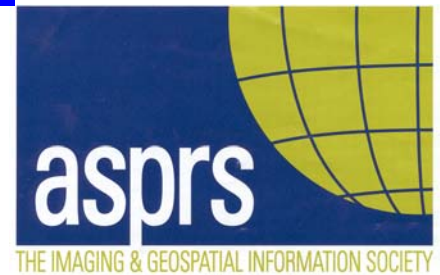

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A word from Chris Aldridge, Director, Columbia River Region

Greetings and Congratulations to the Columbia River Region. Our region was honored once again this year with three awards: Region of the year, second runner up, newsletter of the year runner-up and website of the year, runner-up. The awards were presented in San Diego, where Region President Erik Brewster was on hand to receive the awards.

The society annual meeting was held at the Town and Country, an older resort in San Diego. This as a nice venue, but much spread out. Getting from one meeting or session to another was sometimes difficult and definitely a challenge to navigate. Attendance was in the neighborhood of 1300, which is more or less average. The program was composed of 80+/- sessions, most of the caliber that we have come to expect of our conference. There were, as always, a few cancellations at the last minute. The vendor area was somewhat more sparse than usual. Still a focal point of the conference, but the effects of several years of a difficult economy were obvious in the number of vendors who were either absent or combined with another company. The social event was held on the USS Midway, an aircraft carrier anchored in San Diego harbor and was extremely interesting and fun. Overall I commend the SW Regions planning committee for presenting a very good conference.

The committee meetings that I attended this week were Committee Chairs, Membership, Region Officers, Convention Planning and Policy, and Bylaws. This was the first Bylaws Meeting which I officially chaired. We dealt with several proposed changes, all of which are in process and will eventually be in PE&RS for your review.

I was proxy chair for convention planning and policy, again. The society is fairly well set through 2016 for venues. The next meeting is in Orlando, November 13-18. This event is special symposium of ISPRS Technical Commission IV & AutoCarto that we are co-sponsoring with CaGIS. This promises to be excellent event with a heavy international influence. The next annual meeting is in Milwaukee, May 1-5 2011, followed by Pecora 2011 in Washington DC, and the 2012 annual in Sacramento, CA.

The Membership Committee meeting was reasonably well attended and the issue of declining membership was discussed at length. Our membership numbers have slipped a little in the past year, a sign of the recent economic unpleasantness and of the aging of our workforce. New ideas for recruitment were discussed and the consensus is still that the students are our future. We are instituting a program of recruiting new faculty members with the hope and desire that they will in turn energize and recruit their students. There is now a program to provide a membership to faculty advisors of NEW Student chapters, year. Here in Oregon, we are relatively fortunate to have three active chapters.

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The Professional Practice Division, (Anne Hillyer: Director), Held several meetings and presented the new interactive licensure monitoring map. This is now available on the website and provided information on what states are currently have, are planning, or do not require licensure for photogrammetry, GIS, and like disciplines. An subcommittee meeting of the “Products Guidelines” group met to discuss the document that will eventually be a companion to the “Professional Services Guidelines” produced by the PPD.

External Affairs, the term under which our society lumps all of the activity associated with other agencies, groups and issues, is a full slate right now.

- Our Society sent a letter regarding the choice of NGAC committee members to Secretary Salazar (DOI) expressing concern over the apparent imbalance on the committee between users and providers of geospatial data.
- The National Land Imagery Program seems to have fallen into a slumber.
- The Wisconsin Licensure legislation has been stalled, and new discussions are planned to ensure that the legislation provides adequate representation for all of the Geospatial professions.
- West Virginia passed a licensure law that includes the model law and exclusions but not grandfathering period. This was missed in our usual search for licensure issues and prompted an agreement to share a search service with MAPPS to review and identify all ongoing legislation associated with survey laws.

The GIS Users Manual continues to sell well, as does the Manual of Photogrammetry and DEM Users Manual, 2nd Edition. The first is the revision/revamping of the Manual of Remote Sensing from a “pile of books, to a concise one or two volume set is now moving past the discussion stage and the . LiDAR Manual, which is being edited by our regions own Mike Renslow is progressing well.

