

At this time I would like to say thanks to our award recipients, because they apparently cared enough about the activities of the society to prepare something to be judged by their peers. In addition, I say thank you to the sponsors of the awards, without which we could not appropriately reward our deserving members.

I would like at this point to end my remarks and say that I only hope that next year I will be able to expound on the accomplishments of the past year, rather than say, well we promised all those things but they didn't happen!!

However, the only way that we can make anything happen is with your full cooperation, understanding and never-ending voluntary efforts. I thank all of you ahead of time for the full measure of your efforts to maintain the proud traditions and past accomplishments of the American Society of Photogrammetry. Thank You!!

Report of the President



—Allan C. Bock

A LOT OF WATER has gone over the dam since I stood before you one year ago and delivered my acceptance speech.

It has been one of the busiest and most enjoyable years of my life and I honestly hate to see it end. I do have one advantage over most of our past presidents however—I don't have to go back to work. I can now retire from retirement.

Maintaining a close relationship with our many Regions and Chapters is, I think, one of the most important and rewarding tasks the President and other Officers have to perform. During my term in office I had the opportunity and the pleasure to visit thirteen Regions and Chapters. Several of them twice. I can report that the hospitality at these meetings was superb and the room and board was also excellent. When my left knee began to bother me midway through the last year of my term, my doctor told me I would have to get off the banquet circuit if I wanted it to heal. He told me I was carrying too much weight and poked me in the stomach as he said it. I dwell on this only so you will all know how your Officers suffer in the discharge of their duties—seriously though—I was deeply impressed by the devotion to our Society evidenced by the hundreds of hours of volunteer work contributed to each of these Region and Chapter meetings by our members and their spouses. We must never forget that this is the grass roots. This is what ties us together into a strong successful viable National Society. The spirit of cooperation is tremendous out there. I hope we never lose it.

The Regions and Chapters I visited were— The Eastern Great Lakes at Dayton, Ohio and again at Slippery Rock College, Pennsylvania.

The Alaska Region at the Alaska Surveying and Mapping Conference in Anchorage in 1982 and again in 1983

The Mid-South Region at Barkley Lake, Kentucky and at Knoxville, Tennessee

The Minnesota Chapter at St. Paul, Minnesota

The Western Great Lakes Region at Chicago

The St. Louis Region at St. Louis
 The Georgia-South Carolina Region at Athens, Georgia
 The Rocky Mountain Region at Denver
 The Florida Region at Tampa
 The Southwest Region at the ACSM/ASP California Conference at Newport Beach, California
 The Inter-Mountain Region at Salt Lake, Utah
 The Puget Sound and Columbia River Regions at the Pacific Northwest Conference on Photogrammetry Remote Sensing and Geographic Information Systems at Portland

I also had the pleasure of representing ASP at the:

Renewable Natural Resource Conference at Old Town Maine and addressing the workshop for Automated Photogrammetry and Cartography for Highways and Transport Systems at Portland, Oregon.

My wife Joanne and I were invited to attend the 100th Anniversary celebration of the Canadian Institute of Surveying in Ottawa, Canada where I had the pleasure of presenting to CIS on behalf of the American Society of Photogrammetry a beautiful parchment scroll, made by Willard Kuncis, commemorating the event.

We also represented ASP at the launch of Earth Resources Satellite Landsat 4 at Vandenburg Air Force Base in July.

The Joint Symposium of Auto-Carto 5, International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, Commission IV under the direction of Mr. Jack Foreman was sponsored by ASP and ACSM in August. They were rich in Technical papers, well attended and highly successful.

The Annual ASP/ACSM meeting in Denver under the direction of Mr. Jim Plasker was a huge success, particularly when measured in terms of attendance, papers delivered and exhibits.

The 1982 Fall Convention in Hollywood, Florida under the direction of Mr. Ed Brownell was one that we will talk about for years to come. The Profession in Private Practice Symposium at the Florida meeting was outstanding and I think Janet Degner should take a bow for organizing and directing it.

The 1980 Annual meeting in St. Louis, the 1980 Fall meeting in Niagara Falls, the 1981 Annual Meeting in Washington and the 1981 fall meetings in San Francisco and Honolulu were also on my itinerary while acting in the capacity of Vice President and President Elect.

Some of you may remember my expressed desire, in my acceptance speech to bring about closer cooperation with our neighbors in Latin America and Mexico. A first step in this direction was to change the name of the Panama-Central American Region, to the Latin American Region.

From the Florida meeting we journeyed to Mexico City to represent ASP at the Second Pan American and Seventh National Congress on Photogrammetry Photo-Interpretation and Geodesy.

At this meeting we had the opportunity to discuss closer cooperation with that Society and I found much interest among the Officers and Members. As a result of these discussions, we decided to work toward exchanging articles for inclusion in each others publications. At this meeting I solicited names of people wanting more information about ASP. With the help of Mr. Jack Staples, our Latin American National Director, we dispatched a mailing to approximately 600 individuals in the Latin-American Region who had expressed an interest in ASP.

