President’s Message

Invest in yourself. The tag line to NYGeoCon 2013 has me contemplating the future of the CNY Region of the ASPRS. As I head into the final stretch of my Presidency, I have one remaining goal: leave the Region in better shape than it was when I began. This will be a tremendous challenge as those who have preceded me have set the bar high.

I want to improve upon the work completed by our past leaders. I want the region to grow by taking better advantage of the resources it has at its disposal. I want to make advancements towards establishing our region as a tool for use by the geospatial community. I want to do this for our region but I can’t do it alone.

I believe the best way to serve the community is to understand the needs and desires of those that we serve. By executing upon the needs and desires, I hope to empower members through ownership and stimulate membership growth through relevancy thereby creating a greater return on the investments we make. If we develop our region as a resource we will all benefit while simultaneously strengthening our region.

In the coming weeks we will be soliciting the opinions of our members through a brief on-line survey. The intent of the survey is to begin to understand:

- Membership expectations of the region
- Opportunities for improvement
- What we are doing well

When you see the link to our survey in an upcoming correspondence please take a moment to make your opinion heard. To ensure inclusion in our survey please send an email to me with the subject line: Include me in the survey. If online surveys are not for you please email me directly with your thoughts or pull aside one of our region council members when you see them at NYGeoCon 2013 or other upcoming events.

Invest in yourself, invest in the region and it will improve the lives of all those around you.

Trevis Gigliotti, CP

National Director’s Report

The end of my second term as National Director will soon be here. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will see a call for nominations for director position. If you have an interest in the society at the national level, please consider submitting your name for consideration. Over the past six years I have seen remarkable changes in our society as it has continually worked to provide the highest quality services to our membership, including: the rise of the Young Professionals and Student Advisory councils, the new LIDAR Division, the new website with the addition of social media via Twitter and Facebook, and the accreditation of our certification process by the Council of Engineering and Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). In that time the society has also issued the 6th edition of the Manual of Photogrammetry, the new Manual of Airborne Topographic Lidar, and the new Manual of Geographic Information Systems. All of this was achieved through the volunteer efforts of members like you.

I would also like to mention the announced retirement of James Plasker, ASPRS Executive Director for the past 16 years. His dedication, leadership, and commitment to our society have been exceptional. Please visit the national website to learn more of Jim’s many accomplishments (http://www.asprs.org/Press-Releases/ASPRS-Executive-Director-James-Plasker-Announces-His-Retirement.html).

In recent newsletters I have been encouraging you to contact me, or any of the region officers, with your thoughts on the society. Please let us know what you like and dislike. Which aspect of ASPRS is providing the most value to you now, e.g., the professional network, the conferences, the website? What you would like to see in the future? How can we better serve you?

John T. Boland, CP
Want to stay informed?  
– Update your email address!

If your mailing address and email address are up to date, then you should have received a hard copy and a digital copy of this Newsletter. We will be going completely digital with our newsletter by the end of this year. If you would like to keep receiving the newsletter, and other Region announcements, then we need your email address. You can update your email address by going to the National website at asprs.org and login to preview and edit your profile. Your default username is your membership number. If you can’t track down your membership number, contact Sokhan Hing at sokhanh@asprs.org to ask for your member number.

Region Council

WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

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. The CNY Region of the ASPRS is looking to infuse our Council with membership perspectives from geographic locales throughout the region. If you have an interest in making a direct impact on the Region (or perhaps prepare for a future presidential run) as a member of the Council please contact Trevis or Karen directly. We are currently open to adding Professional community members as well as a student representative from one of our fine educational institutions. The commitment includes participation in video and/or telephone conferences and you must be a member of ASPRS in good standing prior to involvement.

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.

Nominations for 2014 Region Officers

National Director:
Nominations are now being accepted to develop a slate of candidates for the region’s representative to the National ASPRS. This position is a three-year commitment to attending national meetings and conferences. You will participate in board and committee meetings where important society issues are discussed.

Nominations for National Director will be accepted through December 15, 2013. Nominations for Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer will be accepted through February 17, 2014. Additional nominations may be made by a written petition signed by five (5) members in good standing forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by March 1. Nominees will be asked to submit short statements explaining their background and why they wish to serve. Please consider it! Serving the region brings great networking opportunities all the way through to the national level. It provides technical enlightenment and is a service to the industry. It also looks great on your resume, and can be used to obtain credit for renewing various professional certifications.

Vice President:
Are you a member of Academia?

The next Vice-President, (position starting May 2014) is a representative from academia. You would serve as Vice-President for one year and then move to President in year two. Your key responsibilities as Vice-President are to strengthen our membership, oversee the Region’s annual Student of the Year Awards, and act on behalf of the President in that person’s absence.

Secretary/Treasurer:
The Secretary/Treasurer serves for one year and there is no requirement that this person be drawn from any particular sector. The primary duty of the Secretary/Treasurer is to maintain records for the Region, including minutes of meetings and financial records. This person receives and disburses Region funds, supervises fiscal activities, submits interim and annual fiscal reports to the Region and coordinates the submittal of an annual Region Report to National ASPRS.

If you would like to make an impact in our region and ASPRS, please email Past President Karen Kwasnowski at kkwasnowski@groundpointllc.com or call 315-459-1515.
Central New York Region News

Future Dates
CNY Region Winter Meeting: January/February, 2014.
CNY Region Annual Meeting at the GIS/SIG Annual Conference: Spring, 2014, Rochester, NY
ASPRS/ CaGIS 2013 Fall Specialty Conference
October 29-31, 2013: Crowne Plaza San Antonio Riverwalk, San Antonio, Texas
NYGeoCon 2013: November 12 & 13, 2013: It will be at the Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY.
ASPRS 2014 Annual Conference:
March 23-27, 2014: Galt House Hotel Louisville, Kentucky

CNY ASPRS Student of the Year Award
Each year the Central New York Region of ASPRS presents an award for undergraduate and graduate students matriculated within the region (Upstate New York, Vermont, North Central Pennsylvania).

2013 Award update
CNY Region President Trevis Gigliotti presented Nishan Bhattarai, a PhD candidate at SUNY-ESF, with the graduate level 2013 Student of the Year Award at the Region Annual meeting in Rochester on 16 April. Undergraduate award winner, Sarah Pawliczak of SUNY Purchase, was unable to attend the Annual meeting. Sarah was presented with her award by ASPRS National President Steve DeGloria at the Westchester GIS User Group meeting on 16 May.

INVEST IN YOURSELF
Nov 12 -13, 2013
Saratoga Springs, NY
This fall the NYS GIS Association is hosting NYGeoCon 2013, which builds from the old NYS GIS Conference. The CNY Region is sponsoring a Lidar session at the conference that will explore advances in the technology including terrestrial Lidar for emergency service applications. View the full conference agenda at:
http://www.nysgis.net/nygeocon2013/

ASPRS Central New York Region
Financial Statement
1 Jan 2013 - 30 September 2013

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NYGeoCon 2013*
Early Registration (by Nov 1) | $185
Early one day registration (by Nov 1) | $120
Registration (after Nov 1) | $225
One day registration (after Nov 1) | $150
Student subsidized registration (by Oct 25, includes NYS GISA membership) | $60
Student subsidized one-day, Nov 13, registration (by Oct 25 includes NYS GISA membership) | $40
Student registration | $105
NYGeoCon 2013: 
November 12 & 13, 
at the Saratoga Hilton

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Student Representative:
The region is looking for an enthusiastic student representative to serve in 2013/2014.

Current Vacancy:
Contact Trevis if you are interested, or wish to nominate someone.

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