AAGS Meeting Minutes for 11 June 2015

1. Meeting started at 1604 EDT.
   a. Dave Doyle is appointed in place of Tom Moore

2. Roll Call:
   a. AAGS Board
      i. President: Ronnie Taylor [present]
      ii. President-elect: Tom Meyer [present]
      iii. Immediate past president: Michael Dennis [present]
      iv. Vice-president (Director 3rd year): Tom Moore [not present]
      v. Director (2nd year): Chuck Ghilani [not present]
      vi. Director (1st year): Matt Wellsllager [present]
      vii. Secretary: Daniel Roman [present]
      viii. Treasurer: Dan Martin [present]
      ix. Reporter/editor: Steve Briggs [present]
      x. Dave Doyle, AAGS/NSPS Liaison, delegate to NSPS Foundation [present]
         Appointed by President Taylor to set in as Director 3rd year for Tom Moore.
   b. Invited Participants:
      i. Curt Smith [not present]
      ii. Wes Parks [not present]
      iii. Karen Meckel [not present]
      iv. Patrick Kalen, Chair Alaska Section [not present]

3. Agenda reviewed (President)
   a. Agenda changes? Yes.
      i. Fellows Committee presented their recommendation for the Jacob award winner. Recommendation was accepted unanimously by the AAGS board.
      ii. Winner will be announced at general membership meeting.
         1. A 30 day notice is required for a general meeting notification
         2. Generally this would be a two hour meeting
         3. Tentatively could be at ESRI meeting – 21 July 2015 timeframe
         4. If not there than during next telecom on 16 July 2015
   b. Dave Doyle asked that the BOEM response letter (item 8) be included
c. Minutes of 14 May 2015 minutes were approved (Steve Briggs moved to accept; Michael Dennis seconded).

4. Treasurer’s Report (Dan Martin)
   a. Mentioned that cost share of FIG membership is going up. NSPS has more members and must pay more – AAGS, therefore, has to pay more funds (up from $400 to $700) to stay at the 5% level. Some discussion about the merits of an independent membership in FIG shelved for later discussion.
   b. Discuss the options for investing the 42K
      i. Invest the funds in the EMA 1G2 option for three years (Steve Briggs moved and Michael Dennis seconded).
      ii. Discussion. Ronnie Taylor liked it as well because some funds could be pulled out without penalty. Steve Briggs mentioned that only the portion designated as cash can be withdrawn penalty-free. Dan noted that these are not guaranteed returns – you can lose money. This is not risk free. It isn’t like a CD. The riskier the investment, the better return. Also, if the returns are lower than the set fee for services (1.5%), there will also be a loss. Steve Briggs followed up on the Tom Moore suggestion that some of the funds be set aside in a short term account for easier access. Dan Martin noted that we are doing well on funds coming in and out – we’ve hovered around the same balance. If status quo holds, then we’ll have enough time to adjust.
      iii. Unanimously approved. Dan Martin is directed to invest per the motion. Dan Martin said he would contact Bob tomorrow to get it done.
   c. Recordation of AAGS trademark is formally registered in AAGS’s name – Ronnie Taylor
      i. NSPS has turned the trademark over and it has been officially recorded to AAGS.

5. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters
   a. Neither Tom or Karen is online.

6. Geodetic Education and Certification
   a. Status report – Michael Dennis
      i. Moving along. Discussions regarding the body of knowledge. The topics are being divided up amongst the committee members based on their interests.
      ii. Michael Dennis sent out a poll for the next meeting for the topics areas.
   b. Ronnie Taylor rescinded the direction of the administrative committee to develop the Charter.
   c. Ronnie Taylor directed the Geodetic Education and Certification Committee to continue the development of the Charter. The Administrative Committee will
coordinate work with the Education and Certification Committee to ensure the Charter is in compliance with the By-Laws and Policies of AAGS.

7. SaLIS

a. Ronnie Taylor will follow up with Colleen checking to see what the status of the letter is with the GLIS signature.

b. Steve Briggs suggested that there be letterhead for SaLIS to ensure that there be a signature block for Tom Meyer (who is approved by both AAGS and GLIS) to sign as the director of SaLIS. A letter would come from SaLIS signed by someone representing SaLIS. Ronnie Taylor noted that presidents of both AAGS and GLIS are involved directly or by direction. Tom Meyer would serve as the representative for both.

c. Ronnie Taylor will discuss with Tom Meyers and have him check with GLIS to set this up. This avoids this conflict in getting signatures from both organizations.

d. Steve Briggs mentioned that the website is getting a lot of likes on Facebook.

e. Steve also said he would work on cleaning up the application form to clarify the student membership line per the email. Trish Milburn had already made a change to $1 on the website. Dan Martin recalled that this had been requested previously. Steve Briggs mentioned that he would put a link to Facebook to enable students to find it. Likely to generate a lot of interest.

f. Steve Briggs mentioned there was a second AAGS Facebook page. He now has control of it too. Not sure where it came from, but it is under his control now.

8. Dave Doyle has requested a status for the BOEM letter to the Supreme Court Decree. Ronnie Taylor said he would send a request letter for the status on the letter and will report out for the next meeting.

9. Next meeting proposed for 21 July 2015, Tuesday. Michael Dennis will get back to us on for the timeframe (he asked for 1330-1430 PDT/1630-1730 EDT) at the ESRI meeting.

10. Dan Roman 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.

11. Meeting adjourned 1658 EDT (Steve Briggs moved to adjourn, Michael Dennis seconded, approved unanimously).