Two new members were elected to the Executive Committee, replacing Paul Brooks and Larry Handley, both of whom will be missed for there enthusiasm, input, and very hard work. They are succeeded by Doug Fuller and Stewart Walker.

In closing, I would suggest that you peruse the current ASPRS website for more information pertaining to the society and our efforts externally and internally. The website itself is under review for an updating and reworking in the near future.

A Message from Erik Brewster, President, Columbia River Region

The academic year is winding down and summer is supposed to be here- eventually. Welcome to June in Portland! It could be one of those years when summer doesn't start until after the 4th of July. On one of the rare sunny days recently, we traveled down to Eugene for our May board meeting. I would like to thank the University of Oregon student chapter for hosting. This is the second year in a row that we have traveled to Eugene for a board meeting. It is always fun to get out of Portland and see what folks are up to around the Region. My goal is to have a board meeting with the OSU student chapter when school resumes in the fall. Maybe a joint ASPRS board meeting/Civil War tailgate party?

Our current CRR Vice President Jake MacDonald is already planning our upcoming Joint Technical Exchange with the Puget Sound Region. In addition to the annual events, we are always looking for opportunities to have smaller less formal events throughout the year. Comments or suggestions for presentation opportunities, mentoring, or just a great happy hour spot are always welcome.

I will be attending the 2010 ESRI International User Conference in San Diego next month. The NW regional user group meeting is usually held Tuesday night in the Gaslamp Quarter. This event draws a few hundred geospatial professionals from the NW and it is one my favorite events at the conference. Feel free to shoot me an email if you would like to get together in San Diego. I will be there for the full conference week.

Have a great summer!

ASPRS Columbia River Region welcomes the following new student members:

Mathew P. Erb, Bend, Oregon
Cameron Bremer, Portland, Oregon
Zach Bevens, Portland, Oregon
Stephen Pilson, Portland, Oregon
Amanda Stolnacke, Portland, Oregon
Chris Holmes, Salem, Oregon
Madeline Steele, Portland, Oregon

ASPRS Columbia River Region welcomes the following active members:

Dr. David Kevin Walters, Eugene, Oregon
Susan L. Nelson, Portland, Oregon
Russell Faux, Portland, Oregon
Ralph P. Becker, Portland, Oregon
Bijoy Nair, Beaverton, Oregon
Chris Dunlop, Oregon City, Oregon
Yasuyo Makido, Beaverton, Oregon



ASPRS Student Chapter, University of Oregon

Every spring, our group supports ASPRS student members presenting at the Association of American Geographers conference. This year the meeting was held in Washington, D.C. Our students gave talks on a number of topics that highlighted hydrological modeling and climate change, as well as impacts of small dams and canals on gravel-bed rivers.

In May, our chapter hosted the CRR Board Meeting. There were board members and student members in attendance. The board covered the agenda and we discussed how to increase communication and linkages with our student chapters. At that time, Chris Aldridge generously offered to be a speaker for one of our symposiums this fall. Thanks Chris! If anyone else is interested in speaking to the students and faculty of the UO Geography Department please contact Amanda Reinholtz at alr@uoregon.edu. This is a great opportunity for academic outreach from our ASPRS community and a venue to share the applications of remote sensing and GIS.

As part of our mission at the University of Oregon is to support new and innovative research undertaken by our students, with a focus on work in cartography, GIS, and remote sensing we've set aside at least \$500 a year to be given in student research awards. We have student research proposals and winners will be announced June 15th.

At the end of each year we lose a number of wonderful ASPRS student members to the real world. Once the school year begins in the fall we will be recruiting new members with a get-to-know-your-UO-ASPRS-student-chapter shin-dig, complete with food and drinks.

The student chapter of ASPRS at the University of Oregon has recently had student officer elections. Our rising officers are president: Didi Martinez, vice president: Denise Tu, Treasurer: Sarah Praskievicz, and secretary: Amanda Reinholtz. Thanks to our past officers for all their work!

