

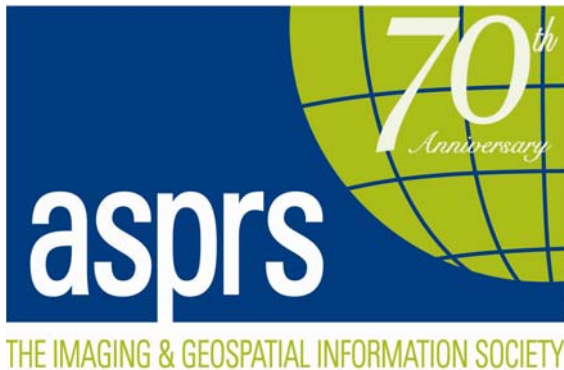
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By: Joshua Greenberg

I hope all of you are having a good summer. The weather has sure cooperated with any outdoor activities requiring clear skies! There are a couple of things I wanted to bring you up to speed on as far as ideas the regional board has been tossing around. One is the continual push to get a student chapter going in our region. We had some initial interest at the University of Washington but the energy has seemed to wane slightly and nothing has yet been made official. We hope that by the end of this year we can have at least one school ready to become our first student chapter.

A second activity that has been developing is the planning for our annual technical exchange meeting in Vancouver. The registration notice is in this issue for those of you that are interested in presenting or attending this relaxed and informative session. Often I find people think their work is not worthy of presenting at a meeting, but I want to assure you that the focus of this meeting is not only to present ground breaking ideas and projects but also to highlight some of the interesting projects and data created in the region. I am sure most of you have

been working on one project or another that would be worth presenting and I would like to encourage you to take the time and join us at the meeting and talk.

One last item I would like to discuss is my concern in attracting new members. The first step is to take a critical look at what ASPRS offers members in our region. I have often heard from remote sensing professionals that they are not sure why they should join ASPRS and so I am hoping to try and add some additional incentives for our local members. One such small incentive for example is a decreased registration fee for our technical session this fall. A second concept that I would like to see develop is a database of general remote sensing activities being conducted by our members. Some of this idea has come out of recent activities in the Puget Sound area to create a Remote Sensing Consortium similar to the LiDAR Consortium that already exists. I believe that knowing who in our region is actively collecting and archiving remotely sensed data could be huge benefit. To kick this off I have created a map on our home page that shows roughly where our members are from. I hope that in the next year or two we can build on this and if you have an interest in this concept go ahead and let me know your ideas and concerns.

Enjoy the rest of the summer with good health and cheer.

THE NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

By: Terry Curtis, Puget Sound Region Director

Greetings Puget Sound Region members. Here's an update on ASPRS National affairs and the 2004 Annual Conference that took place in Denver back at the end of May.

DENVER 2004 Annual Conference: The 70th Anniversary ASPRS Conference was yet another GREAT SHOW! The theme was "Mountains of Data...Peak Decisions", with lots of presentations and general "BUZZ" about new digital imaging and LiDAR systems. Workshops were FULL and technical sessions well attended. There were approximately 2000 in attendance! Additionally, several of the major vendors held USER GROUP meetings at the conference. The Mortgage was BURNED for the headquarters building, the social event at the Museum of History and Science was OUTSTANDING and included an IMAX feature on Lewis and Clark's trek to the Pacific.

Financial Status: The Society continues to remain very HEALTHY in terms of financial status. Outstanding fiscal planning and management continues to keep ASPRS in a favorable position. Conservative on Income projections and liberal on Expense projections continue to provide us with unexpected "surpluses" at the end of the year. Operating RESERVES are building up to help sustain the Society in the event of any catastrophic economic events.

ASPRS Foundation: National is working to re-establish the ASPRS Foundation, a non-profit sub organization dedicated to establishing and managing Scholarships and Awards in the geographic sciences. ASPRS already has a number of awards in place, and plans to both expand on those, and establish new ones to promote education and research, and reward accomplishment. This is a legacy organization of ASP, that for a time was moved externally and became the International Geographic Information Foundation (IGIF). The IGIF recently dissolved, and ASPRS officers have worked diligently to bring this back home to ASPRS. We want to leverage the "spirit of giving" from our membership that was evident with the Building Fund, to more fully endow some of the existing awards, and create some new ones. Watch for a "Contribution Box" on your next dues renewal, where you can choose to participate in ASPRS educational endeavors!

Licensure in OREGON: Our ASPRS neighbors in Oregon (Columbia River Region) are working with the Oregon Board of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying on new legislation that will include a category for Photogrammetric Surveyors. They are following many of the recommendations in the NCEES Model Law, which has been significantly influenced by ASPRS in its development. For more info, please visit the Columbia River Regions webpage at <http://www.asprs.org/ColumbiaRiver> .

