

**Minutes**  
**ASPRS Professional Practice Division Meeting**

**Location: Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California**

**Date: Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

**Time: 3:00PM-4:00 PM**

Attendees:

Doug Smith, Doug Fuller, Becky Morton, Qassim Abdullah, Riadh Munjy, Carolyn Merry, Jim Plasker, David Alvarez, Anne Hillyer

1. Open Meeting,

Doug Smith, outgoing director officially handed over the PPD directorship to Anne Hillyer, incoming director. Becky Morton is now Assistant PPD Director.

2. Geospatial Technology Competency Model Workshop.

(This agenda item was submitted by Karen Schuckman, who was unable to attend the meeting). Jim Plasker displayed the document on the screen via InFocus and discussed the lack of references to geospatial technologies in the descriptions of Geography and Science and Technology on Tier 2 (on page 7 of the document.) Tier 5 also lacks references to remote sensing and photogrammetry (on pages 15-20). The "Resources Reviewed" section at the end of the document (pages 21-24) should include the ASPRS Career Brochure. ASPRS members are urged to send comments on the document to Dave DiBiase at Penn State by May 1st. Anne will send an email with details to all of the attendees of this meeting.

3. State Licensing Database Update

a. Multi-State Tracking Service.

Jim Plasker demonstrated the Multi-State Tracking website. It is maintained by an organization that tracks licensing legislature for all professions. The subscription costs \$9000.00/yr. MAPPS and ASPRS agreed to split the cost between them. The license agreement allows only one login per user, so ASPRS can only have one person logging in. Jim Plasker will log in to the website periodically and search for legislative activity relating to photogrammetry. If he learns of any new legislation he will share the information with Doug Fuller (chair of the licensure committee). Plasker and Fuller will then determine what action to take.

b. Regional/state licensing activities (Doug Fuller/Doug Smith)

Grandfather periods-West Virginia recently adopted Model Law in its state statutes, which is good, but they apparently did not include any savings clause (grandfathering period). The new licensing requirements go into effect in June 2010, at which time a survey license will be required to practice topographic mapping using photogrammetry.

The Wisconsin bill proposing licensure of photogrammetrists has been dropped.

c. Finalize Interactive Licensing Map (Anne Hillyer)

Anne displayed the Interactive Licensing Map draft website. It is ready for publishing. All the states that require licenses to practice photogrammetric mapping are color-coded and clickable. Clicking on them opens a word document describing licensing requirements in those states. We would still benefit from local knowledge about laws in the various states so we will send the Licensing Map website link to the region directors and presidents and ask them to verify the correctness of our descriptions of the licensing laws.

4. Licensure Exam Development Committee Status (report from Dan Paulson):

- Exam writing session scheduled for ASPRS spring conference cancelled due to insufficient number of participants. We had the minimum, but two participants had to cancel. Next time we will need more than minimum, because cancellations are to be expected.
- Current exam bank consists of ~ 360 approved questions.
- Currently one 100 question exam ready for distribution upon request.
- We have enough questions to prepare an additional 2 exams if needed – these would require cut-score process first.
- To date there has been very little request for the existing exam (South Carolina requested use of some questions for a GIS exam)
- As such, cancellation in 2010 was not critical. We do not feel there is a need to develop a second (or third) exam this year. We can all consult later this summer to determine if ASPRS should conduct another cut-score evaluation for a second exam next spring.
- We wish to complete our goal of 400 approved questions. Therefore we will schedule another exam writing session for next spring in Milwaukee. I will begin soliciting participants this summer, and request help from PPD or any other Divisions. The exam session will probably be held the Sunday before the conference to avoid scheduling conflict.
- There will be a need in the near future for additional questions on emerging technologies that are becoming mainstream; particularly LiDAR & Digital Cameras. However, should have more literature available (i.e. texts & manuals) on these technologies for reference. We expect that literature will continue to be developed rapidly in the next few years.
- I will continue to serve as chair of the committee as long as requested.

5. Procurement Guidelines Activities / Products (report sent in by Charles Mondello):

The newly named Ad Hoc Committee Preparing Product Guidelines has met about six times since the Fall 2009 meeting. They will conduct a Hot Topics session, including a PowerPoint presentation, on Wednesday 4/28/10 at 11:00 am in the Garden Salon One.

6. Ideas for PPD-sponsored panel or Hot Topics discussion (Anne Hillyer)

Could we sponsor or co-sponsor with other divisions a Hot Topics session on digital mapping accuracy standards at the Spring 2011 conference? This will depend on the progress of 9b, below.

7. Old Business: See above

8. New Business:

a. The ASPRS Certification Exam is seeking accreditation.

Qassim Abdullah recommended that the ASPRS Photogrammetric Certification exam be more rigorous. He was referred to the Certification Committee.

b. Digital Imagery Accuracy Standards:

A discussion of the need to rewrite ASPRS Accuracy standards for digital imagery ensued outside the room after the meeting, with Abdullah, Hillyer, Smith and Alvarez staying to discuss. Qassim Abdullah agreed to work with Bob Ryan on this project. PPD will continue to track this effort. Other ASPRS Divisions are interested in revising the mapping standards as well, so this will be rolled in to the standards updating at the inter-divisional level.

9. Adjourn

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Action Items:

1. Anne will send email to meeting attendees reminding them to send comments on the Geospatial Technology Competency Model document to David DiBiase by next Saturday.
2. Publish the Interactive Licensing Map on the PPD website and send the link to Region Directors and Presidents requesting their feedback within 60 days. They can update the word documents that pop up for the "yes" states and track their edits in them.
3. Doug will keep track of Digital Imagery Accuracy Standards efforts.