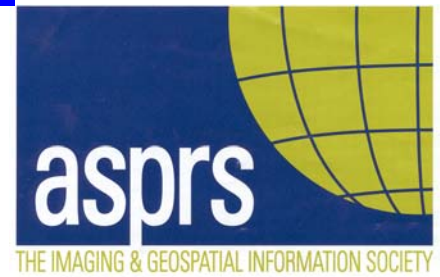


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## Columbia River Region



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The **2010 Columbia River Region Annual Dinner and Business meeting** was held February 5, 2010 at the BridgePort Brew pub. ASPRS members and guests enjoyed a grand tour of the brew pub and participation in the annual meeting.

During the annual meeting, **Erik Strandhagen** presented the baton to the new CRR President, **Erik Brewster**. Erik Strandhagen served CRR as president during 2009 and is commended for his outstanding leadership. Erik will continue to serve on the CRR executive committee as Past President.



Congratulations also go to **Jacob McDonald**, newly elected Vice-President for the CRR. Jacob works for US Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District and will bring new enthusiasm to the CRR.



**Steven Lennartz** has assumed the position of Secretary Treasurer for the CRR.

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CRR President, Erik Brewster, presented Brian Miyake an award for his outstanding service to the CRR as Secretary Treasurer. During his tenure as CRR Secretary Treasurer, Brian served as Treasurer for GIS in Action.

CRR President, Erik Brewster, also presented Erik Strandhagen an award for his outstanding service to the CRR as President. During his tenure, Mr. Strandhagen served as Vice President and directed many activities for the CRR.



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### **A word from Chris Aldridge, Director, Columbia River Region**

Greetings, Columbia River Region. Welcome to 2010, which is already well underway. Please join me in welcoming our new Vice President, Jacob Macdonald. Jake is with the Corps of Engineers in Portland, and it is nice to have a federal employee on the Executive Committee again. Congratulations to the new region president, Erik Brewster and a hearty thank you to Erik Strandhagen, who ends his year as president and advances to the position of Past President. I'd also like to welcome Steve Lennartz back to the ExCom as our new Secretary-Treasurer. The distinguished Ralph Kiefer remains as the Student Chapter Liaison Committee Chair for 2010. It is also time to take a minute to bid farewell to Brian Miyake, who served as region Secretary-Treasurer for the last six years. Brian did a wonderful job during that time and I know that we will continue to see more of him. Thank you to all of the members of the Executive Committee and all of the Student Chapter faculty, officers, and members for their past and continued service to the Columbia River Region and the ASPRS.

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The national Executive Committee met via teleconference on February 7 this year. Originally scheduled for Baltimore, the heavy snow storms that hit the Washington-Baltimore area prevented travel into the region, so we spent the day getting to know our telephones. Because of the deviation in our normal routine, the meeting was abbreviated with summaries of all agenda items and discussion over only highlighted issues.

The society continues to be financially very healthy. We are recognizing some returns to our investments since the bleak days of 2009 and we do seem to be on a good recovery track. If you recall, we actually came through the recent economic unpleasantness have lost less than the average investment accounts. In a backhanded way, I suppose that was good news.

Our membership has once again taken a turn for the worse. Overall in 2009 we suffered a 4% drop in active members. Student membership was up by 5%, which is good news. The goal we be the retention of those student members once they enter the actual workforce. In the Columbia River Region, 2009 produced a 9% drop in active members and a 7% increase in student members. The region and society continue to focus our membership efforts on retention of current members, recovering recently lapsed members, and enlisting new student members.

Another new initiative for 2009 was the ASPRS Workshop Webinar Series. Three successful webinar workshops were held in 2009, Preparation for ASPRS Certification, ASPRS LiDAR fundamentals and Applications Workshop, and ASPRS Orthophoto workshop. With a total of 85 registrants, a significant proportion of the attendees who filled in the evaluation summary indicated that this was their first ASPRS workshop. Since these workshops are typically offered at the annual and spring meeting, and sporadically throughout the regions, we are now able to reach people who traditionally were unable to take advantage of these valuable workshops. There are two workshops already completed in 2010 (Preparation for Certification and Hyperspectral Remote Sensing) with several more under consideration, including: Fornesic Photogrammetry, Mobile Mapping, Emerging Technologies in Photogrammetry, Web 2.0 with GIS, and Assesing the Accuracy of GIS Information created from Remotely Sensed Data. More information about these sessions can be found on the ASPRS website.

ASPRS has also obtained a Twitter account (ASPRSoorg) in order to add this social media to our marketing strategy. The tool will be used by ASPRS Divisions, Committees, and Councils to post important messages on their activities.

The spring meeting is coming shortly in San Diego (April 19-23), and I will have a new and more complete report for you all in the Second Quarter Newsletter. Until then, I wish you all a healthy and prosperous remainder of 2010.

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## A Message from Erik Brewster, President, Columbia River Region

Hello and welcome to a very busy new year! First and foremost I would like to thank all of you for making 2009 a successful year. Our region has seen another successful year because of the hard work and dedication of Columbia River Region (CRR) members and board. We have had great turnouts at our events over the past year and I expect us to grow through 2010.