Carrying this one step further, we have budgeted a modest sum for publishing a Spanish language edition of the Journal on a trial basis. I have asked incoming President Hemple to pursue this avenue during his term as I feel it will be most rewarding.

A planned visit to Buenos Aires to attend the Annual ERIM International Symposium on Remote Sensing of Environment and cultivate new friends and new interests for ASP was cancelled because of the Falklands dispute.

Getting back home again—the Manual of Remote Sensing, 2nd edition will be in the mail in August. I would like to give special thanks to the members who have contributed countless hours of effort to this publication. We have sold 3078 copies to date. During the past year we have sold over 5000 manuals in total.

Our membership has gone up 200 to 8088—

Thirty-four additional photogrammetrists have become certified—

We have moved our headquarters into the ACSM/ASP building during this past year—

We have purchased and installed a new NEC Astro 230 Computer in Headquarters. This will give us much greater capacity to serve our members—

Our profession is really in its early stages of development—like the airplane after World War I. As in all other Sciences, it is extremely important that at least samples of our products as well as our records be preserved for future generations. We have a committee chaired by Bob Meiborg for preservation of the records and works of the early pioneers.

Many of you in this room, particularly in the private sector are producing hundreds of thousands of aerial negatives and photographs annually. If you are like my company, you keep these in your files until they are no longer useful or lack of space become a problem.

Then you contribute them to a school of university for their use, or reclaim the silver in them or discard them.

I believe that all of this photography, after it is no longer useful for business or educational purposes, should be preserved for posterity. I don't want future generations, 100 or 200 years hence, asking why we did not preserve this rich record of the growth of our country. I'm afraid they would be inclined to curse is in our graves. I for one do not want to leave such a legacy.

With this thought in mind I have asked Tom Lauterborn to Chair a Committee for the Preservation of Aerial Photography. His Committee is set up and operational. If any of you, in the world of academia, Government or private practice have photography which you are going to discard—please call Tom at the US Geological Survey and ask for instructions as to its disposition. I'm sure that some of your great, great, great, grandchildren will thank you for it.

By far the most important and time consuming task undertaken by your Officers and directors during the past year or two is the proposed consolidation with ACSM. I guess you could say I got in on the ground floor of this project since the present version was first conceived at a dinner meeting at the Village House Inn in Reston, Virginia, in June 1981. In attendance were President Joel Morrison and President Elect Ira Alexander of ACSM and President Zarzycki and myself from ASP. We were in Reston to attend a COMPASS meeting. Consolidation of the two Societies has been discussed a number of times over the past years by various people but has never gotten off the ground. Perhaps, now was the time. Perhaps, we reasoned, the proper ingredients were now available. Continued discussion indicated that there were more positive reasons to consolidate than negative reasons not to consolidate. It was our hope that Mr. William Radlinski, whom we knew as a highly qualified and experienced association manager would be available to manage the consolidation. After confirming Mr. Radlinski's availability we started the ball rolling at the 1981 Fall meeting in San Francisco with an agreement of affiliation to be followed by a plan for orderly consolidation.

Since that time your Officers, your Executive Committee and your Board have met in formal meetings 17 times to discuss the consolidation plan. In addition there have been countless formal and informal meetings at the Region and Chapter levels at which consolidation was the main topic of discussion.

From the beginning I have felt that it was you President's responsibility to be sure that as many members as possible were kept informed of the pros and cons of consolidation. It is the members who will ultimately decide whether or not we do consolidate. I feel it is imperative that they cast an informed vote based on full knowledge of what they are voting on. Almost everyone is in favor of consolidation. The question is—what price we have to pay for it. In all consolidations or mergers there are many compromises that must be made. The question is whether the compromises are offset by benefits which will accrue, to enhance the objectives of the surviving organization—the greatest of which is service to their members and the public.

There have been times when I have had doubts as to whether this could be accomplished.

I am happy to inform you, however, that both Boards of Direction have approved a plan for consolidation which the majority feel is the best possible compromise. The ASP Board vote was 20 to 6 in favor and I understand that the ACSM vote was 12 to 3 in favor. The plan will go out to the members early this summer to be voted on at the Fall meeting in September at Salt Lake City, Utah. Voting by mail will of course be acceptable.

I implore each of you to take advantage of the informational material you will receive by mail or in the journal this summer. Analyze it, discuss it, and above all ask questions about it so that you can cast an informed vote in September.

Before closing, I want to commend our Executive Director, Mr. William D. French and his staff for their performance during the years I have been closely associated with them. I know from my experience in private business that building a dedicated, hard working, loyal, high quality staff is not an accident and Mr. French has succeeded in this during a trying period.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you during this past year, which I hope history will record as a year of great progress.

Thank you.