

Report of the President

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PRESIDENT ELECT, Members of the Executive and Board of Direction, Distinguished Guests, Fellow Members of the American Society of Photogrammetry—

It is with mixed emotions that I stand before you to give an account of my tenure during the past 13 months. It was a particular honour and pleasure to have served this Society as President during a year marked by so many accomplishments and plans for the future of our profession. Working together, the Society's staff and volunteer members, through Divisions and Committees, brought to fruition projects that were years in the making. Some of these include:

- publishing the 4th Edition Manual of Photogrammetry,
- producing the two remote sensing films,
- conducting the survey of private firms in photogrammetry, surveying, mapping and remote sensing,
- signing a contract for the printing of the 2nd Edition of the Manual of Remote Sensing.

In June of last year I had the pleasure of dedicating the Heinz Gruner library at our headquarters. This collection of old books and publications on photogrammetry provides valuable historical data about the development of the science and of our profession.

Ongoing endeavours of the Society continue to flourish. Our journal, *Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing* has been on schedule, and bigger and better than ever. Our Fall Conventions in San Francisco and Honolulu were extremely well attended and very successful, and this one promises to be even more so.

I am especially pleased that the number of Certified Photogrammetrists increased by 52 and that a Symposium on the Profession in Private Practice is planned for the Fall Convention in Florida. This will surely represent a giant step forward in dealing with the many problems of our members in private practice. The Awards Program continues to recognize and encourage accomplishments and advancement of the profession.

The multi-disciplinary approach to problem solving continued through workshops and symposia jointly sponsored with related professional societies and organizations. New proceedings of these meetings published by ASP include:

- 8th Biennial Workshop on Colour Aerial Photography,
- The Workshop on Automated Photogrammetry and Cartography of Highways and Transport Systems,
- PECORA VII Symposium on Remote Sensing; an Input to Geographic Information Systems in the 1980's

Regions and Chapters are steadily increasing their levels of activity. Their newsletters, meetings and community involvement speak well for the profession.

When I took office I promised myself that I would visit each of the Regions of ASP. Unfortunately, due to several Regions holding their meetings at exactly the same time, and because of other factors beyond my control, I was only able to personally visit five of them. However, with the able assistance of President-Elect Bock, Vice-President Hemple and our Executive Director Bill French, most of the Regions were visited.

I had the pleasure of visiting and participating in the meetings of the St. Louis Region, the Rolla Region, Mid-South Region, Inter-Mountain Region and the Panama-Central America Region. I was very warmly received everywhere. The enthusiasm and dedication of our members which I have encountered on every one of my visits is the best guarantee for the success of our Society and the continued growth of our profession.

The Technology Exchange Week organized in Panama City by the Panama-Central America Region was a very successful, high profile, international event. It reinforced my conviction that our



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Society is "American" in the much broader continental sense, and that our scientific activities transcend both national and language barriers.

A substantial number of ASP members from Latin American countries expressed the wish to form local Chapters of ASP in their countries. This is a very important development, in my view, and should be carefully considered by the Executive of ASP. I might add that at the Panama Meeting, the Region signed up some 90 new members.

The Society's membership is over 8000 for the first time in its history. With the increasing dependence on our technologies by other disciplines, we foresee a steady increase in membership in the years ahead.

In my acceptance speech last year, I said that I attached great importance to a thorough examination of the alternative directions that ASP may follow in the future and I asked the Long Range Planning Committee under Roger Hoffer to develop a Strategic Plan for the ASP. Since then, efforts toward consolidation of the Society with the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) have overshadowed the work of Roger Hoffer and his Committee, and have at the same time made the work of this Committee more important than ever.

Initial discussions on closer cooperation between ASP and ACSM started in early June of last year. They continued throughout the summer and culminated in a Statement of Affiliation which was signed by Prof. Joel Morrison, President of ACSM and myself on September 8, 1981 in San Francisco. This statement reads as follows:

"The American Society of Photogrammetry (ASP) and the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) hereby agree to affiliate in order to represent more effectively the interrelated professions of photogrammetry, surveying, remote sensing, and cartography.

Immediate steps will be taken to accomplish the following:

- Co-locate the respective headquarters of ASP and ACSM to utilize common management facilities and services.
- Establish a single government affairs program and a single education program.
- By March, 1982, prepare a plan for consideration by the respective Boards, for an orderly consolidation by March, 1984, of other organizational entities and programmatic concerns that will result in benefits to both associations.
- Select and employ an executive to manage the affiliation using existing staff of both organizations.

The responsibility for effecting the above tasks is given to COMPASS, the Committee of Mapping, Photogrammetry, and Surveying Societies, which is to be reorganized to include the Executive Committees of both associations. COMPASS will provide policy guidance and direction to the executive who is selected to manage the affiliation.

Nothing in this statement shall be construed as a basis for transfer of assets or loss of identity. Wherever funds are required to effect the above tasks, they will be provided on an equitable basis by each association."

Since then we have engaged Bill Radlinski as Executive Manager of COMPASS to implement the decisions approved by Boards of both Societies and to present a consolidation plan for discussion and, hopefully, approval by both Boards at this Denver meeting. I am very much encouraged by the many expressions of support for affiliation of ASP and ACSM received from senior members of our society.

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is an historic moment for our Society, and indeed for the entire profession. We have the unique opportunity to build a single, unified and strong profession which will encompass all of the related disciplines of photogrammetry, remote sensing, hydrographic surveying, cartography, geodesy, engineering and cadastral surveys.

The economic aspects of combining certain functions now being performed by each Society, while important, are in my view, secondary. Of prime importance are the benefits which will flow to all of our members from a united and strong professional and scientific organization which will speak with one voice for all of us.

Whatever was accomplished during the last year could not have been done without the dedicated and unselfish efforts of volunteer members and an equally dedicated staff at our headquarters. I would also like to express my thanks to the Government of Canada for allowing me to take the necessary time to perform my function as President of ASP, and for financial support for my travel. My sincere thanks to all of you for your splendid support in advancing the cause of our Society.