

**Election Ballots due  
April 24, 2006**

**Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, May 16, 2006**

## President's Message

Spring is here and my term as president is quickly coming to an end. This last year has gone by in a flash with most of our efforts going toward organizing the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual NY State Remote Sensing Symposium with the Great Lakes Commission. A successful symposium was held in Rochester April 4-6 with approximately 170 attendees. Presentation slides are available for downloading at <http://rdx.glc.org/06/presenters.html>.

Currently we are finalizing the review to the NYSAPLS New York State Bill S4963-A. We have identified some improvement opportunities to the bill and are in the process of preparing a response.

Our spring regional meeting will be held in Albany NY on May 16<sup>th</sup>. A tour of the Photogrammetry Section at the New York State Department of Transportation which located at 50 Wolf Road will be from 4:30-5:15 pm. Happy hour, dinner and meeting will be held starting at 5:30 pm in the Turf Inn located at 205 Wolf Road. The student of the year awards and the swearing in of the new officers by Kari Craun president of ASPRS are part of the agenda for the evening. Both venues are located on Wolf Road which is just north of exit 24 on the NYS Thruway. Please notify our secretary Emily Mercurio at [emercurio@iagt.com](mailto:emercurio@iagt.com) if you plan to attend either or both of these events by 5/9/06.

This past year I have learned a lot and I have come to realize that I still have a lot to learn. I can highly recommend that anyone who is interested in CNYASPRS ( <http://www.esf.edu/asprs> ) get involved. My plans are to stay involved and active in the coming years and help out and promote CNYASPRS where I possibly can. I would like to thank the wonderful members that assisted and helped in planning this years activities and making this year a success.

Finally I want to thank the CNYASPRS membership for allowing me to represent you this past year.

*Ron Frederiks*

## National Director's Report

Just a quick note to thank all the Sustaining Members, the Region Council, and CNY ASPRS members who supported the combined 5<sup>th</sup> Annual CNY ASPRS Remote Sensing Symposium and Great Lakes Commission Regional Data Exchange Conference (RSS/RDX). For those who missed it, the conference showed that there is tremendous potential to apply remote sensing and airborne imaging on a regional basis. Coordination among industry, academia, and government to support regional stakeholders was highlighted by Phil Bogden, CEO of the Gulf of Maine Ocean Observing System (GoMOOS), one of the plenary speakers at the event. This model is fundamental to ASPRS, and the support of each of these sectors for the Great Lakes Observing System (GLOS) was demonstrated at the conference. We need to continue to promote and to draw strength from this collaboration as we move forward in our Region's activities, and with the GLOS. The steering and program committees are forming now for the 2007 Fall ASPRS Conference in Ottawa, and ASPRS will be looking to the CNY Region to participate in these and other conference-related activities. I hope you will let me know of your interest in supporting this upcoming event. Many of the RSS/RDX themes will be expanded upon, and examined at the national and international level.

Also, this is a reminder to support the upcoming Annual Meeting in Albany. Kari Craun will have been sworn in as President, and will be attending. I hope to see you all there.

*Ed Freeborn*

National Director, CNY Region

# Central New York Region News

## Future Dates

### 2005 - 2006 Region Program

**Annual Meeting:** May 16, 2006: Tour of DOT Mapping Dept., Installation of Officers by ASPRS President, Student of the Year Awards.  
Albany, NY

### The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual New York State Geographic

**Information Systems Conference:** October 23-24, 2006  
Crowne Plaza Lake Placid Resort, Lake Placid, NY.

**GIS Day 2006** will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2006.

**ASPRS 2006 Annual Conference:** April 30 - May 5, 2006  
*Prospecting for Geospatial Information Integration*  
Reno Hilton Hotel, Reno, Nevada.

**ASPRS/MAPPS 2006 Specialty Conference** November 6-10, 2006, *Digital Surface Modeling and Automated Feature Extraction*  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas

**ASPRS 2007 Annual Conference:** May 7 - 11, 2007  
*Identifying Geospatial Solutions*  
Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa, Fl.

