President’s Message

Hello CNY ASPRS,

It’s finally spring which means great things for the Region. First, I welcome six new members to our professional society. It’s great to see new people and new ideas coming into CNY ASPRS. The addition of these new members shows that there is continued growth in our area. Remote sensing and GIS are affecting more and more people.

Our last meeting in February at the Monroe County Emergency Response center was a great success. Our host, Justin Cole, provided an overview of the facility and the use of technology to save lives. Thank you Justin. The room we used for the meeting is the “war room” or hub where all the different facets of emergency response are coordinated. The seats in the room and the offices they represent range from fire, police, health, community, county, communications, environmental and more. It showed the value of mapping coordination in emergency response.

Please see the NEWLY designed CNY ASPRS website for an overview of the meeting and its associated presentations (http://www.esf.edu/asprs). Thank you to Lindi Quackenbush for updating our website.

June 2, 2011 will be our annual meeting to be held at State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNYIT) located in Utica. This is a new venue for us with hopes of attracting new people. The afternoon (12-4pm, light lunch) will include Gary Florence, who was installed as the 2011 President of ASPRS at the national meeting in May. Our CNY annual meeting agenda will also include a discussion of Robust Real-Time Information Management of Remote Sensors by Dr. Scott Spetka and Dr. George Ramseyer of SUNYIT, as well as a summary of the ASPRS 10-Year Industry Forecast by Charles Mondello. There will also be an update on our work to bring GIS to elementary school students. We will also be swearing in our officers for 2011-2012. The meeting promises to be very informative and we look forward to seeing you there. Please register online by May 23rd at http://bit.ly/CNYASPRSJune2011

At the May National meeting during the awards luncheon, the CNY region received the award for First Runner-up for the 2011 Regional Newsletter of the Year Award. Thank you to Paul Szemkow, our newsletter editor, and all who submit articles for making this possible.

The CNY ASPRS region continues to have a great people with incredible knowledge and experience. I look forward to its continued growth.

Thank you all for being a part of the CNY ASPRS region.

And thank you for the privilege to be your president for 2010-2011.

Joan

National Director’s Report

I just returned from the ASPRS Conference in Milwaukee. In addition to the board meeting, I attended several technical sessions and spent time on the exhibition floor. The sessions were well attended and there were some special sessions devoted solely to commercial presentations. I thought this was a good idea as it allowed vendors to tell us about their new products in detail. The exhibition floor was busy and a number of exhibitors commented on the detailed questions they received from the attendees.

A major action at the board meeting was the approval of the new LIDAR technical division. The creation of this division reflects the growing demand for LIDAR systems and data in our community. Specific information about the division will be on the national website in the near future.

Speaking of the website, ASPRS has just launched the new national website (as always at www.asprs.org). It looks great and is more welcoming with much more interactive content. Please check it out and while there go to your member profile and review/update your
selected area of technical interest. Your selection will associate you with one of the technical divisions. The divisions have recently been using teleconferences to conduct their meetings, allowing members across the country to participate on a regular basis without travelling to the national meetings. Many of the important society initiatives come out of the divisions and their committees. So please take a look at the division pages on the website and consider lending your expertise to their activities.

ASPRS continues to work with other organizations in our community and often holds influential positions in those organizations. An excellent example is the recent selection of Chair Dr. Carolyn J. Merry (ASPRS Past President) as the 2012 Chair of the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO).

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 us with your ideas, or see us at the June meeting.

John J. Boland, CP

Central New York Region News
DeGloria Elected as ASPRS Vice President
One of our own!

Stephen D. DeGloria, a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, won the election to become ASPRS Vice President for 2011. With the installation of officers at the ASPRS Annual Conference in May, Gary Florence moved into the position of President; Roberta (Bobbi) Lenczowski became President-Elect, and Carolyn Merry became Past President. Steve will become the President of the society in two years.


During his time in office, DeGloria says, "I will focus on strengthening our educational and professional development programs, promoting professional certification, and encouraging active engagement by students in the geospatial sciences."

Congratulations Steve on your well earned election to Vice-President and your commitment to ASPRS.

Region Officers

President-Elect
Jennifer Barber

Jennifer Barber is the GIS Technician for the Madison County Office of Real Property Tax Services. Her involvement in the mapping sciences has spanned 13 years and includes experience in the government, education and private sectors. In addition to her responsibilities maintaining the county tax map records, Ms. Barber is ferrying the County through the process of upgrading the real property GIS from PC Arc/Info to ArcGIS 9.3.x. She has developed a number of products for the department merging GIS and image data.

