AAGS Meeting Minutes for 09 April 2015

1. Meeting started at 1603

2. Roll Call:
   a. AAGS
      i. Ronnie Taylor (present)
      ii. Tom Meyer (present)
      iii. Michael Dennis (present)
      iv. Chuck Ghilani (not present)
      v. Tom Moore (present)
      vi. Matt Wellslager (present)
      vii. Daniel Roman (present)
      viii. Dan Martin (not present)
      ix. Steve Briggs (present)
      x. Dave Doyle (present)
   b. Guests:
      i. Curt Smith (not present)
      ii. Wes Parks (not present)
      iii. Karen Meckel (not present)

3. Agenda was reviewed.
   a. Main topics stand with some additions. The additions plus the original agenda items are covered below.
   b. The 12 March 2015 minutes were discussed and several items were noted. Michael Dennis volunteered to amalgamate all these and route an amended copy of those minutes to all on this call. Tom Meyer moved and was seconded by Michael that the March minutes be accepted providing the above corrections were incorporated.
   c. The February minutes were approved as given. Matt moved and Michael seconded.
   d. Other Admin
      i. Missing minutes from November, December, and January will be provided by Ronnie and Michael for archiving.
      ii. Ronnie appointed Wesley Parks in charge of the Administrative committee

4. Discussion/Update on ASPRS Meeting
a. Presentation will be made by Ronnie and Steve Briggs. Steve has limited ability to pay for night stay. Ronnie noted that there is a travel budget, Ronnie made a motion to have AAGS sponsor Steve to for lodging at the ASPRS conference. Tom seconded. Discussion: Dan Martin needs to establish if there are funds. Tom moved to table the motion until Dan gives that report. Ronnie will send Dan Martin an email to confirm.

b. From Tom Meyer: what will we do to chat up SaLIS at the ASPRS meeting? Steve suggested putting out some reasonably recent versions out on the table. Check to see how many can be taken. Put up a one page slide highlighting availability of SaLIS and emphasize how to subscribe.

c. From Tom: Do we have a means for people to easily join AAGS at the ASPRS conference? Students can join for only $5 dollar. They gain digital access to SaLIS.

5. Treasurer’s report was skipped (Dan Martin not present).

6. GLIS AAGS possible collaboration on datum issue in Northeast (Ronnie)
   a. GLIS is in favor. Ronnie needs to talk with NSPS and ASPRS more. Item (3) from March meeting notes. Tabled for now.

7. Status of Letter or Letters to the Supreme Court or Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) or both.
   a. Ronnie noted that the letter has been sent. Copy without signatures has been sent to van de Graft. Dave Doyle wants a copy of the signature page.
   b. Michael moved (Tom seconded) sending a copy to NGS. Ronnie recalled that it had already been agreed that NGS would have a copy. Ronnie said he would get a copy of the letter to Dru Smith and then hand a hard copy to Neil. It was signed by all (GLIS, ASPRS, NSPS, and AAGS, and ASCE-Geomatics division).

8. AAGS Affiliations and Chapters
   a. Tom Moore – other issues have precluded being able to focus on this. Haven’t had a chance to coordinate with Karen – who hasn’t been on call.
   b. Tom mentioned that he had talked with Pat Kalen, who represents the Alaska Survey Society (ACSM T? Survey Section – ATSS) was interested in an organizational relationship AAGS. ATSS differs from the Alaska Land Surveyors Society.
   c. Steve said that he would take on responsibility for reaching out to Pat Kalen.
   d. Michael Dennis mentioned that there is an ASCM student section. They are trying to figure out which group to affiliate with. Michael said he will pursue trying to establish them as an AAGS student chapter. Michael asked if there was any financial responsibility
incurred by AAGS to the student sections? Steve Briggs said that NSPS doesn’t do this. Easiest way to do this, is to use NSPS documents and change NSPS to AAGS. Student sections should become self-sustaining through activities.

e. Dave Doyle mentioned that students at Ferris State put on their own conference they put it on themselves.

f. Scholarships are one way to sponsor. Generally though, most national societies pay for getting students to national meetings. Currently none – should get a chapter with Ohio State University. None in Florida either. Dave Doyle is on scholarship committee. He thinks that you need to be a member of AAGS but would confirm.

9. Geodetic Education and Certification Committee

a. This follows on from item (2) from the March meeting notes, but Michael Dennis mentioned that it dates back to 1993.

b. Meeting will be held on April 30.

c. Need material to assemble for the education and certification process. Check on NGS website. Also, NSPS grabbed a bunch of generic older NGS presentations.

d. So far, no word back from NSPS about participating.

e. Engineering surveying manual would align closely with AAGS activities since Oregon State University is leading the manual update.

10. SaLIS

a. Tom Meyer carried forward from the Executive Committee a recommendation to sign an agreement with the Copyright Clearance Center. They facilitate resale of copyrighted material. Universities and others may use AAGS material for courses. CCC takes a slice of copyright fees to expedite the use of SaLIS articles.

b. They don’t charge AAGS anything. They don’t promote AAGS. Citing articles is OK. AAGS has complete control of the royalties.

c. There is no downside but it has only limited upside (not likely to bring in much revenue). Mainly would come from large universities or text book writers.

d. The hidden upside is that AAGS people will not have to deal with copyright issues.

e. Motion carried. We’ll tell GLIS – they are co-owners so they must likewise approve.

Next meeting 14 May 2015

Meeting adjourned 1721 (Steve Briggs moved and Dave Doyle seconded).