

# The American Society of Photogrammetry

THE American Society of Photogrammetry, founded in 1934, has given increasing service to the scientific community and the nation through development of the art and science of photogrammetry. Five classes of members constitute our Society: Honorary Members who stand pre-eminent, having rendered outstanding service to the Society and the profession; Regular Members—those from whom the Society draws its officers, directors, and committeemen; Student Members—a special class of Members established to assure a continuing flow of scientific capability into the field of photogrammetry; Sustaining Members—those individuals and commercial organizations who desire to render monetary support to the Society; and Emeritus (life) Members who have maintained continuous membership for 25 years and have reached the age of 65.

## SCOPE OF SOCIETY INTEREST

Photogrammetry is, by definition, the art and science of obtaining reliable measurements from photography. With time, this definition has broadened so that the measurements include not only those relating to size, shape, and position, but also, those relating to photographic color or tone, texture, gradients, and the pattern or distributions of these elements; this is called Photo Interpretation which relates especially to such fields as geology and forestry. Measurements and analyses also include those made from records which may in turn be processed into images. Our Society is an organization which is also concerned with those sciences applicable to the locating and recording of a physical occurrence or condition by Remote Sensing, and the use of these recorded data to position, measure, evaluate, interpret, and present its findings or discoveries in the form of a survey, a report, or a map.

## AIMS OF THE SOCIETY

The objective and business of the Society is to advance knowledge in the art and science of photogrammetry; to provide means for the dissemination of new knowledge and information; to encourage the free exchange of ideas and communication among those contributing to the advance of photogrammetry to stimulate student interest in photogrammetry; to exert its efforts toward the improvement of standards; to uphold high ethical principles; and to extend and encourage the use of photogrammetry in related fields.

## DISSEMINATION OF SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

The Society disseminates scientific information through meetings and publications. Publications of the Society include our journal, *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing*, published monthly and containing the *Society Newsletter*, and the basic manuals of the science, the *Manual of Photogrammetry*, the *Manual of Remote Sensing*, the *Manual of Color Aerial Photography* and the *Proceedings* of its technical meetings. Additional special publications are issued chiefly to encourage student participation.

In addition to its publications, the Society strives, through local and national meetings, to disseminate knowledge of the science as rapidly and effectively as possible. The national Society is responsible for the development and presentation of the Annual Meeting; local Regions are responsible for the Society's Fall Technical Meeting and for local meetings held from time to time throughout the year. The Society is an active Member of the International Society of Photogrammetry.

## GOVERNMENT OF THE SOCIETY

The government of the national Society is vested in its Board of Direction, and its Officers; responsibility for the day-to-day management of Society affairs rests with the Executive Director and the Secretary-Treasurer. The Society has established and supports a series of Administrative, Central, Technical, Award, and Liaison Committees which are responsible to the President. Their function is advisory; however, Committee Chairmen may act for the President when directed to do so. The Society is subdivided geographically into 17 Local Regions, some of which have organized additional Chapters. Each of these regions selects its own officers and directors, and elects one member to the Board of Direction of the parent Society. The Society organization includes, to date, three Technical Divisions: Remote Sensing and Interpretation; Photography; and Photogrammetric Surveys. The purpose of these Divisions is to bring the Society closer to its members who are ordinarily specialists in a limited phase of the discipline. The Division Directors are members of the Board of Direction of the Society.

## Code of Ethics

Honesty, justice, and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among men, should be the principles on which ethics are founded.

Each person who is engaged in the use, development, and improvement of photogrammetry should accept those principles as a set of dynamic guides for his conduct and his way of life rather than merely for passive observance. It is his inherent obligation to apply himself in his profession with all diligence and in so doing to be guided by this Code of Ethics.

Accordingly, each person in the photogrammetric profession shall have full regard for achieving excellence in the practice of his profession and the essentiality of maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct in his responsibilities and in his work for his employer, his clients, his associates, and society at large, and shall . . . .

1. Be guided in all of his professional activities by the highest standards and be a faithful trustee or agent in all matters for each client or employer.
2. At all times function in such a manner as will bring credit and dignity to the professions in photogrammetry.
3. Not compete unfairly with anyone who is engaged in the photogrammetric profession by:
  - a. Advertising in a self-laudatory manner
  - b. Monetarily exploiting his or another's employment position
  - c. Publicly criticizing other persons working in or having an interest in photogrammetry
  - d. Exercising undue influence or pressure, or soliciting favors through offering monetary inducements.
4. Work to strengthen the profession of photogrammetry by:
  - a. Personal effort directed toward improving his personal skills and knowledge
  - b. Interchange of information and experience with other persons interested in and using photogrammetry, with other professions, and with students and the public
  - c. Seeking to provide opportunities for professional development and advancement of persons working under his supervision
  - d. Promoting the principle of appropriate compensation for work done by persons in his employ.
5. Undertake only such assignments in the use of photogrammetry for which he is qualified by education, training, and experience, and employ or advertise the employment of experts and specialists when and wherever his clients or his employer's interests will be best served thereby.
6. Give appropriate credit to other persons and/or firms for their professional contributions.
7. Recognize the proprietary interests and rights of others.

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## Publications of the Society

The American Society of Photogrammetry publishes:

1. *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing*: this Yearbook and 11 issues of technical articles of approximately 100 pages each month, including a Newsletter and book reviews; the circulation varies from 8500 to 9500.
2. Two technical manuals: *Manual of Photogrammetry* and *Manual of Color Aerial Photography*. A two-volume *Manual of Remote Sensing and Photographic Interpretation* is being printed to take the place of the former *Manual of Photographic Interpretation* whose supply is exhausted.
3. Proceedings of annual conventions, fall technical meetings and symposiums.
4. An annual list of regular and student members of the Society, included in the March 1975 issue of *Photogrammetric Engineering & Remote Sensing*.

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