President’s Message

WHAT DO MEMBERS WANT?

Welcome everyone! It is with great privilege and humility that I write this message. I take it as a privilege because I know that I am communicating with a membership that is steeped in a rich heritage of innovation. The engineering achievements and technology from our region has had a direct, but quiet hand in shaping the history of our country. I also give this message with some humility because the modest goals that we have for our region are attainable, but always fraught with obstacles of implementation and limited resource. It is our hope that you, as a member, will help us in prioritizing and achieving each of these objectives.

As our nation’s economy struggles along the arduous road to recovery, all of us have had to take a sobering stock of our careers and current employment. If the CNY-ASPRS was not at the top of your list as a resource, then we are not doing our job as a professional society. I am particularly concerned about recent graduates that have had difficulty finding employment. Do they know about our society and did they contact CNY-ASPRS for help? If they decided to attend graduate school, did they explore all the possible programs through our resources and contacts?

These are issues of visibility, marketing, and relevance. It is something that we cannot efficiently accomplish without feedback from you. Joan Mondello has taken the initiative to draft a survey that will help us in determining what you expect and want as a member. We hope that you will add specific goals to the ones we hope to accomplish in the upcoming year.

- An increase in the amount/number of student of the year awards
- We are contacting sponsors to help us increase the level of award and (see President, pg 2)

National Director’s Report

I will be going to the ASPRS/MAPPS Specialty Conference in San Antonio, 16-19 November. Workshops are being offered by both organizations with a good offering of half-day workshops, allowing attendees to investigate more topics. Also of interest is a Panel and Audience Discussion with the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) Forum. The discussion will provide information of the panel’s initiatives to advise the FGDC and the new presidential administration on geospatial issues.

News from National that might be of interest since the last newsletter:

- The ASPRS Guidelines for Procurement of Professional Aerial Imagery, Photogrammetry, Lidar and Related Remote Sensor-based Geospatial Mapping Services have been approved.
- The LAS 1.3 Specification has been approved.
- The new Manual of Geographic Information Systems has been published. I already have my copy.
- The first of the new Webinar Workshop Series was held in August. This strikes me as a real opportunity to gain knowledge, and to earn Continuing Education Credits, without having to leave the office or find travel funds.

Student Members – did you know that there are 13 Awards and Scholarships available through ASPRS in 2010? Please see your local ASPRS faculty member, or go to the National website for more information. Winning one of these awards is an excellent way to be noticed in our community.

Faculty Members – You should have recently received a package from ASPRS describing the Awards & Scholarships available to undergraduate and/or graduate students in 2010. Please encourage your students to apply.

Are you using the RSS News Feed? If you were, you would not need to read this.

John T. Boland, CP
• (President, from pg 1) possibly the number of awards for the student of the year competition.

• Formalize travel grants for students wishing to attend national and regional conferences
  o Our region has informally provided funds for students to attend national and regional conference in the past. We will be formalizing this mechanism to publicize and insure of its availability in the future.

• Facilitate networking opportunities and technologies to connect with members of the both "old" and "new" schools.
  o It is our goal to utilize both traditional communication media and social networking tools to disseminate updates of job notices, upcoming seminars, and conference events.

• Increase CNY-ASPRS visibility at the national level
  o Our region is a treasure trove of geospatial talent, heritage, and technical resources. Individuals are present across academia, industry, and government. I believe there are many that deserve recognition for their contributions to ASPRS. We want to identify these members so we can nominate them for future ASPRS fellow awards. By bringing them into the national limelight, their achievements and character will be a reflection on the intellectual wealth of our region.
  o As a means of promoting our society close to home, we want to invite high profile speakers to our region as an outreach to an audience outside of our traditional base. We welcome any suggestions that you might have for speakers that they would like to see visit our area. We will use our collective influence to contact those individuals and invite them to give a seminar.

• Develop a roadmap for better dissemination of geospatial technology
  o Geospatial technology has finally entered the collective consciousness of the masses. As this information becomes an integral part of how we manage nearly every aspect of our lives, new technologies and imaging modalities are thrust into the toolboxes of the photogrammetrist, remote sensor, and GIS specialist to extract even more relevant and timely information. It is imperative that we provide the necessary resources to educate our members of how to successfully apply these data sources either through workshops or online resources so that they can meet public's high expectations of on-demand and historical access to any and all information. We want you to tell us what's important and what, in your experience, has worked for you in the past.

