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President’s Message

Hello CNY ASPRS,

In support of our regional goals to connect our members and to keep them current with the industry, we are hosting our February CNY conference at the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility; Office of Emergency Management. This venue will bring us all closer to the user community and show the tremendous impact of our data products, tools and services to the safety and security of our communities. The presentations and tour will demonstrate the strength of the combined capabilities of government, academia, and the private sector within our region. The region will also be introducing a new relationship with the NY Cooperative Extension around GIS educational support for our primary school grades. We look forward to seeing you there.

Plans are being made for our annual meeting in the May/June timeframe where a summary of the 10 year ASPRS industry forecast will be presented. This is being lead by members in our region and is based on your participation in the national survey. Phase six of the 10 year forecast continues to understand the use vs. needs of the technologies within our industry. A few examples of the data requirements assessed include resolution, positional accuracy, and spectral band needs. More information will be coming out as these plans solidify.

Our sessions are open to members and the public. Please encourage those around you to attend as GIS and remote sensing data is no longer used by the few, it now touches everyone.

Thank you all for your continued support to our region,

Joan

National Director’s Report

I went to the ASPRS/CaGIS 2010 Specialty Conference in Orlando in November. The theme was Geospatial Data and Geovisualization: Environment, Security, and Society. I attended the Region Officer’s, Membership meeting and Board meetings. A familiar theme at all three was the desire to increase our membership and how to do so in the current economic climate. To that end the society is updating the website and creating a new membership promotional video. Also noted was the increasing emphasis on GIS activities across our community. This trend is clearly reflected in the themes of the upcoming local and national meetings.

The region officers would like to hear your thoughts on what aspect of ASPRS is providing the most value to you now, e.g., the journal, the website, the RSS feeds, and what you would like to see in the future. Please email me with your ideas.

We have a regional meeting coming up in Rochester on February 11th. It will be held at the Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility. I hope to see you there.

It is not too early to start planning for the ASPRS spring conference in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 1 – 5. The theme is “Ride on the Geospatial Revolution”, with an emphasis on looking at the future of the geospatial industry.

There has been some discussion about our region jointly sponsoring one of the national meetings with the New England region. The first opportunity is in 2013, so we have plenty of time to think about it. It would be a major challenge, with major benefits for our region. I would like to hear your thoughts on this, so please contact me via email with your offer to chair the conference.

John T. Boland, CP
John Boland is a Senior Image Scientist at ITT’s Space Systems Division in Rochester, NY. Mr. Boland has been involved in the geospatial information community for 30 years working in both the commercial and government sectors. Much of that experience has been in the development of software systems for a variety of applications including photogrammetry, change detection, feature extraction and image compression. Current activities include the development of a fully automated orthorectification system, close-range photogrammetric menstruation software, and advanced research in spectral imaging.

Mr. Boland attended SUNY-ESF and holds a B.S. in Forest Engineering and an M.S. in Environmental Resource Engineering.

Mr. Boland has been a member of ASPRS for 34 years, starting as a student member. In that time he has:

- Served as Vice President, President and Immediate Past President of the Central New York Region
- Current National Director for the CNY region
- Chaired the APSRS Camera Calibration Committee
- Served as Deputy Director and Director of the Primary Data Acquisition Division
- Served as a chapter Editor of the 5th Edition of the Manual of Photogrammetry

Why I want to be National Director? – This is an exciting time to work in our community. The rise of digital mapping cameras, the success of commercial satellite providers, and the increasing popularity the internet to share and view imagery, all point the way towards tremendous opportunities in the future. As more and more people have ready access to geospatial data, we must work to increase the understanding that data and support its responsible use. Our society faces important questions about the environment we live in and our priorities for the use of its resources. Our region has an abundance of talent in academia, business and government. We must reach out to those professionals and invite them to join us as we work together to help answer these questions. Through my service at the regional and national levels, I have seen the benefits that the Society brings to its members and to the community, and the contributions the members make to the Society in turn. As National Director I will work to enhance this relationship so that our Region, the Society, and we as members can grow stronger together.

John Boland
Candidate Statement

Central New York Region News

Future Dates

CNY Region Winter Meeting: February 11, 2011, Rochester
ASPRS 2011 Annual Conference: May 1 - 5, 2011
Midwest Airlines Center/Hyatt Hotel
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
CNY Region Annual Meeting: May, 2011
ASPRS 2011 Fall Pecora Conference
November 14-17, 2011
Hilton Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport
Herndon, Virginia

Nominations for 2011 Region Officers

It is that time again. The CNY Region of ASPRS is soliciting nominations for the Region offices of Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. Nominations may be submitted on behalf of others or by the nominees themselves.

The Vice-President serves a one-year term and then automatically succeeds to the offices of President and Immediate Past President in the following years. Candidates for Vice-President are drawn in consecutive years from the private, public and academic sectors. The candidates for 2011 will come from the academic sector. The primary duties of the Vice-President include overseeing the Region’s annual Students of the Year Awards, serving as Chair of the Region Membership Committee, and acting on behalf of the President in that person’s absence.

The Secretary/Treasurer serves for one year, but is eligible to run again for an indefinite number of terms. There is no requirement that this person be drawn from any particular sector. The primary duties of the Secretary/Treasurer are to maintain records for the Region, including minutes of meetings and financial records.

Serving as a Region officer is a very practical and rewarding way to become actively involved in ASPRS. It is also a chance to shape the direction of what is, after all, your professional organization. Nominations for consideration by the committee will be accepted through March 31, 2011. Additional nominations may be made by a written petition signed by five (5) members in good standing forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by April 11. Nominees will be asked to submit short statements explaining their background and why they wish to serve. Please consider it!

For further details on these offices and the other Region offices and activities, contact the Nominations Committee Chair, (585) 475-6907 rolando@cis.rit.edu.

Rolando Raqueño
Chair, ASPRS CNY Region 2010-2011 Nominating Committee
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Remote Sensing

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Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society

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The Use of GIS and Imagery Information in
Emergency Management

featuring the Monroe County GIS Technology Vehicle

February 11, 2011
12 noon to 4pm, including light refreshments for a $5 donation
Please register before Feb 4 at


Monroe County Public Safety Training Facility
Office of Emergency Management
1190 Scottsville Road, suite 200 (2nd floor)
Rochester, NY 14624
Region Council

The CNY ASPRS Region Council is comprised of a President, Vice-President, Past-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and National Director. In addition, there are several board members on the Council who are appointed by the current President.

If you have an interest in serving on the Region Council, now or down the road, contact any current Council member. We are always eager to get new people engaged in the society. Getting involved with the Region Council is a great way to become actively involved in ASPRS and help shape the direction of this organization.
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 February 11, 2011.

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

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