

Professional Practice Division Meeting
2 May 12011, Milwaukee Wisconsin
Minutes

Attendees: Becky Morton, Karl Heidemann, Charles Mondello, Michael Zoltek, Jerry Lenczowski, Patrick Bresnahan, Chris Aldridge, Jeff Young, Jim Plasker, Doug Smith

1. Open Meeting (Anne Hillyer)

2. State licensing activities (Doug Fuller)

Florida – There was a challenge to the statute on mapping but this will not result in a change to the current laws.

New York – Proposed legislation would use the NCEES language. Does not include grandfathering but the exclusions to the survey definition would cover photogrammetry, so grandfathering would not be necessary.

Indiana – The state licensing board has approached ASPRS and asked for language to put in the statute. Frank Taylor and Doug Fuller will work with Gary Kemp from the Indiana state licensing board to get the NCEES language for the state (copy and paste the language in the New York proposal).

Washington – A rules change has been proposed that would require topographic surveys to be performed by a licensed surveyor. This has been in the law for years but has not been enforced. There is a moratorium on rules changes in the Washington legislature until the end of 2011. The LSAW is aware of the situation and dealing with it.

Wyoming – The proposed legislation has been abandoned.

3. Licensure Exam Development Committee Status (Dan Paulson)

This committee develops a bank of test questions for the NCEES National Exam. The committee already has one exam ready for use. There are enough questions for two more exams. 40 more questions are needed for a fourth exam but the committee wants more questions on digital cameras and does not have a standard photogrammetry textbook that covers digital cameras, so they are waiting for that to become available. (Note: The Sixth Edition of the ASPRS Manual of Photogrammetry will cover digital cameras. Per Jim Plasker, HQ staff will make contents of the Sixth Edition available to the Licensure Exam Development Committee before publication of the book.)

There has been minimal demand for the existing exam so Dan does not feel justified in organizing another cut score activity to create another exam.

4. Procurement Guidelines for Geospatial Products document (Becky Morton and Charles Mondello)

The Guidelines for Procurement of Commercial Geospatial Products is ready for review by ASPRS membership. Mark Baker will form a working group to write the umbrella piece that will link the Guidelines for Procurement of Commercial Geospatial Products to the previously published Guidelines for Procurement of Geospatial Services.

The Board will vote on posting the document for Membership review at the ASPRS Board meeting on Thursday May 5. PPD will have a website created to post readers' comments on the document and authors' responses. Charles Mondello will be the contact person for receiving comments.

The goal is to have the full document finalized by the fall conference (Nov. 14-17).

The terminology used in the Procurements document needs to match the terminology used in the Glossary of Mapping Sciences.