AAGS Board Meeting February 12, 2015

Since only one of the three Directors was present, an official meeting could not be called. An unofficial meeting commenced to discuss the agenda and proceed with some business at 1603. Chuck Ghilani checked in at 1628 and the discussion became official at that point.

1. Agenda:
   A. President called meeting to order;
   B. Secretary did the Roll Call:

   Ronnie Taylor    (present)
   Tom Meyer        (present)
   Michael Dennis  (present)
   Chuck Ghilani   (present)
   Tom Moore       (not present)
   Matt Wellslarger (present)
   Daniel Roman   (present)
   Dan Martin      (present)
   Steve Briggs   (present)

   Invited Guests:

   Curt Smith     (not present)
   Wes Parks      (not present)
   Karen Meckel  (not present)

   C. Agenda was review - no corrections, changes, or additions offered.

   D. Previous meeting minutes? A vote will be taken on line to approve/edit the January Minutes.

2. Administrative items
   A. New positions were mentioned and confirmed previously via email last week. No negative responses received.

      a. Secretary - Dan Roman

      b. Reporter/Recorder - Steve Briggs
c. Digital recorder - Steve Briggs said he would have it ready for the next meeting.

d. Review of AAGS Committees noted that Wes Parks was the only person not confirmed into his position as chair for the Administrative committee.

e. Ronnie proposed to eliminate the Publications committee, since there is only one publication now - and that is handled by the SaLIS committee. Dan Martin noted that this was the prerogative of the President to form or disband a committee. Ronnie formally disbanded the Publications committee and Tom Meyer was agreeable to this.

3. Status of Letter or Letters to the Supreme Court or Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) or both.

a. Dave Doyle noted that there was a recent Supreme Court decision involving the offshore boundary between California and the U.S. Government. The decision noted that WGS-84 and NAD 83 were identical and that the boundary between the U.S. and CA were defined at mm-level. This is true at scales of 1:5000 and smaller but is not factually correct in the manner it was cited here. A letter is proposed to be sent from AAGS (and NSPS and ASPRS and ASCE) to the Supreme Court filing a friend of the court briefing. Presidents of each group need to agree on a joint letter. Dave indicated that Ronnie should liaise with them. Ronnie will use the rough out from Dave. Tom Meyer had contacted NGA staff member Cliff Minter and he forwarded the information to the "appropriate" person at NGA. The letter will be CC'd to NGA and NGS.

4. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters.

a. Since neither Curt Smith nor Wes Parks are on the phone, this was skipped. However, Dave did discuss the presentation in South Florida. Issue of geodetic certification was well received by the Florida GPS Users Group (FLGPSUG). This was taped for others. They also have changed their name to the Florida GNSS Users Group. They are already associated with the FSMS, which is affiliated with NSPS. FLGPSUG indicated they were interested in affiliating with AAGS, too. Oregon also has an active group that would be interested.

b. A discussion then ensued that several student groups were resistant to the term Surveying. Many didn’t want to be considered as a surveyor. Some discussion followed to changing the AAGS’ name to remove “Surveying”. Ronnie suggested that someone should review this and see what is required to change this. By-laws and other documents require the name. It would likely require that the organization would have to be abolished and a new one would have to be established. Very difficult to do this. There may be follow up on this in the next meeting. Steve Briggs will look into this.

5. Geodetic Education and Certification
a. Michael Dennis will look to getting out previous presentations to be more available. This will increase visibility for AAGS and better enable the education and accreditation aspects.

6. Coordination with NSPS
a. Coordination with NSPS mostly revolved around the impending NSPS meeting and the fact that AAGS were not invited. Dave Doyle and Dan Roman will be present and will listen in especially for accreditation aspects. Ronnie will try to contact Amanda Askren regarding the Young Surveyors program.

7. SaLIS
a. Dan Martin mentioned that subscription fees were not coming in well for this year. It was proposed that the profits from last year be retained in the SaLIS accounts to continue operations for this year. If the profits were paid out now then there wouldn’t be enough funds to make another publication. The motion from the committee has already been moved and seconded from the SaLIS committee. GLIS leadership was in favor of this but no formal vote has come out from them on this. Since Tom is the chair of the Joint Executive committee, he is effectively in both AAGS and GLIS. So he can make the motion to GLIS as well. No further discussion was made. None opposed. Everyone in favor and motion passes to retain funds in SaLIS and not pay out the profits from last year.

b. Tom discussed options to increase the subscription to find libraries or other groups. Some concerns that AAGS did not have the correct addresses for potential subscriber groups. Michael Dennis said we will look to offer SaLIS as subscription to NSPS members who have lost coverage after the separation of ASCM. Tom Meyer said that we might look to examine reducing the online rate in comparison to the printed version. Dan Martin stated that most of the costs were in production of the journal – electronic or print. The digital version is much cheaper.

c. Another question related to the fact that authors shouldn’t have to pay for reprints of the papers. This would allow the authors to put these up online. This might also generate some additional revenue.

d. Steve Briggs suggested that there should be a second page online from the AAGS webpage providing a link to the SaLIS webpage.

e. Ronnie noted that Volume 73 (2) should be on the website. Michael Dennis noted that electronic subscribers get no notification that the newest journal is available. They need some notification that a new version is available. Steve noted that he can also put a notice right at the top of the AAGS page. Michael wants to make sure that a push email must happen too. Chuck noted the Latitudes should be put on the website as well.

Next meeting 12 March 2015

1. Dan Roman, Secretary read the Good of The Order: 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.
Meeting adjourned 1722.