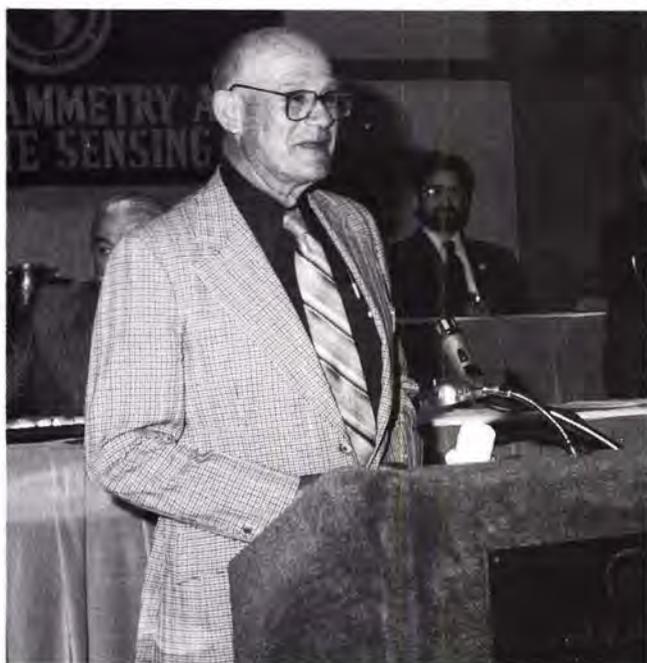


Report of the President



Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have a new President of the US and in keeping with the times I assure you the new President of ASPRS will be kinder and gentler — attributes that I am not noted for — you can ask my granddaughter to verify this.

It's customary for the outgoing President to recognize and thank all those who helped him. I am not going to do that for two reasons: (1) the list would be too long and (2) I might forget the key person. However, collectively — to the other officers and board members, to the headquarters staff, and to the membership as a whole, I give sincere thanks. I also want to thank those in the Geological Survey who have provided me the support necessary to make my activities in the Society possible. My citations speak for themselves, but I'm sure some have been left out for which I apologize.

This has been one of the greatest years of my life (and I've had a good many). Its been far from dull, very challenging, and on occasions most rewarding.

What have we done? — I'll leave it to Bill French to give you some statistics and its too early to say if we have accomplished much.

Now let's assume its 1993 and let us ask the following questions?

(1) The 1992 ISPRS Congress — did we put it on the way we promised?

(2) Our membership — has it continued to grow as we projected?

(3) Our new headquarters building — does it live up to the expectations we promised those generous donors in 1988 and 1989; and does it provide the center piece for the geographic science center we talked about?

(4) Our concept and grasp of the digital world — did we do the right thing establishing a GIS Division and what has it become?

(5) Publications — are we still providing our members and the concerned public with the information and technical documentation they expect from one of the world's leading societies in the mapping field?

(6) Landsat — is it or its successor still a viable program and did our efforts in 1988 contribute to man's understanding of this Earth as seen from space?

(7) Above all, have we, since 1988, raised the status of ASPRS by providing professional leadership to this nation — and perhaps to mankind?

If we can look back in 1993 and generally answer these questions with a yes, then I for one will feel that this last year's effort has not been in vain. However, it will require both effort and sacrifice from all of you to provide the yes answers in 1993.

You have given me the honor of being allowed to serve as your President. You also now permit me to turn over this leadership to most capable hands in which I have complete confidence. Its been a great year for me and I thank you all.

— Alden P. Colvocoresses



Above is the Finance and Administration meeting.

Left, Dick Mroczynski presenting a special award to Outgoing President Colvocoresses on behalf of the Brazilian space community.

