



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER Meeting Minutes

Date: May 9, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon

Locations: Bohannon-Huston, Inc. Albuquerque, Las Cruces

- I. Brief introductions were made.
- II. ASPRS Spring Conference in Portland observations.
 - Members who were present at the ASPRS conference shared their observations
- III. The minutes of the April 4th, 2008 meeting were approved.
- IV. Old Business
 1. NMGIC report.
 - Board Director Zach Stauber was the only member in attendance that was at the NMGIC conference. He stated that the theme was large imagery data sets. President Andrea Laliberte stated that she understood that ASPRS materials were distributed to Chapter member Amy Ballard (who had a CNM booth at the conference). Board Director Brian Knehans stated he would like a report from Amy on how effective this conference was for the Chapter.
 2. Student Reimbursement
 - Everyone in attendance agreed to allow Andrea's student recruitment to join our Chapter.
 3. Annual Meeting
 - President Andrea stated that she did not receive a lot of response from her email solicitation of annual meeting ideas. Board Director Brian Knehans suggested we should coordinate a meeting with the start of school, possibly at NMSU.
 - Chapter member Earl Burkholder suggested having an annual meeting in conjunction with the NMPS society conference in Albuquerque next spring (March 13-14). Earl would like some ASPRS participation in the conference, specifically with photogrammetry's relationship to surveying.

He also mentioned that there is a planning meeting for the conference on May 17th.

- President Andrea stated that we should still plan on having an annual meeting this fall.

IV. New Business

- Guest mailing list: President Andrea suggested that Nathan Kempf maintain a guest mailing list to encourage more members and participation. Communications Director Nathan mentioned that he would like to include inactive members to the mailing list. He also mentioned that there are currently more inactive members than active. Nathan stated that he would like Chapter members to email him with guest email addresses.
- Future Chapter meeting presentations: Andrea stated that one of our Chapter goals was to have a presentation at the meetings. She volunteered to present at our next Chapter meeting in June. Andrea also suggested we should solicit for outside presentations. Dr. Steve Frank volunteered to present at the July Chapter meeting.

V. Treasury Report: Brian Post was not present, so no report was available (Brian sent an email to the board members detailing the status of the Chapter financials).

VI. Andrea opened to the discussion to Las Cruces members Earl Burkholder and Dr. Steve Frank.

- Dr. Frank stated that Survey & Engineering department at NMSU received a Homeland Security grant to purchase photogrammetric equipment. He would like to add the knowledge of LiDAR acquisition and processing to this program.
- Earl stated that he will become president of NMPS and is interested in the status of photogrammetric licensure in New Mexico. He mentioned that Tom Rollag will be at the NMPS May 17th meeting to discuss this issue.

VII. Next ASPRS RGC meeting

- It was decided to have the next board meeting on Friday, June 13th 2008. There was a scheduling conflict with the Friday June 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan Kempf, Communications Director