

Notes
ASPRS Professional Practice Division Teleconference
Tuesday, February 07, 2012

Attendees: Anne Hillyer, John Ing, David Alvarez, Mike Zoltek, Al Butler, Becky Morton,

1. Open Meeting, (Anne Hillyer, Director)
2. Updates from Excom/Ad Hoc Branding Committee

-The Ad Hoc Branding committee is considering adopting an action item to publish a quarterly ASPRS National “non-technical” newsletter. It would disseminate news about the ASPRS organization and relevant news from the geospatial industry, but not contain scientific papers. Each division would be required to provide quarterly reports on their activities.

-Bobbi Lenczowski is asking all divisions to explain how their division activities align with the strategic plan. Anne (as Division Directors Committee Chair) will gather this information and submit it to Bobbi before the Spring Conference. PPD’s activities are perfectly aligned with the strategic plan, so we’re right on target.

3. Procurement Guidelines Activities / Products (Becky Morton)

The Guidelines for Procurement of Commercial Geospatial Products committee submitted a version of the “Guidelines for Procurement of Commercial Geospatial Mapping Products” document along with a spreadsheet of the public comments received to the ASPRS Executive Committee for review at their meeting in late January. The Excom reviewed the document and requested that the public comments be addressed more specifically. Members of MAPPS had expressed concern that their comments had not been addressed completely in the document. Some of their comments were that the language in the document implies that the quality of procured services is better than the quality of procured products, and that this is an unfair characterization. They also felt that the language in the products procurement document was not always clear that it was referring to products and not services. Another MAPPS comment was that the terms provider and vendor should not be used interchangeably.

The timeline for presenting the document for ASPRS Board approval has now been postponed from the Spring ASPRS conference to the Fall ASPRS conference. The committee hopes to have a new version ready for the Spring 2012 conference in Sacramento March 19-23, 2012, and will definitely have a version ready for public review by June 2012. The document will be available for public review via the ASPRS website until shortly before the fall conference (Tampa, Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2012), at which time comments will be incorporated and the next (hopefully the final) version will be presented to the ASPRS Board for approval.

After the Fall ASPRS conference, Becky Morton will head the effort to write the umbrella document combining the Best Practices for Procurement of Services and Products. The final document target completion date will be the 2013 Spring ASPRS Conference (Baltimore, March 2013).

4. Hot Topics Session on Best Practices for Procurement of Geospatial Products, Spring 2012 Conference in Sacramento, March 21, 11:00-Noon.

Becky Morton is coordinating this event. The first half-hour will be brief presentations by panel members. The panel members will be: Marvin Miller of Aerometric, presenting on the history of the Best Practices for Procurement of Geospatial Services Guidelines document; Charlie Mondello of Pictometry on the evolution of the Best Practices for Procurement of Geospatial Products Guidelines document; Brant Howard from Esri representing providers of both products and services, and Cari Kraun (USGS) providing the federal government perspective on procurement of geospatial products and services.

After the presentations there will be a Q&A session with the audience members.

Becky is still looking for panel members, and would especially like to have another government Contracting Officer.

5. Update on State Licensing Legislation
 - Indiana. Within the last month Frank Taylor (ASPRS member) met with Gary Kent and Ryan Swingley of the Indiana Society of Professional Land Surveyors to further discuss the licensure of Photogrammetrists in Indiana. Based on guidance from ASPRS they are going to proceed with crafting language for this licensure to be put in the IN legislative process. The bill will be based on the NCEES Model Law (including the grandfather clause). Gary stressed that they will keep ASPRS involved throughout the process and will send the bill language to ASPRS for review and approval.

-Washington. The Board of Engineering Licensing is clarifying the definition of surveying in their existing statute. Doug Smith and Terry Curtis (Puget Sound Region National Director) are tracking progress. There is a list serve that will post updates:

<http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=ENGINEERS-LICENSINGBOARD>
> ("join or leave licensing board")

-New Mexico has a bill before the legislature that modifies their existing Engineering and Surveying statutes, but none of the proposed changes will affect the licensure of photogrammetrists. New Mexico already requires photogrammetrists to either be or work under professional land surveyors.

Next ASPRS-PPD Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 3:00-4:00 pm at the Sacramento Convention Center.

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