Certified Technologist Program: The Certified Technologist program is in place and underway!. This program allows those newer in the profession to become Certified as part of their career plans towards Professional Certification. There seems to be a great interest in this program, and a WORKSHOP has been prepared to help those interested in pursuing this new venture. Columbia River Region is one of the first to setup a Regional venue for this workshop, and plan to hold it on July 28th in Vancouver WA. Please contact any PSR board member if you have an interest in having us host a workshop in Puget Sound Region!

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TREASURER

Dave Brown will be taking over as treasurer for the Puget Sound Chapter. Dave has been an ASPRS member since 1989 and is an ASPRS Certified Photogrammetrist. He has been very active in our region since moving here in 1997. Dave is currently the regional manager for Triathlon Inc. and has been involved in several mapping project in our region. As treasurer he would like to be proactive in creating opportunities that will help increase the membership and activities within our chapter.

TEACHING AT BCIT

By Mark Hird-Rutter

I had the great pleasure of attending the BCIT (British Columbia Institute of Technology) convocation just a couple of weeks ago. We are very happy with the success of the first graduating class in the Geomatics Photogrammetry Diploma Program. The ceremony was wonderful with lots of fan fair and short but moving speeches. Out of the eight graduates all students seemed to get jobs before graduation day. Some in Surveying, some in Photogrammetry and others in related fields. We also have a full contingent of students for next year.

In looking back over the past year one of the most rewarding exercises that my students and I participated in was the industry tour. We took a day and visited 5 of the mapping firms in the lower mainland. This was a great experience we were made to feel very welcome at each company. We came away with the feeling that the industry is diverse and energetic. I felt very proud at the way each company embraced the student's interest and without hesitation showed them different aspects of our business.

As some of you may know I have been working part time at BCIT for the past couple of years. The remainder of my time has been spent at Triathlon Ltd. where I have been working for over 20 years. Triathlon was founded in 1984 and I was one of the first employees. This summer BCIT has offered me a full time position as an instructor and after careful consideration and reflection I have decided to accept their offer. My colleagues at Triathlon have been most gracious and supportive of this move and I will miss them very much.

I am looking forward to my new position at BCIT. There is a lot of interest in photogrammetry and GIS and with this interest comes new ideas, enthusiasm and an opportunity to help our industry grow

RESOURCES AT ASPRS WEBSITE

By Paul Mabry

ASPRS has a variety of resources available through the national website www.asprs.org. One of these resources is in career guidance. If you or someone you know is wondering about a future career or the potential of a career in the spatial sciences, have them check this site out. Not only is information given on photogrammetry, remote sensing and GIS, but there are also suggestions for education, schools and employment opportunities. You can see it for yourself at http://www.asprs.org/career/career_frame.html

THE GEORGE F. WALKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

By Ward W. Carson

The next time you encounter a bright student who seems interested in our geospatial world, alert them to this fund. It could bring benefits! The next time you encounter someone who would like to encourage students in our field (--yes, by way of donations --), alert them as well. Again, there could be benefits (--we are a registered non-profit corporation!). We are soliciting both good students and your generosity. Please visit our website at www.gfwscholarship.org.



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Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Club
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- Long drive, KP, low gross, low net, straightest, etc...
- Hole sponsorships \$100 with company name and/or donations accepted
- Limited to first 18 teams - Registrations close August 2nd

For more information contact: [Ken Shersty](mailto:Ken.Shersty@trophy-lake.com) or call 800-558-5368

[Download Registration form here!](#)

INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

ASPRS Puget Sound and Columbia River Regions Information Exchange

Date: Thursday Oct. 7, 2004

Time: 9:00-3:00 (Setup time available for presenters: 8:30-9:00 a.m.)

Place: Vancouver Water Resource Education Center
4600 SE Columbia Way
Vancouver, Washington (360) 696-8478

Registration / Abstract Deadline: September 30, 2004

Registration Fee: \$25 (members) \$35 (non-members)
(full registration includes box lunch and copy of abstracts)

Students: Free for ASPRS members , \$10 Non-members
(includes only copy of abstracts, lunch for an additional \$10)

Parking: Ample FREE parking available at the meeting site

Website: <http://www.photogrammetry.com/ASPRS-PSR/exchangeoct04.htm>

(Location directions and Registration forms download site)

SEE BOTTOM OF FILE FOR REGISTRATION FORMS

WHAT: The Puget Sound and Columbia River Regions of ASPRS are hosting their 8th Annual Joint Information Exchange October 7. This event is an informal opportunity for people who are interested in the topics of photogrammetry and remote sensing to learn more about what's going on in our own region in resource management, government, academia, and business. The information exchange is a day-long event in which local practitioners may present a 15-25 minute talk on one of their current or recent projects. This is also an opportunity to learn new techniques, meet new contacts, and refresh old ones. Projectors (overhead, conventional, and multi-media) will be available, but presenters must be concise with their presentations and keep them under 10 minutes to allow for questions and timely proceedings.