**ASPRS/ CRSS/CASI 2007 Fall Specialty Conference**  
October 28 - November 1, 2007,  
Westin Hotel, Ottawa, Canada

## GRADE POINTS

### CNY Student of the Year Award

The Student of the Year Award (SOYA) evaluation committee is reviewing the applicants for 2006. In addition to the Graduate and Undergraduate first and second place awards, the first ten applicants will receive a one-year subscription to PE&RS. The SOYA is intended to recognize professional development, encourage further professional development, and promote involvement in ASPRS. The SOYA is made possible by a donation from Eastman Kodak Company.

## Financial Statement

ASPRS Central New York Region  
1 Jan 2006 - 5 April 2006

| <b>INCOME</b>                  |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dues (Regular and Student)     | \$ -               |
| Student of the Year            | \$ -               |
| Region Conferences             | \$ -               |
| Interest                       | \$ 26.39           |
| Dinner Meetings                | \$ -               |
| Gifts                          | \$ -               |
| Region Rebate                  | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ 26.39</b>    |
| <b>EXPENDITURE</b>             |                    |
| Dinner Meetings                | \$ -               |
| Conference Seed money          | \$ -               |
| Postage                        | \$ 78.00           |
| Student of the Year            | \$ -               |
| Memberships                    | \$ -               |
| Symposium expenses             | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ 78.00</b>    |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                  |                    |
| Base Shares (Savings Account)  | \$ 7,004.37        |
| 12 Month Certificate           | \$ 4,113.91        |
| Share Draft (Checking Account) | \$ 50.43           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$11,168.71</b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>             |                    |
| -                              | \$ -               |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                   | <b>\$ -</b>        |
| <b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>   |                    |
| Assets-Liabilities             | <b>\$11,168.71</b> |

Have you remembered your annual dues!  
Region annual dues are \$4.00 for members. Dues may be paid at any Region meeting, or mailed to the Secretary/Treasurer.

# Nominations for 2005 Region Officers

The Nominations Committee respectfully submits the following persons as candidates for the 2006 ASPRS Central New York Region election of officers:

**Vice President: Patrick O'Shaughnessy**

**Secretary-Treasurer: Ms. Emily Constantine  
Mercurio, IAGT**

The Vice President position is a three-year commitment to the council. During the first year this person serves as Vice President responsible for Membership and Student Awards, and then serves as President, who is responsible for our technical program, followed by Past President, responsible for nominations. We alternate this position among the academic, public, and private sectors. In this cycle, we were seeking nominations from members in the private sector.

The Secretary/Treasurer position is responsible for minutes at Council and business meetings, and Region accounting and bookkeeping, etc. The council has retained the business operations of the Region with our colleagues at SUNY-ESF. So, it is convenient, but not required, that members in proximity to Syracuse and ESF be candidates for this position.

Also, the Region Council consists of members interested in guiding the Region during the coming year. The President appoints these positions. Please contact **Lindi Quackenbush**, who will become President in May, if you wish to be on the Council or have any suggestions, including meeting places, topics of discussion or concerns for our region council.

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## Biographies and Statements

### New President

#### Lindi Quackenbush

I have been a member of ASPRS for over ten years, joining as a student in 1995, and later transferring to full member status. I followed my desire to become more involved in the leadership of the Central New York Region of ASPRS by becoming

Secretary/Treasurer in 2000. I served in that position for four years, before running for the office of Vice President on the Region. Over recent years, the Region Council has worked toward enhancing the service that the society provides to members, including the development of the now annual Remote Sensing Symposium. I hope to be able to continue the traditions established by our recent leadership and further the growth of the Society by reaching out to new members across all sectors. Mapping science applications continue to increase in prominence throughout a range of areas. We can all benefit by encouraging diversity in the membership of the society. I look forward to seeing such growth.

