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Central Region Welcomes Two New Directors

In order to fill the Director vacancies created when Mike Finn became region President and Martin Hamman moved out of Central Missouri, the Central Region has appointed two members to serve as Directors until the next region election. Please join the Officers and Board of Central Region as they welcome Scott Perkins and Darryl Williams.

Scott Perkins

Scott Perkins, Vice President of Business Development for Western Air Maps (WAM), first earned his A.A.S. Degree in Photogrammetric Mapping Technology from Ferris University and later completed his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management at Baker University. It was in the early days of his career that Scott worked his way up within an established company to first become Director of Business Development for WAM, and later to become a Vice President. Scott has a thorough knowledge of photogrammetry, surveying and computer technology, and coupled with his dynamic business skills, he is WAM's lead client consultant and spokesman.

Scott leads a strong sales force and oversees their daily performances. As he is charged with determining the long-range future of WAM, Scott continually markets the mapping industry and stays abreast of changing technology.

Scott's professional memberships include: American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, American Congress of Surveying and Mapping, National Computer Graphics Association and the Urban & Regional Information Systems Association.

Darryl S. Williams

Darryl S. Williams is a Cartographer with the USGS, National Mapping Discipline's (NMD) Mid-Continent Mapping Center (MCMC) located in Rolla, Missouri. Darryl has been with the USGS for 23 years, starting in 1978, and has worked in a variety of National Mapping Discipline activities. During his career, Darryl has acquired experience in both technical and programmatic activities and programs associated with the NMD.

As a member of the NMD's network of Coordination and Requirements (C&R) State Representatives, Darryl is the primary (NMD) liaison person for the States of Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma. Darryl earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from Langston University in Oklahoma, and he has completed graduate-level courses in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Rolla.

Darryl, his wife Connie, and their two teenage children, Ashlen and Stephen, reside in the city of Rolla. They spend a great deal of time on youth activities and volunteer work with the Rolla youth soccer club.

Francis E. "Gene" Lortz Memorial Scholarship Awarded to Ludmila Monika Moskal

The review process for the scholarship winner was a very challenging task for the Scholarship Committee. The work was difficult because of the large number of high-quality applications received and the restriction of only being able to award one scholarship.

The Central Region of ASPRS is proud to announce Ludmila Monika Moskal as the winner of the

2001-02 Francis E. "Gene" Lortz Memorial Scholarship. She is pursuing a Doctorate degree in Geography at the University of Kansas and works as a Graduate Research Assistant at the Kansas Applied Remote Sensing Program (KARS). In addition to this award, all applicants were provided with a new (or renewed) membership as student members of ASPRS.

Congratulations to all the scholarship applicants for their hard work and good luck with their studies. Keep this scholarship in mind for next year and continue encouraging any students who might qualify for this scholarship to send in their applications.

Southwest Missouri State University GIS Day

The Central Region's student chapter at Southwest Missouri State University hosted a GIS Day Celebration on November 14, 2001. The event combined a Central Region, ASPRS Technical Meeting with an Ozark GIS User's Group Meeting. The event also included a Social and Poster Session, a Technical Round Table on GIS Issues, and Student Presentations. Dr. Rex Cammack, SMSU Department of Geography, Geology, and Planning, and SMSU Student Chapter Faculty Advisor, and Mr. Darryl Williams, USGS, Mid-Continent Mapping Center (MCMC) and a new Central Region Director served among the panelists for the round table. The following presentations were made during the region technical meeting:

- Ms. Amy Keister, SMSU. "The Effect of a Chip Mill on Timber Harvest Locations in Southeast Missouri ".
- Ms. Shelley Silch, USGS. "Missouri River InfoLink".
- Mr. Jim Trimble, SMSU. "Historical Aerial Photography Use for Stream Channel Migration Analysis ".
- Ms. Kari Craun, USGS. "The National Map".

Thanks to the SMSU Student Chapter for the excellent GIS Day Celebration!

Region Member Co-authors New ASPRS DEM Users Manual

Mr. Eric Constance, USGS, MCMC and a Central Region member is one of several co-authors of a new ASPRS publication, Digital Elevation Model Technologies and Applications: The DEM Users Manual. Eric is a cartographer with MCMC and supervises the Elevation and Data Production Section. In addition, he directs research into new technologies for updating USGS elevation data.

ASPRS designed the new DEM Users Manual to help potential users of digital elevation data understand and articulate their requirements in a way that their expectations are satisfied or exceeded. It is available from the ASPRS for \$120 (\$75 for ASPRS members). For more information check out:

http://www.asprs.org/publications.html.

Upcoming Meetings

MidAmerica GIS Symposium

This conference is scheduled for April 14 - 18, 2002, at the Hyatt Regency, Crown Center - Kansas City, Missouri

http://magicweb.kgs.ukans.edu/magic/magic_net.html

2002 ASPRS-ACSM Annual Conference and FIG Congress

ASPRS will hold its Annual Conference, together with the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) and the International Federation of Surveyors (FIG) in Washington, DC, April 22-26, 2002 http://www.fig2002.com/

Integrating Remote Sensing at the Global, Regional and Local Scale

The 15th William T. Pecora Memorial Remote Sensing Symposium/Land Satellite Information IV Conference and the ISPRS Commission I (Platforms and Sensors) Symposium will be held November 8-15, in Denver, Colorado; For more information, see the conference website <u>www.asprs.org/Pecora-ISPRS-2002</u>. For more information about ISPRS please see <u>www.isprs.org</u>

Other ASPRS Awards & Scholarships

In addition to the Central Region's Scholarship, be sure to check out other available scholarships by pointing your browser to:

http://www.asprs.org/membership.html.