

MINUTES OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR GEODETIC SURVEYING

Date 10 June 2026

Time 4:06 pm EDT

Called to order by Dave Zilkoski

In Attendance	Dave Zilkoski	President
	Karen Meckel	Secretary
	Muge Albayrak	President-Elect
	Kevin Algren	Immediate Past President
	Jay Doody	2 nd Year Director
	Rachel Alexander	3 rd Year Director/Vice President
	Tom Meyer	Reporter
	Jacob Heck	NSPS Liaison

Absent	Dan Martin	Treasurer
	John Hamilton	1 st Year Director

Guests	Dave Doyle
	Luis Vega
	Ryan Hardy

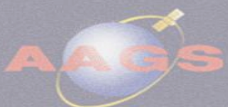
Approval of Agenda

Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from May 2026 Board meeting read and approved by unanimous consent.

Committee Reports



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Publications—Tom met with Seneca, the president of NSPS and Ahmed to get things rolling on SaLIS. One issue discussed was how NSPS will onboard their 20,000 members. AAGS will not pay for that. NSPS will amateurize it, meaning that individual NSPS members will be added when they request access to the journal so that the system will not be overwhelmed with everyone gaining access simultaneously.

The meeting members identified several items to be addressed related to changing the masthead and seeking other members for the executive committee slots. Currently, the AAGS members are Tom and Ahmed and NSPS members are Linda and Seneca, with both treasurers for both organizations as ex-officio members.

If anyone else wants to join the executive committee, there is parity on both sides, meaning that both organizations are entitled to the same number of members each.

The number of articles for SaLIS is good. The quality of the articles is also good and getting better. If the trend continues, the journal will be able to return to three or four issues per year.

Education—Tom deferred to Dave

YouTube—Muge reported that she is planning three videos. One about SaLIS with Rachel as moderator, and another about NAPGD2022 by Kevin. Finally, a point cloud video moderated by Karen.

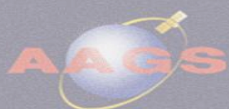
Currently, she knows what they will do for the NAPGD2022 and point cloud videos, but for the SaLIS video, they will meet next week to discuss how to proceed with that video.

Membership—Dave reported that we have completed the review process for the geodetic certification exam. Several diagrams have been generated, and some additional questions related to the diagrams have come up dealing with various heights that still need work. Other questions added deal with the State Plane system. They are in good shape and ready to go to Trish to determine how to get the illustrations incorporated into the exam software.

Dave will get with Trish about setting up a time to get the final question set organized into a format for testing. This will likely not occur until July.

COGO—Jay reported that we are off the hook for leadership, that COGO got someone else and we will not be up for the slot for another six years.

There is a yearly COGO meeting in July to be held at the ESRI user conference. If anyone is attending it in Santa Monica, CA, please feel free to sit in. They will be streaming and Jay will sit in for part of the meeting via internet. It is a four-hour session.



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The NSDI questionnaire went out. It is scheduled to end June 15th but will probably extend to the end of the month. AAGS came through on LinkedIn and everyone is encouraged to get the questionnaire done. NSPS also sent the link to it via email to its members. Another group, Geospatial Professionals with about 10,000 members also posted it (Dave clarified that this group is the former URISA). Dave's letter about the questionnaire also went out to the CT state society members.

In addition, Jay contacted the head of the geodetic unit at the CT DoT asking for input as a data creator.

After results are in, they will be organized and after Labor Day, a report will be written.

Jacob Heck asked if there is a way to see how many people have responded so far. Jay responded that once they close it out, we should receive a report of the raw numbers. Hopefully with the more extensive distribution of the questionnaire this year the responses will be better than the last go round.

NSPS Liaison—Jacob reported that the quarterly meeting of NSPS, AAGS and NGS will be this Friday at one o'clock EDT. An agenda has not yet been shared.

