Central New York Region News

Nominations for National Director

This position is a three-year commitment to attending national meetings and conferences. You will participate in board and committee meetings where important issues of this society are discussed. If you are interested in this important region position, please contact Lindi Quackenbush or Bill Stiteler.

(From the Region By-Laws) “The Nominating Committee, prior to November 1 of the year preceding the expiration of the National Director’s term of office, shall prepare a slate of nominees to fill the office of National Director. The list of nominees is to be reported to the Secretary-Treasurer by November 15. The Secretary-Treasurer, in turn, shall notify the membership of Region of said report by December 1.

Additional nominations may be made by a written petition signed by five (5) members in good standing forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer by December 15, 2007. All valid (member in good standing, resident in the Region, willingness to serve if elected) nominations shall be presented to the membership by the Secretary-Treasurer and the election completed by February 1, 2008.”

Nominations

The Nominations Committee respectfully submits John Boland for approval as candidate for the 2008-2010 ASPRS Central New York Region National Director.

Lindi Quackenbush
Chair, ASPRS CNY Region
2007 Nominating Committee

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.

At the beginning of each year, we seek candidates for the positions of Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. At the Annual Spring Meeting, the Vice-President is elected into what is essentially a three year term, since they transition to President and Past-President after fulfilling their first year in office. The Secretary-Treasurer’s term is a one year term. The National Director serves for a three year term. Ed Freeborn is currently our National Director and will serve in this position until February of 2008. After serving for two terms, Ed is ready to step aside and let someone new become involved at that point.

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.

If you are interested in any of these important region positions, please contact Pat O’Shaughnessy, Lindi Quackenbush or William Stiteler.
Candidate Statement
John Boland

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 27 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 31 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
- 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 of 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.

Future Dates

2007 - 2008 Region Program

Winter Meeting: February/March 2008.


ASPRS Annual Conference April 27 - May 2, 2008
*Bridging the Horizons: New Frontiers in Geospatial Collaboration*, Oregon Convention Center/Doubletree Hotel Lloyd Center, Portland Oregon

Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool, NY


The William T. Pecora Memorial Symposium
Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado, November 17-20, 2008

ASPRS Central New York Region
Financial Statement
1 Jan 2007 - 14 Nov 2007

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**TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS**
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GRADE POINTS

As the end of the semester is approaching, you may be busy preparing for your finals, projects, or your thesis. But please remember December 3, 2007 is the DEADLINE for the application of 2008 ASPRS student awards and scholarship. Don’t miss it!

This year, ASPRS offers twelve awards totaling more than $35,000 available to both undergraduate and graduate student members. The awards are granted to qualifying students in the fields of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. Awards are available in the form of travel grants, cash rewards, internship stipends, and data. The full application and award information is available on ASPRS website, please check http://www.asprs.org/membership/scholar.html.

Other than ASPRS, AAG (Association of American Geographers) also provides fund for three types of student awards - Student Travel Grants, Graduate Research Awards, and Student Paper Awards. These awards are intended to support full-time undergraduate or graduate students who are working in the area of spatial analysis or geographic information science or systems (SA/GISS). The deadline is December 31, 2007. Please check the website for details, http://www.aag.org/Grantsawards/IGIF.cfm.

I would like to encourage all our student members to prepare for the awards application. These awards are not only the recognition of your achievement on your course study and research work, but also provide you great opportunities and funding to attend academic conferences, meet with professionals, and purchasing data for the research of your interest. You could also benefit a lot from the preparation of your awards application. It is a good opportunity to re-think your current effort, and make clear your future career path.

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ASPRS AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

As you may know, each year ASPRS grants several awards/scholarships, valued to over $35,000, to qualifying graduate and undergraduate students. The 2008 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 three new very attractive awards are being introduced this year...

The deadline for all applications is December 3, 2007, and all applicants will be notified by early March. The full application and award information will also be available from National’s web.

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New WorldView-1 Satellite Images
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DigitalGlobe revealed the first images from WorldView-1, the highest resolution, most agile commercial satellite ever flown. WorldView-1 was successfully launched on September 18 from Vandenberg Air Force Base and is expected to be fully operational and delivering imagery products by the end of the year if not sooner. WorldView-1’s first images include half-meter snapshots from: Houston, Texas, USA acquired October 2, 2007 Yokohama, Japan acquired October 5, 2007 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia acquired October 5, 2007
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:  
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REMEMBER YOUR REGION DUES!