The new year brings our annual changing of the guard to the CRR board. Jacob MacDonald is our new Vice President for 2010. Former President Erik Strandhagen has now transitioned into the Past President role. Former Past President Steve Lennartz has stepped in to a new role as our Secretary Treasurer. I would like to thank outgoing Secretary Treasurer Brian Miyake for his years of service to the Region. The first ASPRS CRR function of 2010 was the annual dinner on February 5<sup>th</sup>. We held the event at the BridgePort BrewPub in Portland. This was the first ASPRS event we have held at 'Oregon's oldest craft brewery'. The BrewPub is located in a historic building in what is now Portland's Pearl District. We enjoyed tours of the facility, great food, and of course great beer. Special thanks to all the student chapters for their generous door prize donations at the annual dinner. The University of Oregon Chapter donated a copy of James Meacham's new book, Archaeology and Landscape in the Mongolian Altai: An Atlas.

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**Douglas L. Smith** was elected Assistant Division Director of the ASPRS Photogrammetric Applications Division (PAD). He is a licensed Professional Engineer, Registered Professional Photogrammetrist and an ASPRS Certified Photogrammetrist. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Duke University and practiced civil engineering, hydrology and hydraulic modeling until 1994. Since 1994 he has served as Vice President for David C. Smith & Associates, Inc., a family owned, full service photogrammetric mapping firm located in Portland, Oregon.

Smith is a member of several professional organizations and is active in both the National ASPRS and the ASPRS Columbia River Region (CRR). He has served on the CRR Board (2000-2003), been active in planning the Region's annual GIS conference (2000 – present) and is currently co-chairing the planning committee for the CRR's annual regional GIS conference, co-hosted with URISA. At the national level, he has served as Deputy Director of the Professional Practice Division (2006-2008), Chair of the Ad Hoc Procurement Guidelines Committee (2007-present) and is currently the outgoing Professional Practice Division Director. He is looking forward to the opportunity to assist in establishing and supporting new committees for current and upcoming technologies, such as Mobile Mapping or other photogrammetric applications the membership would like to see addressed.

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## Report from Portland State University

### Student Chapter

By Brian Block, President

In January, Jasna Kolasinac, previously of the University of Belgrade spoke at our colloquia series. Her project was to classify satellite images of Serbia in cooperation with the European Environmental Agency. They employed the CORINE (Coordination of information on the environment) methodology in their work. The presentation was an informative look into how land-use and land-cover analysis is conducted on a regional scale.

Travel award scholarships in the amount of \$250 were awarded to Lily House-Peters and Bethany Pratt to attend the AAG Conference (Association of American Geographers) in Washington and the ASPRS Annual Conference in San Diego respectively. We are looking forward to hearing exciting reports about these events when they return.

The GIS Certificate program at PSU has been experiencing some of its highest enrollments ever. The satellite image analysis class was split into two sections to handle the additional student load. In my capacity as a teaching assistant running lab sessions for section two, I took the opportunity to promote GIS in Action and its poster competition. So far, we are sending five students to GIS in Action using our PSU funding. We expect some interesting posters to emerge from these class projects.





# GIS in Action

The 18th annual GIS in Action conference was held at Portland State University April 14 and April 15. The conference was co-sponsored by the Columbia River Region-ASPRS and URISA. The conference attendees enjoyed technical session highlighting geospatial technology and applications. The exhibit hall featured over 20 geospatial professional consultants and vendors.

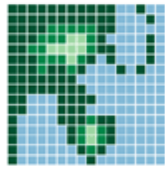
This issue is dedicated to the GIS in Action planning committee and the sponsors/exhibitors who made the conference an outstanding success.



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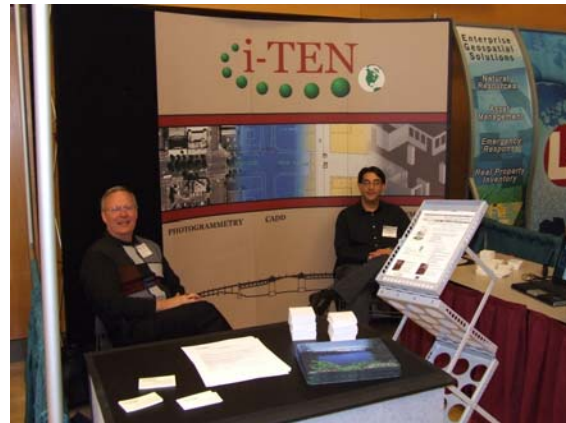
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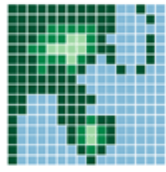
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ASPRS Annual Conference  
Town and Country Hotel, San Diego, California  
April 26-30  
<http://www.asprs.org/SanDiego2010/>

### November, 2010

ASPRS 2010 Fall Conference  
Doubletree Hotel at Entrance to Universal Orlando  
Orlando, Florida  
November 15-18

<http://www.asprs.org/orlando2010/>

### May 2011

ASPRS 2011 Annual Conference  
Midwest Airlines Center/Hyatt Hotel  
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May 1 - 5, 2011

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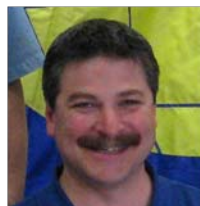
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