Lastly, we are always striving to increase our membership to improve our networking and educational opportunities and the means to provide them.

There is a natural impulse to focus on direct campaigns and recruitment activities to achieve this, but we believe that successfully implementing the goals we have proposed will, by their own merit, help expand our membership. More importantly, it will help retain future members as they see the relevance of what the CNY-ASPRS offers. In the process we hope to be more than just a professional society, but a community of professionals.

We welcome any comments that you may have and look forward to opening a dialog to hear your suggestions and concerns.

Rolando Raqueno
Central New York Region News

Future Dates

2009 Region Program

The Silver Anniversary of the New York State Geographic Information Systems Conference:
October 25 - 27, 2009, Crowne Plaza, Lake Placid, NY.
http://www.esf.edu/nysgisconf/

www.gisday.com

Technical Meeting: November, 2009

Winter Meeting: January/February 2010

ASPRS/MAPS 2009 Fall Conference:
November 16 – 19, 2009; Crowne Plaza Hotel
San Antonio, Texas
http://www.asprs.org/sanantonio09/

2010 ASPRS Annual Conference
April 26-30, 2010 Town and Country Hotel,
San Diego, California

CNY Region Annual Meeting: May, 2010.

GRADE POINTS

ASPRS AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

The ASPRS Foundation has just announced The Ta Liang Memorial Award is now valued at $1,500, an increase of $1,000 over previous awards. This award is designed to facilitate research-related travel by outstanding graduate students in remote sensing.

Also announced is that The Kenneth J. Osborn Memorial Scholarship has been increased to $2,000, a $500 increase over the 2009 award. The purpose of this award is to commend college students who display exceptional interest, desire, ability, and aptitude to enter the profession of surveying, mapping, photogrammetry, or geospatial information and technology.

Other Awards:

As you may know, each year ASPRS grants several other awards/scholarships, valued to over $40,000, to qualifying graduate and undergraduate students. The 2010 ASPRS Scholarships and Awards Brochure is now available for distribution. Recently, very few applications have been submitted for some of the awards and scholarships. Specifically several new very attractive awards have been introduced in past couple of years.

The deadline for all applications is Tuesday, December 1st 2009, and all applicants will be notified by early March. The full application and award information will also be available from National’s web, http://www.asprs.org/membership/scholar.html.

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ASPRS Central New York Region
Financial Statement
1 Jan 2009 - 30 June 2009

INCOME

Dues $0.00
Region Rebate $868.00
Region Conferences $0.00
Interest $84.57
Dinner Meeting $668.12
Student of the Year Award $0.00
Gifts $0.00
TOTAL $1,620.69

EXPENDITURE

Region Conferences $0.00
Dinner Meeting $1,153.26
Student of the Year Award $1,450.00
Postage $0.00
Office Exp $0.00
Contributions $0.00
TOTAL $2,603.26

ASSETS

Base Shares (Savings Account) $8,569.58
12 Month Certificate $4,601.85
Share Draft (Checking Account) $2,212.98
Petty Cash $4.00
TOTAL $15,388.41

LIABILITIES

None $0.00
TOTAL $0.00

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS

Assets - Liabilities $15,388.41
CNY Region Annual Meeting

The Annual CNY ASPRS New York State, held last May 11th, was very successful. This eventful evening was again hosted at SUNY-ESF in Baker Lab’s Conference Room, a great venue for overlooking other ESF facilities and the Carrier Dome. Over 40 people attended this event, including the then ASPRS President-elect, Carolyn J. Merry, Chair of the Civil, Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Sciences Department at Ohio State University (OSU).

The reception and poster session was sponsored by the CNY Region. This time was spent with discussions around the numerous student posters and their research. Some remarkable research and new technology was highlighted by the talented students.

Following the delicious buffet dinner catered by Dinosaur BBQ, the CNY ASPRS annual Meeting was held. The meeting included the National Director’s report, the Treasurer’s report and the induction of our new president. Rolando Raqueno was sworn in by a special oath administered by Carolyn Merry. Rolando then announced the Student of the Year Award winners.