I am on the Faculty of Environmental Resources and Forest Engineering (ERFEG) at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF) in Syracuse. I teach a variety of graduate and undergraduate classes in the mapping sciences including remote sensing, GIS, and surveying. Before joining the ERFEG faculty, I served as the Coordinator of the Affiliated Research Center (ARC) at ESF for almost three years. My position with the ARC at ESF combined administrative activities with technical direction for a variety of remote sensing and spatial information based projects. I earned a Ph.D. in remote sensing at ESF in 2004, having also completed my master's degree at ESF in 1998. I attained undergraduate degrees in surveying and science from The University of Melbourne, Australia. As a student, I received the CNY Region Student of the Year Award (1995, 1997) and the Robert E. Altenhofen Memorial Scholarship (1997).

## Vice-Presidential Candidate

### Patrick O'Shaughnessy



Patrick O'Shaughnessy is the Director for the Government Information Solutions (GIS) Business of ITT's Space Systems Division. Mr. O'Shaughnessy has been involved in the geospatial

information community for over 20 years. Most of that experience has been in the design, development and operation of imagery and geospatial processing, storage and exploitation systems for ITT's customers. His current responsibilities involve customer interface and requirements development, technical solution development, business strategy, partner relationships, and day-to-day operations of ITT's GIS Business.

ITT's GIS Business is made up of over 250 scientists and engineers who provide geospatial information consulting services, enterprise information solutions, and a wide array of information products and services from sites in Rochester, New York; Washington, DC; Boulder, Colorado; and Sacramento, California.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy holds an MS in Software Development and Management, and a BS in Computer Science from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

Why I want to be vice-president...

There has been no more important time to be involved in the geospatial information community. These are exciting times as advances in information technology transform not only the core of what we do, but how we do business as well. Partnerships are key to being successful in this market space. As Vice-President, I will bring a desire to build upon the incredible wealth of experience and expertise that exists in this region to tackle the challenges that transformation brings. There are thousands of people involved in the geospatial information market locally and from the educational, governmental, and industrial perspectives – we have a great opportunity to build upon that strength. I look forward to meeting you in the future and to provide my assistance in making things happen.

## **Secretary/Treasurer Candidate**

**Emily Constantine Mercurio**

I have been involved in Central New York ASPRS since January 2001, when I accepted a position at the Institute for the Application of Geospatial Technology (IAGT) in Auburn, New York. I currently serve there as a remote sensing analyst.

Soon after accepting this position, I became an official member of ASPRS.

Since becoming a member, I have been an active participant in both national and local ASPRS events, including conferences, workshops, and training/certification activities. During the summer of 2003, I became a Council Member of the Central New York Region of ASPRS, and in 2004 I became the group's Secretary/Treasurer.

Over the past year serving in this role, I've greatly enjoyed the many opportunities to serve the regional remote sensing community by helping CNY ASPRS stay on track with regular reporting and financial management of the organization, and additional reporting required by national ASPRS. I would be very happy to serve CNY ASPRS as Secretary/Treasurer for another year, and feel I have the skills, experience and support required to be successful in this role. It is my intention to use the best of my abilities to provide CNY ASPRS with the assistance it needs for continuation of its mission. I appreciate your consideration of my candidacy for this position.

## **Mystery Photos in January Newsletter:**

Mystery Photo 1 contains Ford Field (the rectangular building) in Detroit, MI., and the home of Super Bowl XL.

Mystery Photo 2 is the Sun with Venus as the small black disk and the International Space Station transiting across the face of the Sun in 15 second increments.

## **RSS/RDX Conference**

In the first week of April, over 170 people attended this unique Remote Sensing and Data Exchange conference. Scholars and managers from the Great Lakes watershed area, including Canada, gathered in Rochester to exchange thoughts, ideas, data and procedures. Thought provoking keynotes and informative plenary speakers, nationally and internationally renowned, added to the quality of the conference. A dozen and a half vendor displays allowed the participants to acquaint themselves with state of the art equipment and products. The workshops and presentations were of such high quality that the sessions were the highlights and

well attended. The vendors were complaining about the lack of clients during the sessions; a small price to pay for conversant customers. The conference committee, consisting of Region members and the Great Lakes Commission, should be applauded for their efforts in putting together such an excellent Conference.



