  
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81 **7. Treasurer's report update**

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

- 100 a. Since neither Tom Moore nor Karen Meckel were present, there was no  
101 discussion on Student Chapters or AAGS Affiliates.  
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103 **9. Geodetic Education and Certification**

- 104 a. Michael Dennis reviewed coordination with NSPS, ASPRS and other professional  
105 groups. He asked about the efforts at NSPS to support the program.  
106 b. Some discussion followed on the likelihood that NSPS was aiming to generate its  
107 own certification program. This seemed unlikely based on some of the  
108 conversations at the earlier NGS-NSPS-AAGS meeting.  
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110 **10. SaLIS**

- 111 a. Tom Meyer reported that the SaLIS ExComm treasurers, Bob Jupin, and he  
112 were discussing adjusting the online-only subscription rate, which is currently a  
113 higher dollar amount than the print-only rate. He expected to get

- 114 recommendations to the full committee soon and have actionable items for the  
115 October 8th Directors meeting (AAGS) and the next GLIS BOD meeting.
- 116 b. Editor Ghilani was approached by a European firm with an offer that might  
117 increase SaLIS's author base, exposure, etc. The ExComm is looking over the  
118 offer to determine its legitimacy and ultimate beneficial offerings.
- 119 c. Chuck said November issue may be late, because he only has three papers and  
120 needs one more.

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## 122 **11. Next Board meeting scheduled for October TBD, 2015**

123 *Dan Roman left meeting; Michael Dennis took meeting notes for remainder*

- 124 • Ronnie: I'm going to be away for most of the month starting October 12, so I'm  
125 thinking of scheduling the next meeting before then
- 126 • Steve: That's OK for next meeting, but need to have two directors present to  
127 conduct business.
- 128 • Ronnie: I'll send a notice proposing Oct 8 for the next meeting.
- 129 • Steve: If Chuck and Mike can stay on the line we can talk about elections
- 130 • Ronnie: What other AAGS members are on the line? None are it seems at this  
131 time. Michael, could you read the good of the order?

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## 133 **12. The Good of the Order (Michael Dennis)**

- 134 a. For the Good of the Order the AAGS Board gives the President and Treasurer the  
135 authority to carry out the day to day activities of the AAGS until the next Board  
136 Meeting.

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## 138 **13. Adjournment**

- 139 a. Steve Briggs moved to adjourn, Michael Dennis seconded
- 140 b. Motioned carried unanimously
- 141 c. Adjourned at 5:04 pm EDT