As the keynote presenters, Ron Fredericks of NYSDOT and Ricardo Lopez-Torrijos of NYSDEC tag teamed on their review of elevation data bought by New York State over the last two years. Topics covered were LiDAR data requirements, LiDAR data collection deliverables, their experiences in qualitative and quantitative quality assurance of LiDAR data, and other lessons learned.
The CNY officers are asking for your input to guide the future of the region.
Please send/email your inputs to Bill, no later than October 31, 2009.
Thank you for your voice of the customer.

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

William M. Stiteler IV, Ph.D., CMS
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Hope to see you at the New York State GIS Conference in Lake Placid.
Joan Mondello and the officers of the CNY Region
1. What benefit do you currently get from the region?
   a. networking
   b. marketing
   c. technical education
   d. legislative information
   e. other ______

2. What would you like to get from the region in the future?
   a. networking
   b. marketing
   c. technical education
   d. legislative information
   e. other ______

3a. If you are a professional, would you like to mentor a student in the region?
   a. NA
   b. not at this time
   c. yes

3b. If 3a is yes, please provide your contact info ____________

4a. If you are a student, would you like to be mentored by a professional in the region?
   a. NA
   b. not at this time
   c. yes

4b. If 4a is yes, please provide your contact info ____________

5. For the CNY regional meeting: Do you prefer a
   a. Full day meeting with many presentations
   b. A half day meeting with some presentations
   c. After work, dinner and a short presentation as done in 2009

6. How far are you willing to travel for a CNY regional event
   a. 30 miles
   b. 60 miles
   c. 90 miles
   d. 120 miles
   e. 180 miles

7. Anything you would like to communicate to the officers of the region?
   a. ________________________________
Silver Anniversary
You are invited to join us on October 25 - 27, 2009
25th Annual New York State GIS Conference
Network with your colleagues in Lake Placid, NY
Crowne Plaza Resort
101 Olympic Drive, Lake Placid, NY 12946,

The NYS GIS conference has a long standing tradition of providing attendees with an opportunity to meet fellow New Yorkers active in the GIS field, exchange information and real experiences, and seek solutions to your geographic data management needs.

Take the trolley to Whiteface Lodge for the Sunday reception with Jay Hart’s Earth Art exhibit. Each Monday banquet attendee will receive a Carl Heilman II print. He will be present for a book signing as well. Tee shirts are back featuring Jay Hart’s art. We have fleece scarves as a second take home option. Register Today!

The conference offers NYS GIS Traditions for you to enjoy:

- Welcoming function on Sunday (5:30 pm) with Reception and Jay Hart’s Earth Art at the Whiteface Lodge Clubhouse.
- Monday’s State of the State address followed by the thoughts of Keynote Speaker: Dr. Duane F. Marble, “GIS: Lessons from the Past and Thoughts on our Future”. Dr. Marble is Professor Emeritus of Geography and Natural Resources, The Ohio State University. Dr. Marble is founder of the massive on-line geographic information science & technology bibliography.
- Monday evening poster session, map contest and reception.
- Monday Evening Banquet followed by banquet Speaker: Carl Heilman II and his presentation Topic: “I Am the Adirondacks”; a multi-image production that will evoke a sense of our being part of the wild, natural Adirondack world.
- Tuesday Luncheon with a raffle of prizes

For conference details go to: http://www.esf.edu/nysgisconf/default.htm

Sunday, October 24, 2008;
Pre-Conference Workshops with PDHs (Professional Development Hours)
11:00 - 4:00 pm: Educator’s Workshop: Using GIS in the Classroom, GK-12 Teachers interested in GIS education, Instructor: Amy Work, IAGT and others
1:00 - 4:00 pm: Geoprocessing Techniques, geospatial analysis & modeling using a sample of geoprocessing techniques. Instructor: Lee Herrington, SUNY-ESF
1:00 - 4:00 pm: Google Maps Mash-ups, create map mash ups using basic features of Google Maps
Instructor: Keith Jenkins, Cornell University

Look for the ASPRS CNY Region’s table top Booth!!
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Check out our tabletop booth at the NYS GIS Conference in Lake Placid, October 26&27

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