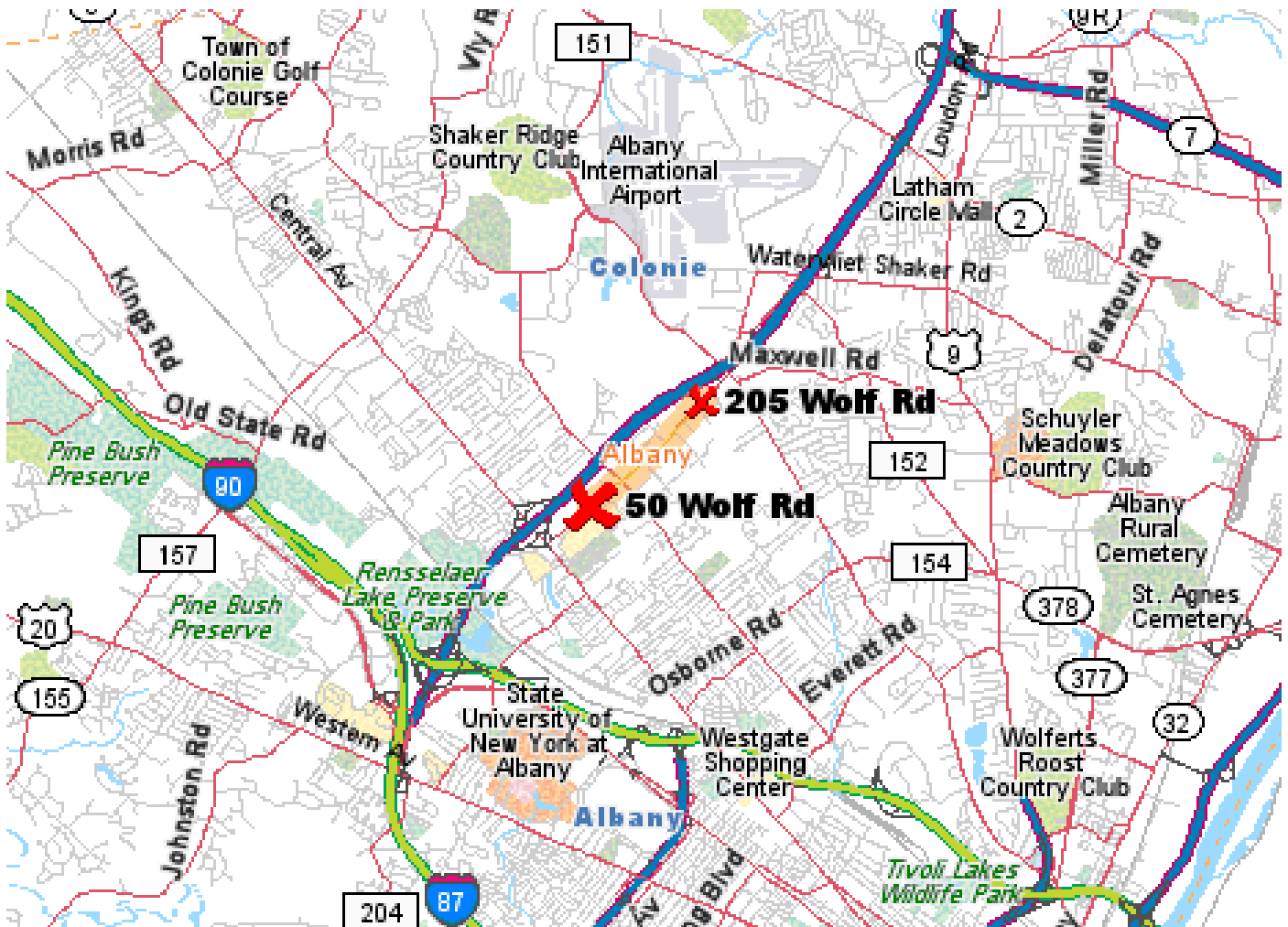
President Frederiks opening the RDX/RSS



The Opening Plenary Session



Keynote Speakers Gilles LeClerc & Philip Bogden



# Central New York Region Annual Spring Meeting

Photogrammetry Section

NYS DOT Tour

50 Wolf Road, Albany

4:30 – 5:15

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

4:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Holiday Turf Inn

205 Wolf Road

Albany, New York

(518) 458-7250

6:30 – 9:00

will present

## “National Headquarter Updates”

from

**Kari J. Craun,**

*President, ASPRS*

*Chief, USGS Mid-Continent Mapping Center*

*Rolla, MO*

As Chief of the USGS Mid-Continent Mapping Center, Craun is responsible for a workforce of 230 employees, government and contract, with the broad mission of ensuring relevant base geospatial data availability for the United States. As part of this mission, MCMC is responsible for managing the USGS' cartographic and geographic services contract as well as contracts to support acquisition of commercially available, remotely sensed data. Craun joined MCMC in 1994 and was named Chief in 2001.

Before coming to MCMC, Craun was located at the USGS National Mapping Division Headquarters in Reston, Virginia. Prior to joining USGS in 1988, she worked for the Defense Mapping Agency in San Antonio, Texas and Brookmont, Maryland. She holds a BS degree in Geology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and an MS degree in Photogrammetry from Purdue University.

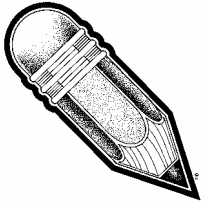
### Schedule

- 4:30 – 5:15 Tour of the Photogrammetry Section; New York State Department of Transportation at 50 Wolf Road. Covering topics among others: stereocompilation, orthoimagery, ground based Lidar and Airborne GPS.
- 5:30 – 6:30 Reception with cash bar at Holliday Inn