ASPRS Student Chapter, Portland State University

This quarter began with the PSU chapter supporting the GIS in Action conference. The students had a positive experience whether they participated as volunteers or as attendees. It was exciting having this event on the PSU campus for the first time. Everyone felt this was a valuable event that furthered his or her career development.

On April 30th, PSU's open source GIS guru David Percy gave a demonstration of several products in this important emerging area. On May 14th, Daniel Wise a Hydrologist from the USGS presented on how GIS data layers can be incorporated into modeling tools to predict regional water quality.

Finally, on May 15th we held our annual Careers in Geospatial Technology event. The panelists included Terrence Conlon from the USGS, Mike Mertens from Ecotrust, and our own Erik Strandhagen from Integral Consulting, Inc. The students very much appreciated hearing about current conditions in the job market, skill development, and industry trends. I would like to again thank Erik for supporting this important outreach to students.

On June 12th, the Portland State University student chapter of ASPRS will be holding its second annual retreat at the Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood. Attending this event will be David Banis, Brian Block, Ray Hennings, Nadia Jones, Bethany Pratt, Madeline Steele, and Dan Uthman. Holding an off-campus meeting during the summer offers an opportunity to conduct business without the usual distraction of school commitments. Typically our elections for the coming year's student board are held towards the end of the spring term. The demands of completing final projects and exams make the transition of officer responsibilities difficult at that time.



National ASPRS News

The American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) Foundation recently appointed Roger Crystal, the former Foundation Vice President, to assume the role of Foundation President in response to Thomas Lillesand's desire to rotate out of that position after six years of service. Dr. Lillesand will continue serving the Foundation as a Trustee. Dr. Cliff Greve, SAIC, has moved into the role of Vice President and Dr. Tina Cary, Cary and Associates, has assumed the role of Foundation Secretary. Michael Renslow, consultant, continues as Foundation Treasurer. Dr. Alan Stevens also serves as a Trustee. All current Trustees are past presidents of ASPRS.

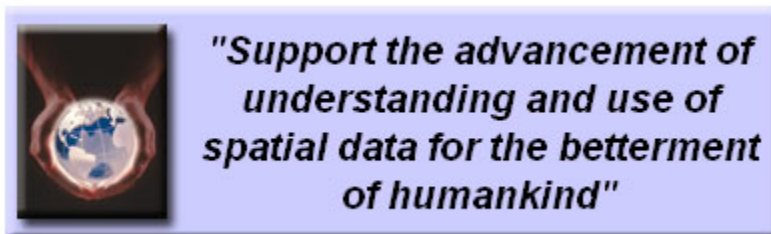
"I am happy to be stepping in as Foundation President," said Crystal. "The Foundation is doing well and we are close to reaching our goal of full endowment of all non-pass-through awards. This is a significant achievement in a relatively short period of time."

Lillesand was appointed as Foundation President when the Foundation returned to ASPRS in 2004 and he has overseen phenomenal growth in the ASPRS Awards funding over the past six years. "The Foundation was in a fragile state when it returned to ASPRS from IGIF," Lillesand commented. "We have seen the funding for the awards and scholarships grow from an initial \$60,000 in 2004 to a very healthy \$740,000 today. This is due mainly to the generous donations of ASPRS individual members and Sustaining Member companies, but also to bequests, the establishment of new awards, and matching funds from ASPRS, and to a sound financial management policy adopted early on by the Board of Trustees. The Foundation is ideally positioned to enter its next stage of growth and development with its new alignment of officers."

What is The ASPRS Foundation, Inc.?

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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
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 1 - 5, 2011
<http://www.asprs.org/milwaukee2011/>

November 2011

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

March 2012

ASPRS 2012 Annual Conference
Sacramento Convention Center (TBD),
Sacramento, California
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Tampa, FL
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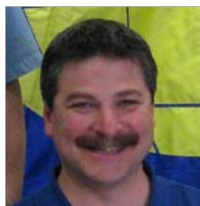
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