

AAGS Meeting Minutes for 14 May 2015

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3 1. Meeting started at 1608, but no quorum (no President/Vice-President and only one Director).

4 2. 1620

5 3. Roll Call:

6 a. AAGS

7 i. Ronnie Taylor (present - 1626)

8 ii. Tom Meyer (present)

9 iii. Michael Dennis (present)

10 iv. Chuck Ghilani (not present)

11 v. Tom Moore (not present)

12 vi. Matt Wellslager (present) => Director

13 vii. Daniel Roman (present)

14 viii. Dan Martin (present)

15 ix. Steve Briggs (present) => Acting Director appointed by Tom Meyer

16 x. Dave Doyle (not present)

17 b. Guests:

18 i. Curt Smith (not present)

19 ii. Wes Parks (not present)

20 iii. Karen Meckel (not present)

21 iv. Patrick Kalen (present)

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23 4. Agenda was reviewed.

24 a. Prior to quorum, Treasurer's report and some others reports or discussions were done
25 that did not require a quorum. It was decided that **if you cannot make a meeting that**
26 **you should contact the President and nominate a proxy.**

27 b. Meeting called to order at 1620 with Tom Meyer serving as President. He appointed
28 Steve Briggs as an acting Director. Roll call.

29 c. Dan Martin added one item: proposed budget for this year for treasurer's report.

30 d. Ronnie arrived in at 1626 and assumed duties.

31 e. April meeting minutes accepted

32 i. Dan Martin moved; Steve Briggs Seconded.

33 ii. Motion passed.

34 iii. Michael Dennis note in 8.c that the change to word "it".

35 5. Discussion/Update on ASPRS

- 36 a. Steve Briggs covered this. He mentioned that Ronnie had covered it using established
37 presentations.
- 38 b. Mentioned that Ronnie felt positive that he had better opportunities to work with
39 ASPRS
- 40 c. Ronnie amplified that the presentation was last day in the last hour. Only about 15
41 people in attendance. A couple left at very end. Ronnie discussed this with President of
42 ASPRS that those in attendance were a bit lost on the geodesy. Only one surveyor and
43 one GIS professional understood. They were the only ones asking questions. The ASPRS
44 President and Executive Director understood the need for education of their members
45 and working towards a certification program. AAGS just needs to put something
46 together to move forward with that.
- 47 d. Tom asked about flying the SaLIS flag. Ronnie mentioned how the changes in the
48 Networks would affect everyone. Said that there was a possibility of pushing that then
49 and also to try and get more memberships either directly or through affiliates. Need to
50 nail down the affiliations in the Chapters. Will have to happen after we get closer ties.
51 Ronnie said that he didn't take down free copies of SaLIS to circulate.
- 52 e. Mentioned that their next meeting is in Fort Worth Texas next year. ASPRS asked that
53 we participate next year with them. We will have a better chance to work with them
54 next year.
- 55 f. Some lost participation due to other meetings and school schedules.

56 6. Treasurer's Report

- 57 a. Dan Martin had sent out five spreadsheets just prior to the meeting. He focused on
58 profit and Loss statement (P&L). He said that we did better because eliminating the
59 secondary membership category for NSPS members that we had more full (primary)
60 applications.
- 61 b. Doing OK at this point. Paid memberships to FIG and other professional organizations.
62 Mostly remaining items are postage and other items (\$300-\$500 monthly expenditures
63 expected). Have a net balance of around \$7,000. This will go down to zero by the end of
64 the year – possibly a small surplus.
- 65 c. Dan Martin instructed Bob Jupin to pull out the \$42k in CD's. Requests that the board
66 determine some better option. CD was only earning 0.1% interest and would have
67 locked them up for 4 months. Keeps funds fluid. He wants this discussed by next
68 meeting on how best to invest these funds. Bob Jupin provided him five different
69 investment options. Wants that reviewed by Board and choose.
- 70 d. Ronnie suggested that the Board should decide by next week and tell him how best to
71 invest the funds to maximize profit and fluidity. He suggested that this not wait until
72 next board meeting. Hold a virtual discussion and vote.
- 73 e. AAGS trademark was up for renewal. Will cost some funds. Also found out that the
74 trademark was owned by NSPS, because they got all the assets of ACSM when it
75 dissolved. He did get a letter from NSPS indicating they relinquished rights to the
76 trademark to AAGS. There were some additional fees associated with that as well.
- 77 f. Proposed budget. Dan Martin will get with Ronnie Taylor to discuss prior to the next
78 meeting.

