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Special Ballot Issue: National Director Election

The ASPRS Central Region is sending this ballot to elect a Central Region representative for the ASPRS National Board of Directors. This person will serve a three year term that will conclude in December, 2004.

The National Director works closely with the Board, the Executive Committee, and the staff of the society to provide leadership and oversight for the national organization. Board meetings are held in the spring and fall of each year, with periodic email or telecomm communications between each board meeting. The only qualifications are ASPRS non-student membership and an interest in working to further the objectives of the society. The National Director's term year runs January to January. This year's nominating process yielded only one candidate for the position - Kari J. Craun.

Kari writes, "I am honored to be considered for the position of National Director in the Central Region. I believe it is extremely important that professionals in the disciplines associated with ASPRS make an active contribution to advance our technical knowledge and capability, as well as to assist in the resolution of policy and procedural issues. It is an exciting time for our discipline in terms of technical advances – at the same time we are beginning to see high resolution, multi-, and hyper-spectral data become available commercially, we are also seeing the barriers to the use of these data fall away. In addition, we have key policy issues related to professional and data licensing that we must work together to resolve for the good of the mapping and remote sensing profession overall. Although my background has primarily been in the government sector of the mapping profession, I would like to represent all ASPRS members in the Central Region, including those in the government, academic, and private sectors."

Kari's background:

Kari Craun is currently the acting Chief of the Mid-Continent Mapping Center (MCMC), U.S. Geological Survey

(USGS) in Rolla, Missouri. Ms. Craun has been at MCMC for 6 years; prior to that she worked at USGS National Mapping Division Headquarters in Reston, VA. She holds a B.S. degree in geology from the University of Missouri-Kansas City and a M.S. degree from Purdue University. Ms. Craun has been a member of ASPRS since 1987.

Ballots need to be returned or postmarked by 15 April 2001. Please fill out the enclosed ballot and return to Acting Vice-President Michael P. Finn at:

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Extended Call For Nominations

The Officers and Board of Directors for the Central Region are extending the nomination period for the following offices. Relying on self-nomination does not appear to be working, so the nominating committee is going to start taking a more pro-active role and invite members to run for the various offices. Self-nomination is still a viable and preferred option. Regional Officers' terms run from June to June. You can contact the Nominating Committee Chair at any time to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these offices.

President

The President office is a two year commitment. One year as the region President and one year as the Past President. The

duties of the President include:

- C General supervision of the affairs of the Region
- C Preside at Regional meetings and serve as an *Ex Officio* member of all standing committees and sub-committees
- C Appointing a Nominating Committee before 1 March for proscribed years when a National Director needs to be elected
- C Sign all written contracts and obligations of the Region
- C If the Secretary/Treasurer is unable to fulfill his or her duties, appoint an officer or Region member to serve as Secretary/Treasurer until the next scheduled election
- C If the Vice-President is unable to fulfill his or her duties, appoint a Director to serve as Vice-President until the next scheduled election.
- C If a Director is unable to fulfill his or her duties, appoint a Region member to serve as Director for the remainder of the term.

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:

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

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.

Director

Directors 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.

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.

Any and all non-student members of the Region are eligible to serve. If you would like to nominate someone or nominate yourself, please contact one of the following.

Nominations close 20 April 2001. Written, voice, or electronic correspondence are acceptable. Please contact Vice-President Michael Finn with your nominations.

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Gateway to the New Millennium: ASPRS Annual Conference 2001

The workshops, keynote address, educational sessions, technical tours, and, last but not least, social events, are set. Preliminary programs have been mailed. This year, we are introducing a new plenary session on Thursday morning to offer a look at the "Future of the Industry" by the CEO of ERDAS, Inc., Lawrie Jordan. Mr. Jordan will be introduced by the incoming ASPRS President, Dr. George Hepner, who will offer some opening remarks to this session as he begins his term in office. The main social event will occur on Thursday evening at the St. Louis Science Center, a.k.a. the "Playground for your Head". Attendees will have exclusive access to this world-class facility, including the IMAX theatre. Please make your plans early to attend the conference; I have no doubt you will learn a great deal and have some fun in the bargain!

For just \$30, anyone can peruse the Exhibit Hall at the ASPRS 2001 National Convention, here in St. Louis. This is great for local people who don't want to sit in on any of the Technical Sessions or other goings-on. Please spread the word to your co-workers. The latest in Geospatial Technology will be showcased in the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibits Only registration will be onsite, at the Washington St. (registration desk) entrance to America's Center, during the week of the conference.

Calendar

Measuring the Earth--Digital Elevation Technologies and Applications

October 31-November 2 2001 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Jointly sponsored by ASPRS and the Management Association for Private Photogrammetric Surveyors (MAPPS); <http://www.asprs.org/st.pete>