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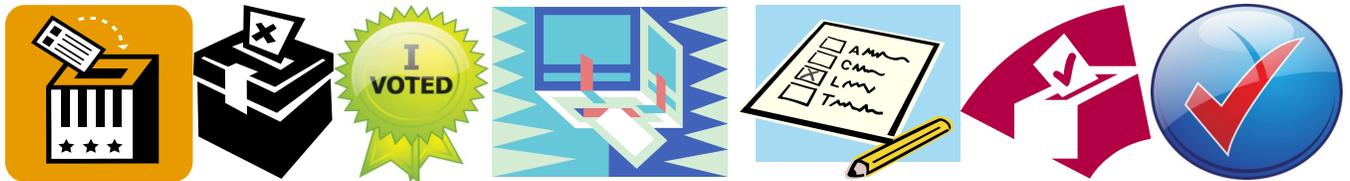


SW Region-AZ/NV/SoCA

The Election Issue

ASPRS NATIONAL ELECTIONS 2012-2013

An important responsibility of the ASPRS membership is to participate in the election of the organization's national officers. As of the date of this newsletter all current voting members should have received the ballot for the national elections. Please take a moment to review the candidates and take an active role in the operation of the organization by submitting your votes by the advertised deadline. The goal of ASPRS is to have 100% participation by the eligible voters. This year a longtime member of the SW region is standing for election as the Vice President of the National Organization. Dr. A. Stewart Walker has served as President of the SW region, as National Director representing the SW Region, and also as a Member of the National Executive Committee.



ASPRS REGIONAL ELECTIONS 2012-2103

As with the election of the national officers, there are regional chapter elections conducted in February of each year. The regional chapters represent the local interests of the membership, organize local technical meetings, social events and support the region's local student chapters. The regions provide a grass roots level opportunity to participate in ASPRS and to have direct input into the National Organization. The regions have a much smaller organizational footprint than the National Organization and receive ongoing financial and organizational support from the National organization.

The ASPRS SW Region is governed by a set of [bylaws](#) which describe the regional chapter operations. The SW Region holds elections for Vice President, (who will assume the Presidency in the following year), a National Director who represents the region at the National Board of Directors, and three Regional Directors who provide representation from the various geographic areas within a region. The responsibilities of Regional Directors include the organization and implementation of technical meetings in their geographic sub-region and support for the sub-region's student chapter and activities. This year, only the Vice President and Regional Directors are up for re-election. The National Director term expires in 2014.

● The SW Region Candidates

FOR REGION VICE PRESIDENT (1)

DR. STEVEN J. STEINBERG



Steven J. Steinberg, PhD, GISP, has been an ASPRS member since 1993. He served two terms as Nor-Cal Region President from 2008-2011 following a term as President-Elect from 2007-2008. Prior to that he served as education chair from 2001-2004 during which time he helped to initiate the Nor-Cal Regional Scholarship and Student Chapter travel support programs.

From 1998-2011 he was a Professor of Geospatial Sciences and Director of the Institute for Spatial Analysis at California State University, Humboldt in Arcata, California. During that time he initiated and advised a successful ASPRS student chapter, chartered in 2001. In Spring 2011, he moved to the Southwest Region (Irvine, CA) where he is currently a Principal Scientist – Information Management & Analysis at the Southern California Coastal Research Project and an Adjunct Professor at Chapman University teaching GIS.

FOR REGION REGIONAL DIRECTOR (3)

MS. ALICE RAMOS



Ms. Ramos is the President of Geospatial Professional Solutions, Inc. (GPSI), an aerial survey and mapping company located in Costa Mesa, California. Ms. Ramos is both a certified photogrammetrist (ASPRS) and GIS professional (URISA) with experience teaching photogrammetry and elementary surveying at the university level. In addition to her primary responsibilities for Finance and Administration, Ms. Ramos applies her technical expertise in aerial triangulation, CADD, GIS, orthophotography and QC. She is currently serving as Regional Director, ASPRS Southwest region covering the areas of southern California, Arizona and southern Nevada.

MR. JAMES SCARBOROUGH



Mr. Scarborough is the Managing Partner and a Consulting Air Quality Scientist with Berkeley Environmental Technologies, Berkeley, CA. In the field of environmental science for over ten years. James brings a geographic information science expertise, environmental regulation experience, and computing ingenuity to fulfill client needs. James has ten years of GIS experience and five years of consulting experience in fire emissions and industrial source permitting. Mr. Scarborough has an MS in Landscape Architecture in Environmental Planning and a BS in Geography, both from UC Berkeley.