Speaker slots will be limited to 18 due to the single-day schedule, so get your requests in early to insure your slot.

In addition to the visual presentations, each speaker will submit a 1-page description of the project and a 1-page profile of their organization (forms can be downloaded from the meeting website). The 1-page write-ups must be submitted before the meeting and compiled into a notebook for distribution at the meeting. Lunch and the notebook will be included in the registration fee.

WHO: ASPRS membership is not required. Anyone who wishes to share information about an interesting or unusual project in the areas of photogrammetry and remote sensing are welcome; we also encourage presentations on the increasing integration of these technologies with GIS applications. So please, extend this invitation to your colleagues who work in the areas of photogrammetry and remote sensing. No commercial presentations or endorsements are allowed.

Of course, non-presenters and students are certainly welcome to come learn more about what's going on around our extended region. We particularly want to encourage non-members to come find out more about ASPRS. As an encouragement, Student attendees who wish to join ASPRS the day of the session will have the **registration fee waived**. In addition, any person or company can sponsor a student by covering the \$10 registration fee, so please consider sending them to this session to learn more about our industry and society.

WHERE: The meeting will be held at the Vancouver Water Resources Education Center:
4600 S.E. Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA. 360.696.8478

From I-5 north- or south-bound:

- Take the Camas Highway Hwy 14 exit. Within ¼ mile, take Hwy Exit #1.
- Turn right, (south) at foot of off-ramp. Travel under the railroad berm.
- At the traffic light, turn left (east) onto Columbia Way.

From I-205 north- or south-bound:

- Take the Vancouver Hwy 14 exit. Travel approx. 4 miles to Columbia House Blvd, Exit #1.
- Proceed parallel to the freeway (west) to the freeway underpass intersection.
- Turn left (south) onto Columbia Shores. Travel under the railroad berm.
- At the traffic signal, turn left (east) onto Columbia Way.

From Downtown Vancouver:

- Travel toward the river on Columbia Blvd. Proceed under the I-5 bridge and continue on.
- Travel through the Columbia Shores traffic intersection. Continue past the Dead End sign.
- Turn left (north) at traffic circle and follow the Drive. Parking is available to left and right.

For people looking for a local place to spend the night you could try:

Homewood Suites by Hilton

701 SE Columbia Shores Boulevard, Vancouver, WA 98661

Tel: 360-750-1100 Fax: 360-750-4899

[Website](#)

(They provide a discount for Government employees so be sure to mention this when booking)

Students: Students can participate at a discounted rate by presenting a valid student ID at the meeting.

Rates are as follows; free if currently an ASPRS member or sign up to become a member at the meeting (\$45 annual dues). \$10 for students who are not ASPRS members.

Student registration does not include the box lunch which can be purchased when registering for \$10. Please indicate when you send in your registration if you would like the box lunch so that we can make sure we have enough available. There are no food facilities in the vicinity of the conference so if you are not going to buy the lunch we suggest you bring your own lunch.

Registration: Please fill out the form on this page:
(Fees cover costs of meeting rooms, lunch, and publishing and distributing the conference abstracts.)

REGISTRATION FORM *** REGISTRATION REQUESTED BY September 30th, 2004***	
Make checks payable to "ASPRS Columbia River Region" and mail together with this form to:	
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Email: _____	
Registration Fee:	US\$ 25.00 (ASPRS members) \$35 (Non-Members) Full Registration (includes lunch and abstracts) US\$ <u>Free</u> (Student ASPRS members) \$10.00 (Student non-members) (includes abstracts, but not lunch. Add \$10 if lunch desired)
<Don't forget to fill out a <i>Company Fact Sheet</i> to be distributed at the meeting>	

(FOR PRESENTERS)

Abstracts/Organization Information Sheet: Please submit your presentation overview and organizational description by email to either contact person below. Word (.doc) or .txt formats preferred.

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ASPRS INFORMATION EXCHANGE - COMPANY FACT SHEET

Organization:

Function of Organization:

Address:

Contact Names:

Phone:FAX:Email:

Description of Organization:

Current Projects:

Description of Technology:

ASPRS INFORMATION EXCHANGE – PRESENTATION FORM

Speaker:

Company/Institution:

Topic:

Abstract: (less than 200 word)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Local Events

July 28, 2004

ASPRS Columbia River Region Workshop

“Photogrammetric Technologist Certification test workshop”

Vancouver Water Resource Education Center

4600 SE Columbia Way

Vancouver, Washington

October 7, 2004

ASPRS Puget Sound Region

Annual Technical Exchange

Vancouver Water Resource Education Center

4600 SE Columbia Way

Vancouver, Washington

National Events

September 12-16, 2004

ASPRS Fall 2004 Conference

"Images to Decisions: Remote Sensing Foundations for GIS Applications"

Kansas City, Missouri

<http://www.asprs.org/fall2004/index.htm>

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