- 6:30 – 7:30 Dinner
- 7:30 – 8:30 Business Meeting and Student of the Year Presentations
- 8:30 – 9:00 Kari Craun Presentation

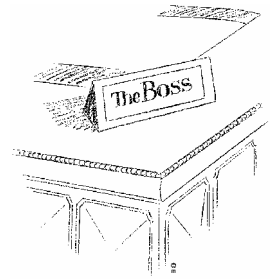
Dinner will be your choice of two dinners. The Chicken Chardonnay is pan fried Chicken Breast stuffed with slices of ham and covered with a creamy mushroom and onion wine sauce. The Eggplant Parmesan is lightly breaded eggplant pan fried and then topped with roasted garlic marinara, mozzarella and parmesan cheese, served on Penne pasta. These delicious dinners will be followed by a sumptuous Raspberry Cheesecake.

Dinner will be **\$30.00** to Regular Members, and \$15.00 to Student Members.

**Dinner Reservations** will be required by *Noon on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>*. For reservations please contact Emily Constantine Mercurio, CNY Region Secretary/Treasurer, via phone at (315) 283-9422, or via e-mail at [ecm@iagt.org](mailto:ecm@iagt.org). Please provide your name, a contact phone number or e-mail address, and the number of reservations for dinner and/or the Tour.



**This ballot is provided to all voting members of the Central New York Region, ASPRS. The ballot should be completed and returned to the Region Secretary at the address provided below before April 24, 2006 (postmarked).**



Please fold so that the address is visible, tape the edge, add postage and mail.  
Thanks for your vote!

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**Fold Second**

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**Patrick O'Shaughnessy**  
GIS Director  
ITT's Space Systems Division, Rochester, NY

**Secretary/Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

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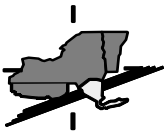
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