MR. SCOTT MILLER



Scott Miller is a director in the geospatial intelligence technology areas for BAE Systems. Scott holds BS and MS degrees in Civil Engineering with a specialty in photogrammetry. He currently performs consulting, engineering management, new concepts and product development in the geospatial arena. Scott is a long standing member of the American Society of Photogrammetry and is a Certified Photogrammetrist. He has published many technical papers in the field of Photogrammetry and participated in the publishing of the latest version of the "Manual of Photogrammetry". He also participates in the Advisory Council for the California State University Fresno's Geomatics Engineering program.

● The Region Election Calendar

Nominating Committee prepares slate	14-Jan-2012
Nominating Committee reports slate to Treasurer	20-Jan-2012
Treasurer informs Membership of slate	31-Jan-2012
Members submit additional names to Treasurer	15-Feb-2012
First day to vote	20-Feb-2012
Final day to vote	02-Mar-2012
Last Friday to report results	16-Mar-2012
Last day to report results	18-Mar-2012

Regular Features

Russia Wonders if U.S. Radar Ruined Space Probe

Russia will look into the possibility that a U.S. radar station could have inadvertently interfered with the failed Mars moon probe that plummeted to Earth, Russian media reported Tuesday, but experts argued that any such claims were far-fetched.

NASA spokesman Bob Jacobs also said the U.S. space agency was not using the military radar equipment in question at the time of the Russian equipment failure, but instead was using radar in the Mojave desert in the western United States and in Puerto Rico.

Russia's state news agency RIA Novosti quoted Yury Koptev, former head of the Russian space agency Roscosmos, as saying investigators will conduct tests to check if U.S. radar emissions could have impacted the Phobos-Ground space probe, which was stuck in Earth's orbit for two months before crashing down near Chile and Brazil.



"The results of the experiment will allow us to prove or dismiss the possibility of the radar's impact," said Koptev, who is heading the government commission charged with investigating causes of the probe's failure. U.S. experts suggested that the Russians should look for causes of the failure at home.

Phobos-Ground was Russia's most expensive and the most ambitious space mission since Soviet times. Its mission to the crater-dented, potato-shaped Martian moon was to give scientists precious materials that could shed more light on the genesis of the solar system.

Russia's space chief has acknowledged the Phobos-Ground mission was ill-prepared, but said that Roscosmos had to give it the go-ahead so as not to miss the limited Earth-to-Mars launch window. (Associated Press, 2012)

Where in the World?

Can you name the location of this historical rope bridge?

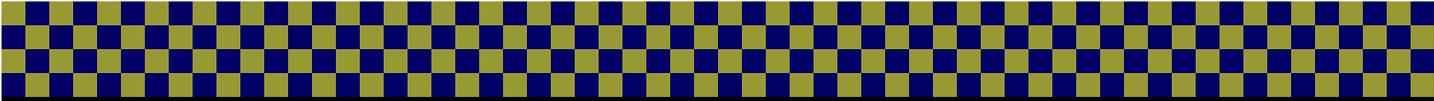
[Carrick-a-Rede, Antrim, Northern Ireland](#). Carrick-a-rede means 'rock in the road'. It is thought salmon fishermen have been erecting bridges to the island for over 350 years. It has taken many forms over the years. Although no one has fallen off the bridge, there have been many instances where visitors, unable to face the walk back across the bridge, have had to be taken off the island by boat.



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Additional Nominations

2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS

Your Southwest U.S. Region nominees for the 2012 slate are listed below. Please submit additional candidates by February 15, 2012. ***All candidates must have prior knowledge of their selection, must be a member of ASPRS and must be willing to serve a minimum of a one-year term.*** Note that the Treasurer and Membership Chair are appointed by the President.

VICE PRESIDENT:

___ Dr. Steven J. Steinberg

___ (Additional Candidate)

REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

___ Ms. Alice Ramos

___ Mr. James Scarborough

___ Mr. Scott Miller

___ (Additional Candidate)

PLEASE complete this form and e-mail to our current treasurer prior to February 15, 2012:
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