



RIO GRANDE CHAPTER Meeting Minutes

Date: July 11th, 2008

Time: 12:00 noon

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

In attendance: Amy Ballard, Earl Burkholder (guest), Jake Darlington, Brian Knehans, Andrea Laliberte, Sunny Snell, Zack Stauber, Dennis Szarka, Teresa Watson

Location: Bohannon-Huston, Albuquerque and Las Cruces

President Andrea Laliberte presiding, called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

I. Presentation, Andrea Laliberte
Unmanned Aerial Vehicle

Andrea Laliberte of NMSU and the Jornada Experimental Range presented on their Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and its applications for low-altitude image acquisition.

II. The minutes from the June meeting were approved

III. Old Business

- Annual Meeting

The first item for discussion was room availability for the annual meeting. Amy Ballard said that CNM would have a charge for any public meeting. She inquired about the size of the meeting and a figure of around 30 people was identified. The time frame should be a Friday or Saturday in September or October. She will inquire further about availability. As an alternative, Bohannon-Huston's training room could be used. An advantage of this approach would be proximity to the NMPS meeting in March, so that attendees could visit both venues easily.

- Chapter Status

Since Clyde Hubbard is the primary contact on this issue, it was tabled until the next meeting when we can get his input. It is clear that there is disconnect between reality and the website at this point.

- Early Burkholder, President-elect, New Mexico Professional Surveyor's Association

Mr. Burkholder said that the NMPS Annual meeting will be March 13-14, 2009 at the Albuquerque Marriot Pyramid Hotel. He is interested in including the photogrammetry community in whatever capacity they are interested in participating. Currently, Tom Rollag has shown interest in making a presentation. Another possibility would be a panel discussion on certification/licensure. Dan Paulsen is both an ASPRS member and an NMPS member. It was agreed that Dan should be the one to head up collaborative efforts, and Dennis Szarka agreed to assist as well.

Andrea Laliberte suggested holding our meeting at the same time as the NMPS meeting so that folks could easily attend both. It might be a good idea to have a joint reception that members of both organizations could attend.

Mr. Burkholder said that currently there are too many presentations. He hopes to whittle down the number by the next NMPS board meeting.

Andrea also mentioned that the Rocky Mountain Region should be made aware of the meetings.

Mr. Burkholder closed by mentioning that they approved a grant for height modernization efforts and congratulated CNM on their recent acquisition of a digital level.

IV. New Business

- Licensure/Certification

It was agreed that we need to keep this in the discussion over the upcoming months. Dennis Szarka mentioned that a good deal of information was obtained from the group in Oregon working on this issue where they have been involved in a 4 ½ year long process on this topic. It was agreed that an official sub-committee should be formed. Earl Burkholder offered that he would contact Tom Rollag and Dan Paulsen.

- Future Presentations

We will hold our next meeting on August 1. Andrea will not be present, so Dennis will run the meeting. Dr. Steve Franks will do the presentation. Earl Burkholder will present in September and Teresa Watson will present in October.

- Brian Post's Status

Treasurer Brian Post has communicated to the chapter that work and other duties will prevent him from being the full-time treasurer. Teresa Watson offered to assist him with the duties. She is still on the account as past president, so this makes sense.

It was also discussed that Dennis Szarka and Andrea Laliberte should be added to the account. Teresa Watson will look into this. The account is at Community Bank. Other issues to cover with Brian include determining the status of the PO Box.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm.