

## ASPRS Professional Practice Division Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 8, 2005  
**Location:** Marriott Waterfront Hotel  
Baltimore, Maryland  
**Room:** Dover B

Meeting Attendees: John Simmers-Director, Dan Paulsen-Assistant Director, Gary Higgs-Standards Committee Chair, George Percivall, Ed Freeborn, Scott Perkins, Roger Crystal, Eric White, Jim Williamson, Karen Schuckman-ASPRS President Elect

Director Simmers called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15PM.

### Introductions

John Simmers introduced himself then introductions continued around the table.

### Standards Committee Chair

Succession planning for the Standards Committee chair is needed. Gary Higgs would like an assistant to train and educate in order to take over his position as chair. Two important areas that demand involvement from the Standards Committee are the INCITS L1 representation, and development/proliferation of ASPRS standards through the INCITS process. Rick Pearsall (USGS) will be contacted to determine his level of interest. George Percivall volunteered to assist Gary in locating an assistant chair in the event that additional individuals are needed.

### Website

PPD now has an official webmaster. Nathan Kempf with Pacific Western Technologies has volunteered to maintain the division's pages. Nathan has already corrected several errors on the pages, established new links, and posted meeting minutes. Our thanks to Nathan for his help! Committee chairs are reminded to submit any information requiring posting through the director who will forward to the webmaster.

### GIS and Surveying Workshop Proposal

Ed Freeborn presented a request from the New York GIS Coordinating Body for a workshop and other educational materials related to professional licensure activities which would be used to educate the GIS (and other) professionals in the state of New York. Karen Schuckman expressed that the society is very interested in these types of requests and is willing to provide such materials. Karen also stated that a substantial amount of material, including powerpoint presentations, had already been developed by Jim Plasker and herself. This information could be used as a starting point to develop a new, more thorough presentation. It was suggested that Doug Fuller, Mike Renslow, and Karen Schuckman work together to develop the presentation materials.

### BAE Award

Attendees were briefed on the new BAE Award which is chosen by division directors. This is the first year for the BAE Award which will be administered through the ASPRS Foundation, Inc. Five papers and applications were reviewed for the award at the 2005 conference.

### 2007 Economic Census

ASPRS received a request from the U.S. Census Bureau asking for validation of the forms, formats, etc. used in the 2002 Economic Census. Roger Crystal provided background information. Roger and Doug Fuller reviewed the 2002 documents and processes and determined their adequacy for the 2007 census. Jim Plasker will write a reply to the Census Bureau stating this. Doug further discussed the desire of ASPRS to have the data from member firms (in completely anonymous format) in order to assist ASPRS in validating the 10-year forecast.

### Professional Definition Workgroup

John Simmers began this dialogue with a brief history. The idea for developing professional definitions originated at the External Affairs Committee meeting in Denver, 2004. Dan Paulsen has volunteered to be the lead on this activity with support from Ed Freeborn. Several outside organizations were identified that had already developed similar documents. Dan will follow-up with these other organizations as well as working with Mike Renslow of the Certification Committee to develop a draft document. Once the draft document has been developed, it will be distributed for review within the society. The ultimate goal is to have a series of statements and definitions that are applicable for the geospatial industry.

A meeting will be held at 4:00pm following the PPD meeting to discuss additional actions and items related to the professional definitions effort. Mike Renslow will join the group at that time.

### Licensure Committee Report

Doug Fuller had provided the Licensure Committee report to John Simmers in anticipation that he would be absent at that time. John provided the report as follows:

The NCEES POLC meeting was attended by Doug recently. He will submit the report to John for posting on the web as soon as it is available.

All regions were solicited for licensure activity prior to the spring conference. Eleven regions submitted a report which is an improvement over last year. Significant activity is currently occurring in Alaska, Oregon, and Virginia with each of those states submitting legislation for licensing photogrammetrists this year. A number of other states were reported as having minor activity. All activity will continue to be monitored by the Licensure Committee. The complete licensure activity report will be posted on the committee's webpage.

### Standards Committee Report

Gary Higgs provided the Standards Committee report as follows:

Five INCITS L1 meetings have been attended since the fall ASPRS PPD meeting and five ballots have been cast. This action maintains ASPRS representation/participation in INCITS L1 at 100%. The minutes from these meetings are posted on the Standards Committee website as they become available. Volunteers are desperately needed for reviewing standards. John and Gary will take action to increase solicitation to the ASPRS general membership.

There were ten total sessions on standards at the Baltimore conference. Three of these were sponsored by the Standards Committee. The committee is planning to host sessions at future conferences as well.

Gary reminded the attendees that a template had been developed to aid the ASPRS divisions and members with submitting standards to INCITS L1 for national and international consideration. The template will be available on the Standards Committee website. This discussion led into some additional comments regarding the LIDAR LAS standard developed by the PAD LIDAR Committee. This standard was to be submitted to INCITS L1 last year, but was pulled back due to some final edits that were required. The Standards Committee will follow up with Martin Flood regarding the status of this standard and make efforts to push it up to INCITS L1 for consideration.

The director asked for any other business, or for anything that had been missed or not discussed. Nothing further was mentioned resulting in the meeting adjournment at 3:05PM.