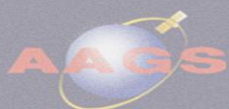
Jacob contacted Tim Burch about AAGS participating in the NSPS Surveyor Says podcast. He has not followed up since the interruption with Tim for health reasons but asked if it would be worthwhile for one of us to go on and talk up the NSDI questionnaire. The consensus was that it would be a good thing to do when time allows.

FIG—Kevin states that his report was sent out to everyone. A new president and three new vice presidents were elected. The new officers take over for a new 4-year term starting in January. That is also when Kevin will be leading mission five.

The budget is the priority for FIG. It is a conference-driven organization that receives limited money from member fees. They have broken even or lost money at the last two conferences and are hurting for finances. They do have a reserve.

There their membership organizations pay dues based on how many members are in the organization. FIG wants to start keeping better records of how many individuals are being represented by their member organizations. There is not much representation in FIG by the U.S., few papers submitted for presentation at the conferences. We need to do a better job of promoting the geodesy groups in FIG.

The big conference is every four years, but there are conferences in between as well. Next year's will be in Norway. The following year will be



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a very big year for FIG, being its 150th anniversary. FIG is the second oldest scientific organization worldwide. Its anniversary meeting will be in its birthplace, Paris.

Discussion ensued about getting more of the universities involved with the FIG commissions. Oregon State, Ohio State, Scripps, LSU, etc. Dave Doyle recalled that when he headed commission five, he attempted to get universities involved and they were not interested because the organization's commissions are not academically rigorous enough.

Dave D asked Kevin if the commission five dinners are still the most fun events to attend. Kevin assured him that they are, but in South Africa there were fewer of the usual suspects present.

Kevin closed telling the board that he would be contacting members in the future for some items and thoughts he has in mind.

Unfinished Business-Dave brought up Onet's classification. He said that he received an email thanking him for sending out their information, but he has not heard back from anyone about the progress with that effort.

Trademark renewal. Trish sent information about it. Dave signed into the site and created an account. He is filling out the forms and trying to figure out how to answer the question about products and services we provide. AAGS has a collared shirt. A picture of it and the SaLIS journal will be sent to Dave for the renewal form.

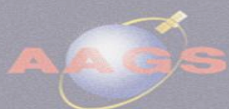
New Business—AAGS Letterhead received a couple of final adjustments and was approved by board members.

Women Surveyors Summit-Karen reported that it is in San Diego this year starting September 17th and runs for four days. They now have seven booths as part of their sponsorships at \$750 each. The admission price is low at under \$500. They have some presenters lined up. I have sent out the sponsorship form and the preliminary program.

The platinum sponsorship is \$4,000. Gold is \$3,000. Silver is what we did last year and is \$2,000. Bronze is \$1,000. Silver and bronze do not get the top headlines but do get included in the program and on the Future Surveyor's Foundation website with a link to our website.

We need to decide whether to sponsor them. There is another sponsorship that might be worth considering, the a la carte sponsorship. We can sponsor a lunch or an ice cream social. In keeping with Kevin's idea, we can send somebody to the conference to give a little talk. These ideas would fall under the a la carte sponsorship.

At all levels of sponsorship, there is an opportunity to include items in the swag bag.



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Discussion ensued about sponsorship and who should go to the conference. Dave D suggested that we find one of our female members who is not actively involved and ask her to attend at the Association's expense. Only one name was found. We do not have many female members.

Muge agreed to attend and speak.

Karen will contact the organizers and find out about the a la carte sponsorship option. The head count for 2025 was 174, but is likely to be bigger in CA.

Board Reports

President—No report

Secretary—No report

Treasurer—No report

Reporter—No report

President-Elect—No report

Immediate Past President—No report

3rd Year Director/Vice President—Apologies for lateness calendar glitch

2nd Year Director—No report

1st Year Director—No report

Dave Z asked if there was anything more to discuss. Nobody had anything to add.

Announcements—Rachel read for the good of the Order statement

Next Meeting—July 8, 2026. 4pm EDT

Meeting Adjourned

Dave adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm EDT

For 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

