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Election of Officers – Call for Nominations

The Officers and Board of Directors for the Central Region would like to invite members to nominate fellow members (or themselves) for office. This year the Region is due to elect a Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer, two Directors for three-year terms one Director for a two-year term, and one Director for a one-year term. The current Board strongly encourages people to self-nominate. Physical location does not preclude someone from serving. Teleconferencing, e-mail, and collaborative software can allow any member to participate. Brief descriptions of the duties of each office are included below.

Vice President

The Vice President office is a three-year commitment. The incumbent spends one year as Vice President, another as President, and a third year as Past President. Other duties of the Vice-President include:

- ◆ Function as the President if the situation requires
- ◆ Chair the Membership Committee
- ◆ Assist the Secretary/Treasurer in compiling the Annual Report
- ◆ Drafting the Past-President's certificate for presentation to the outgoing Past-President

Directors

Directors normally serve a three-year term as a voting member of the board as well as some committee responsibilities. Committee work focuses on activities such as special programs, newsletter,

outreach, etc. This year we are also electing two Directors to fill out terms where the incumbent resigned or took another position. One of these abbreviated terms is for two years and the other is for one year.

Secretary/Treasurer

The Secretary/Treasurer serves a one-year term as the Region's chief financial officer. Principal duties include maintaining accounting records of region funds and writing checks to cover Region expenses.

Individuals interested in being considered for nomination for any of these positions should send their names and bio-sketch to the Central Region Nominating Committee. The society will also accept nominations from the region membership at large. Nominations close 15 May 2002. Ballots will be mailed in early June and the votes will be counted on 30 June.

Any and all regular members of the Region are eligible to serve. If you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself, please contact the nominating committee chairperson, Shelley Silch, by written, voice, or electronic correspondence. If the nomination is for Director, please specify if you are interested in serving a two-year or three-year term.

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A Message From Central Region's National Director

Kari Craun filed the following report about the National ASPRS Board Meeting.

As the National Director for the Central Region, I attended the ASPRS Board meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2002 in Washington, DC. I would like to highlight some of the topics discussed during this meeting in the following article. First, the Board approved the inclusion of a representative from the Sustaining Members Council as a Board member. George Southard will fill this position initially. There was a lot of discussion about the ASPRS position on the National Council for Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors (NCEES) "model law". This model version of a law to define what functions should be included under the definition of "surveyor" for licensing purposes, is meant to serve as an example for states to follow. ASPRS supports the model law (and had much involvement in its development), however, realizes that the path each state takes to implement the law will likely differ slightly. Thus, ASPRS Regions should be aware of states attempting to implement changes in laws pertaining to the licensing of surveyors and related professions and take an active role in ensuring these laws are in the best interest of its members. If any Central Region member is aware of pending legislation to change the licensing laws in their state, please let me know.

Mike Renslow, co-chair of the Certification Committee, presented a report on the new "technologist" certification program within ASPRS. The technologist certification will focus more on technical issues and less on the business aspects of professions such as photogrammetrist and GIS specialist. Certification exams are also being modernized to update the exams to align with current technology.

ACSM Executive Director, Curt Sumner visited the meeting and spoke about major changes in the ACSM organization decided upon earlier in the conference. ACSM will no longer have individual members, but will rather include only member organizations, such as NSPS and CaGIS. Mr. Sumner reported that member organizations would have much more autonomy than they've had in the past.

The Board also spent some time discussing the decline in membership within ASPRS and how to reverse this trend. Each Board member

committed to increasing membership in the next year by a number each felt comfortable with. I will be looking for all of your help in the next year in attracting 10 new members to the Central Region.

Finally, the schedule for upcoming meetings is as follows:

Fall, 2002 - Denver Pecora conference, including ISPRS Commission I and a large transportation component sponsored by TRB

Spring, 2003 - Anchorage, Alaska! This looks to be an outstanding conference with several airlines offering reduced rates for the conference

Fall, 2003 - Charleston, SC; this will be a specialty conference with topics including digital terrain modeling and visualization

Spring, 2004 - Denver

Spring, 2005 - Baltimore

See you there!!
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2002 MAGIC Conference 14 – 18 April – Kansas City

The Central Region operated a booth at the Mid-America Geographic Information Conference (MAGIC) held 14-18 April, 2002. Board member Scott Perkins attended the conference and helped staff the booth. The following are his comments and observations:

"The Central Region Booth was on display and over 50 membership packets were distributed despite the "back alley" location for informational booths within the Exhibit Hall.

The MAGIC conference had many new exhibitors I've never seen before, each with a 'niche application' of technology. It will be interesting to see how many of them can survive until the next MAGIC conference.

The 'word on the street' is that the GIS market is very competitive for services, software and imagery. It is a great time to be a buyer and maybe not so great of time to be the supplier.

The quality of the GIS posters was remarkable. The Hoisington Kansas tornado poster was my favorite. Several people stopped by the ASPRS booth while I briefly manned it, including our scholarship winner."

Francis E. 'Gene' Lortz Memorial Scholarship Plaque



Region Vice-President Shelley Silch holds the plaque over the spot where it is now mounted.

Each year the Central Region awards the Francis E. "Gene" Lortz Memorial Scholarship to a full-time college student from within the Central Region. In honor of all the past and future winners, a plaque has been designed, engraved and placed in the hallway of the Mid-Continent Mapping Center. Please be sure to stop and take a look at this new plaque or check it out on the Central Region website. <http://www.rollanet.org/~asprs/>

Technical Presentation: "Map Projections and Image Pixel Value Change"

Jeong Chang Seong will give a presentation titled "Map Projections and Image Pixel Value Change" on the 10th of May, 2002. The presentation will be at 1000 in Room 503, Mid-Continent Mapping Center, 1400 Independence Rd, Rolla, Missouri. Contact Board Member Larry Stanislawski (573) 308-3914 (lstan@usgs.gov) for additional information.

Event Calendar

St Louis Region Annual Meeting And Banquet

The St. Louis Region Annual Meeting and Banquet is being held June 25th, 2002, at the Sheraton Swiss Chalet West Port Inn, St. Louis, MO. ASPRS President-Elect Don Lauer is the guest speaker. See <http://www.asprs.org/st-louis/> for more information

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 www.asprs.org/Pecora-ISPRS-2002. For more information about ISPRS please see www.isprs.org

18th International CODATA Conference – "Frontiers of Scientific and Technical Data"

29 September-3 October 2002, this conference takes place at the Hotel Delta Centre-Ville, downtown Montreal. This four day Conference is hosted by the Canadian and US National Committees for CODATA. <http://www.codata.org/codata02/index.html>

Membership Map

Are you an Active, Associate or Student Member? Do you know the benefits of membership? Answers to these questions can be found at the Central Region ASPRS web site located at <http://www.rollanet.org/~asprs/members.html>. You can also download a membership application and renewal form.

We have also included a map of the Central Region with location markers of our current members. All members – whether active, associate or student – are displayed with the same type marker. As can be seen on the map, we have a Student Chapter at Southwest Missouri State University. In addition, this year's Francis E. "Gene" Lortz Memorial Scholarship winner (Monika Moskal) is trying to establish a Student Chapter at the University of Kansas.

The Board is interested in providing additional benefits to the Central Region members. We need your thoughts and ideas. So make plans to attend the next Central Region meeting. We will combine the meeting with a membership drive and give away some **free**

items . . . shirts, membership renewals, food . . . so watch for more information and plan on attending the next meeting.

Central Region ASPRS Membership Locations

