AAGS Meeting Minutes for 14 May 2015

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

2. 1620

3. Roll Call:
   a. AAGS
      i. Ronnie Taylor  (present - 1626)
      ii. Tom Meyer    (present)
      iii. Michael Dennis  (present)
      iv. Chuck Ghilani  (not present)
      v. Tom Moore    (not present)
      vi. Matt Wells L a ger (present) => Director
      vii. Daniel Roman  (present)
      viii. Dan Martin  (present)
      ix. Steve Briggs  (present) => Acting Director appointed by Tom Meyer
     x. Dave Doyle  (not present)
   b. Guests:
      i. Curt Smith  (not present)
      ii. Wes Parks  (not present)
      iii. Karen Meckel    (not present)
     iv. Patrick Kalen  (present)

4. Agenda was reviewed.
   a. Prior to quorum, Treasurer’s report and some others reports or discussions were done that did not require a quorum. It was decided that if you cannot make a meeting that you should contact the President and nominate a proxy.
   b. Meeting called to order at 1620 with Tom Meyer serving as President. He appointed Steve Briggs as an acting Director. Roll call.
   c. Dan Martin added one item: proposed budget for this year for treasurer’s report.
   d. Ronnie arrived in at 1626 and assumed duties.
   e. April meeting minutes accepted
      i. Dan Martin moved; Steve Briggs Seconded.
      ii. Motion passed.
      iii. Michael Dennis note in 8.c that the change to word “it”.

5. Discussion/Update on ASPRS
6. Treasurer’s Report

a. Steve Briggs covered this. He mentioned that Ronnie had covered it using established presentations.

b. Mentioned that Ronnie felt positive that he had better opportunities to work with ASPRS

c. Ronnie amplified that the presentation was last day in the last hour. Only about 15 people in attendance. A couple left at very end. Ronnie discussed this with President of ASPRS that those in attendance were a bit lost on the geodesy. Only one surveyor and one GIS professional understood. They were the only ones asking questions. The ASPRS President and Executive Director understood the need for education of their members and working towards a certification program. AAGS just needs to put something together to move forward with that.

d. Tom asked about flying the SaLIS flag. Ronnie mentioned how the changes in the Networks would affect everyone. Said that there was a possibility of pushing that then and also to try and get more memberships either directly or through affiliates. Need to nail down the affiliations in the Chapters. Will have to happen after we get closer ties. Ronnie said that he didn’t take down free copies of SaLIS to circulate.

e. Mentioned that their next meeting is in Fort Worth Texas next year. ASPRS asked that we participate next year with them. We will have a better chance to work with them next year.

f. Some lost participation due to other meetings and school schedules.

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7. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters
   a. Had to skip updates on Student Chapters.
   b. Ronnie mentioned that he and Pat Kalen had signed an agreement for the Alaska Section.
   c. Pat mentioned that he will be getting some new members for AAGS.
   d. Will be sending the ASMC logo to the Steve Briggs.
   e. Dan Martin mentioned to make sure they get the most recent application form.
   f. Dan also mentioned that the website needs to be hyper-linked for logos.
   g. The Florida GNSS users group is proposed by Ronnie to be the next group to affiliate with AAGS.

8. Geodetic Education and Certification
   a. Meeting on April 30 went very well. Next meeting will be on June 04.
   b. Topics covered putting the content for the geodetic education program for AAGS (geodetic certification education). What do you need to know and why do you need to know it.
   c. Verified that he has prerogative to invite anybody to members of this committee.

9. SaLIS
   a. Tom Meyer asked Ronnie to confirm that execution of the agreement to the Copy Center.
   b. Bob Jupin keeps asking for an option for pay-per-view.
   c. Letter for delinquent members. Ronnie mentioned that he had sent a copy to Colleen urging them to return.

10. Next meeting proposed for 11 June 2015, 4-5 pm EDT

11. Secretary (Dan Roman) left meeting at 5:00 pm. Michael Dennis took over note-taking responsibility.

12. Student membership application fee (issue raised by Steve)
   • Steve: The AAGS student membership fee is now $1, but asked whether this should include the $15 application fee. I need to know this to give correct info on Facebook page.
   • Pat: Student fee on online application is still $25.
   • Dan: We may want to have a $15 initial application fee, followed by $1 fee afterward. It takes time to put them into the database, so it costs money. So it would be a total of $16 first year, then $1 each year afterward.
   • MOTION by Ronnie that new first time student members pay a $15 application fee plus a $1 membership fee, followed by a $1 membership fee each year afterward. SECOND by Steve.
   • Steve: FRIENDLY AMENDMENT – task this to membership administrative committee. SECOND by Matt.
   • Michael: I don’t agree that we should do this; a $15 application fee on top of a $1 membership fee defeats the purpose of having a $1 student fee in the first place.
• Tom Meyer: I agree [with Michael]
• Ronnie: If we have 100 new student members, could cost us $1500.
• Dan: Currently we have over 100 students, and about 60 full members
• Ronnie: What I received from Trish showed 17 students members, out of 82 total.
• Dan: I just want everyone to know that there is a cost to this. Currently members pay $15 application fee. If we want to subsidize it, that’s fine.
• Ronnie: But we are giving them a big break on cost for membership.
• Dan: They also get SaLIS.
• Tom Meyer: The $16 is a show-stopper for most student, they won’t become members. So the $1 fee would not mean anything.
• VOTE on motion called by Ronnie motion with following results:
  o Tom Meyer: Nay
  o Michael: Nay
  o Steve: Yes
  o Matt: Yes
  o Dan M: Nay
• Ronnie: So the nays carry. Motion fails. Student membership dues are $1 a year with no application fee has passed.
• Steve: OK, I can update Facebook page.
• Ronnie: I will direct the administrative committee to fix the application and remove the application fee for students, and also make sure the entire application is correct.
• Ronnie: The next scheduled Board meeting is June 11
• Michael read the good of the order
13. Meeting adjourned 5:22 pm EDT (Steve moved and Matt seconded).