

## RIO GRANDE CHAPTER Meeting Minutes

Date: June 13, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon

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

**Attendees:** Amy Ballard, Jake Darlington, Nathan Kempf, Clyde Hubbard, Andrea Laliberte (via phone), Dan Paulsen, Sunny Snell (via phone), Dennis Szarka

### Minutes

President Laliberte opened the meeting at 12:10pm

She requested that we put off her presentation on UAVs until the August meeting when we have video capability.

Next meeting Steve Frank from NMSU is interested in doing a presentation.

After a review of May 9 minutes with no comments, the minutes were approved.

### Old Business

**Annual Meeting:** This has been difficult to pin down. One issue is that we need to have a better idea of our finances before we can do much planning.

Dennis Szarka suggested looking for a place to have more of a social event, as this might be more attractive to participants.

One possible location is at CNM's Workforce Training Center. Amy Ballard will look into CNM/UNM locations. It was also discussed that photogrammetrists and surveyors should be specially invited.

Dennis Szarka mentioned that Bohannon-Huston is a possible meeting location.

We should try to determine how many folks might actually attend—this will help in decision-making about the event's location. One strategy is to make it a "recruitment" event since our membership is small.

Offering a stipend for gas reimbursement might make the meeting more attractive to folks who are out of the area.

Right now we are looking at a September-October timeframe for the meeting.

We also need to figure out presentations; we need to push this along to the next agenda/meeting.

### **New Business**

A suggestion has been made by Earl Burkeholder that the ASPRS annual meeting be held in conjunction with NMPS, maybe next year?

### **Future Chapter Meeting Presentations:**

Steve Frank, July  
Andrea Laliberte, August

Dennis: July meeting is on July 11, noon (check on room availability)  
August meeting: August 1, noon

September meeting: Sept. 5, noon

### **Open Forum for Participants**

#### **Miscellaneous Items:**

Clyde: According to Victoria Provenza there is some confusion about the Rio Grande chapter's status. Some seem to be under the impression that we are only a student chapter. This seems strange since we have by-laws and have been visited by ASPRS National Officers in the recent past (Marguerite Madden, past past President, for example). We need to check with National and make sure that we really exist as a professional chapter.

Victoria has goal to create more "virtual" chapter so that widely-spread members can participate.

We should be receiving minutes from the Rocky Mountain Chapter—is anyone getting these? We need to involve ourselves more in their activities. Are there webcasts of their meetings—how can we participate?

One opportunity for cooperation is the upcoming Pecora 17 conference. Can we be of some service to them? We should see if they need any help from us. This meeting is being held November 17-20, 2008 in Denver.

Another idea is to conduct "Visiting" meetings. This would involve field trips to local businesses to see what they are doing, CREATE, EDAC, BH, PNM, others????

Dennis S: Certification and licensing—is this the time to start pursuing this at the state level? Earl B. and Tom Rollag should be involved. Do we need to set up a sub-committee to comment?

Lengthy discussion of need for certification/licensure ensued.

Sub-committee will meet (also Earl and Tom) and will come up with key issues that need to be discussed) and we can discuss as a group. We will talk about this at July meeting.

Andrea Laliberte asked what the status of this discussion is with NMPS? Dan Paulsen said that this discussion has been ongoing but there has been a lack of support from the local photogrammetry community. Next time we need to make sure that the support is there.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brian Post not present to report.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm

Next meeting, July 11, noon at Bohannon-Huston.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Ballard, Secretary