- 79 7. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters
- 80 a. Had to skip updates on Student Chapters.
- 81 b. Ronnie mentioned that he and Pat Kalen had signed an agreement for the Alaska
- 82 Section.
- 83 c. Pat mentioned that he will be getting some new members for AAGS.
- 84 d. Will be sending the ASMC logo to the Steve Briggs.
- 85 e. Dan Martin mentioned to make sure they get the most recent application form.
- 86 f. Dan also mentioned that the website needs to be hyper-linked for logos.
- 87 g. The Florida GNSS users group is proposed by Ronnie to be the next group to affiliate
- 88 with AAGS.
- 89 8. Geodetic Education and Certification
- 90 a. Meeting on April 30 went very well. Next meeting will be on June 04.
- 91 b. Topics covered putting the content for the geodetic education program for AAGS
- 92 (geodetic certification education). What do you need to know and why do you need to
- 93 know it.
- 94 c. Verified that he has prerogative to invite anybody to members of this committee.
- 95 9. SaLIS
- 96 a. Tom Meyer asked Ronnie to confirm that execution of the agreement to the Copy
- 97 Center.
- 98 b. Bob Jupin keeps asking for an option for pay-per-view.
- 99 c. Letter for delinquent members. Ronnie mentioned that he had sent a copy to Colleen
- 100 urging them to return.
- 101 10. Next meeting proposed for 11 June 2015, 4-5 pm EDT
- 102 11. Secretary (Dan Roman) left meeting at 5:00 pm. Michael Dennis took over note-taking
- 103 responsibility.
- 104 12. Student membership application fee (issue raised by Steve)
- 105 • Steve: The AAGS student membership fee is now \$1, but asked whether this should include
- 106 the \$15 application fee. I need to know this to give correct info on Facebook page.
- 107 • Pat: Student fee on online application is still \$25.
- 108 • Dan: We may want to have a \$15 initial application fee, followed by \$1 fee afterward. It
- 109 takes time to put them into the database, so it costs money. So it would be a total of \$16
- 110 first year, then \$1 each year afterward.
- 111 • **MOTION** by Ronnie that new first time student members pay a \$15 application fee plus a \$1
- 112 membership fee, followed by a \$1 membership fee each year afterward. **SECOND** by Steve.
- 113 • Steve: **FRIENDLY AMENDMENT** – task this to membership administrative committee.
- 114 **SECOND** by Matt.
- 115 • Michael: I don't agree that we should do this; a \$15 application fee on top of a \$1
- 116 membership fee defeats the purpose of having a \$1 student fee in the first place.

- 117 • Tom Meyer: I agree *[with Michael]*
- 118 • Ronnie: If we have 100 new student members, could cost us \$1500.
- 119 • Dan: Currently we have over 100 students, and about 60 full members
- 120 • Ronnie: What I received from Trish showed 17 students members, out of 82 total.
- 121 • Dan: I just want everyone to know that there is a cost to this. Currently members pay \$15
- 122 application fee. If we want to subsidize it, that's fine.
- 123 • Ronnie: But we are giving them a big break on cost for membership.
- 124 • Dan: They also get SaLIS.
- 125 • Tom Meyer: The \$16 is a show-stopper for most student, they won't become members. So
- 126 the \$1 fee would not mean anything.
- 127 • VOTE on motion called by Ronnie motion with following results:
- 128 ○ Tom Meyer: Nay
- 129 ○ Michael: Nay
- 130 ○ Steve: Yes
- 131 ○ Matt: Yes
- 132 ○ Dan M: Nay
- 133 • Ronnie: So the nays carry. Motion fails. Student membership dues are \$1 a year with no
- 134 application fee has passed.
- 135 • Steve: OK, I can update Facebook page.
- 136 • Ronnie: I will direct the administrative committee to fix the application and remove the
- 137 application fee for students, and also make sure the entire application is correct.
- 138 • Ronnie: The next scheduled Board meeting is June 11
- 139 • Michael read the good of the order
- 140 13. Meeting adjourned 5:22 pm EDT (Steve moved and Matt seconded).