Previously she was the Software Test Manager at PAR Government Systems, responsible for testing image archiving software and GIS products for military applications. While working at PAR as a Geospatial Engineer, she also developed a semi-automated approach for impervious surface extraction from digital imagery using machine learning techniques for the New York City Drinking Water Watershed. Ms. Barber also worked as the Mapping Support Specialist for the Mapping Sciences Laboratory at SUNY ESF. While there she maintained the GIS and image processing systems and software. She also aided in the development of curricula for use in laboratory exercises and consulted with students, faculty and the public on a variety of image analysis projects.

Ms. Barber joined ASPRS in 1998. She holds a BS in Bioengineering Instrumentation from Syracuse
University. She also completed her MS in Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing at SUNY ESF. She is a certified Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP).

Ms. Barber is interested in continuing to promote the collaboration between the sectors represented by our region. Additionally, she would like to ensure our continued engagement at the national level as our region is comprised of key educational institutions performing research and developing applications in the mapping sciences. She would like to see the inception of a mentoring program within the region and continuing education opportunities for our working members.

Jennifer Barber

Secretary/Treasurer

William Stiteler

William Stiteler currently works as a photogrammetry and remote sensing scientist/statistician at ARCADIS in Syracuse, NY, and as the remote sensing subdiscipline lead for ARCADIS-US. His position involves using remote sensing analysis and geostatistics for a wide variety of environmental engineering and risk management projects. He has also worked as a research scientist at SUNY-ESF, a consultant developing remote sensing-based approaches to toxic spill detection, and taught courses in GIS and Surveying. Bill completed his masters degree in 1995, and his PhD in 2003, both at SUNY-ESF. He attained a degree in computer science from the State University of New York at Binghamton in 1993.

I became a member of ASPRS in 1993; initially joining as a student, later transferring to full member status. Over the years, I have become more involved in the local ASPRS region. I believe I have the skills necessary to continue serving as the region Secretary/Treasurer.

William Stiteler

Future Dates

CNY Region Annual Meeting: Utica, NY, 2 June, 2011

NYS GIS Association Geospatial Summit: Skaneateles, NY, 16 June, 2011

ASPRS 2011 Fall Pecora Conference
November 14-17, 2011
Hilton Hotel at Washington Dulles Airport
Herndon, Virginia

GRADE POINTS

ASPRS Student Member Newsletter
The ASPRS Student Member Newsletter is now published as a blog at http://asprssignature.blogspot.com/.
You can find back issues at http://www.asprs.org/student_news or join in the discussion at http://groups.yahoo.com/group/asprs_students/

Student of the Year Award
Award winners will be honored at the Central New York Region Annual Meeting in Utica on 2 June 2011.

ASPRS Central New York Region
Financial Statement
1 Jan 2011 - 15 March 2011

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The State of ASPRS by 2011 President of ASPRS
Robust Real-Time Information Management of Remote Sensors
ASPRS 10-Year Industry Forecast
CNY ASPRS Student of the Year Award

June 2, 2011
12 noon to 4pm, including light lunch refreshments
$15 professionals, $5 students
Please register before May 23 at


State University of New York
Institute of Technology, SUNYIT
100 Seymour Road
Utica NY 13502
Kunsel Hall - Cafe
Due to construction, the Edic Road campus entrance will be closed from May 23 through October 28, 2011. Please use the following directions to reach the main campus entrance on Horatio Street.

**Driving Directions**

**From the NYS Thruway (I-90)**
Take Exit 31/Utica. After toll, bear right onto N. Genesee St. and stay in right lane. Turn right at light and immediately turn right onto ramp for West I-790/Rtes. 5/8/12/Rte. 49. Travel approximately one mile and take the Rtes. 8/12 north exit onto Horatio Street north. Keep to the right and proceed for 1.2 miles on Horatio Street north onto the Mulaney Road exit. Turn right at the end of the ramp onto Mulaney Road. Stay in the right lane and follow the sign for SUNY Institute of Technology onto the ramp for Horatio Street south (Rtes. 8/12 south). Proceed about a half-mile on Horatio Street south and turn right at the campus entrance.

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Meeting Announcement
June 2, 2011
Reservations by
May 23, 2011