



## Minutes - APSG Fall Meeting 2008 - November 6, 2008

Meeting hosted by Shell Exploration and Production Company at 150 N. Dairy Ashford, Bldg B, Houston, Texas 77079

Time	Topic / Decision
0900	Meeting called to order. Welcome by APSG Chairman, Bruce Carter, safety briefing by Brian Schostak.
0905	Jon Stigant gave a brief eulogy in memory of Leo Romeijn, Jr. who passed away on November 1.
0910	Introduction by each attendee
0920	APSG Secretary, Brian Schostak, reviewed the minutes of the Spring 2008 meeting. Minutes were accepted by the members.
0930	<p>Incoming APSG Chairman, Michael Barnes, gave a talk on his plans for APSG during 2009. He outlined plans to clarify the various leadership posts within the organization including committee membership. The ongoing goals for APSG include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- publishing a 5 year strategic plan,</li> <li>- rejuvenating our website,</li> <li>- expanding our educational activities, and</li> <li>- increasing interaction with university geoscience programs.</li> </ul> <p>Michael's goals as Chairman will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- increasing membership of APSG (aim for 120 paid members in 2009),</li> <li>- continuing our educational efforts (aim for 3 major events in 2009),</li> <li>- initiating a fundraising campaign (aim for \$20,000 of donations in 2009),</li> <li>- strengthening our organization (implement organizational changes and expand activities beyond Houston in 2009), and</li> <li>- to develop more and stronger affiliations with related organizations.</li> </ul> <p>Planned educational events in 2009 include an "Applied Geodetics for ArcGIS Users" at the Houston PUG in February and at the European PUG in October. Also a "Mapping Sciences for GG&amp;E Professionals" hosted at Shell in May.</p> <p>Michael initiated the fundraising activities by auctioning a Poppy, which commemorates military veterans of the United Kingdom, among the members. After some spirited bidding, it was won by Dick Pender for the sum of \$125 which was paid into the general fund of the APSG.</p>
1015	APSG Treasurer, Brian Schostak, gave the Treasurer's Report. Since the last meeting, APSG has received \$425 in dues and spent \$264.75 for website maintenance. Our total funds at the beginning of the Fall meeting were \$1842.79.
1030	Break
1050	Jonathan Davis (BP) made a presentation titled: " <b>Dynamic Positioning of Underwater Vehicles, Tethered or Not</b> ". The subject of the talk was recent activities related to autonomous navigation and positioning of ROV's and AUV's, primarily for engineering and inspection tasks.
1130	Jon Stigant gave the Education Committee Report. The primary activity since the Spring meeting was the joint APSG/OGP series of presentations at the EAGE Conference in Rome in June. The event was a great success and strengthened APSG relationship with OGP S&P. Jon called for more volunteers from the membership to get involved in our educational efforts and activities.
1145	<p>Barry Barrs gave the Membership Committee Report. He summarized some statistics regarding our membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 182 persons are currently listed in our database as members (active or inactive)</li> <li>- 102 persons are listed as active members</li> <li>- 71 members are from Texas</li> <li>- 16 members are from the U.S., but outside of Texas</li> <li>- 15 members are from outside the U.S.</li> </ul> <p>Prior to 2006 the average attendance at our meetings was less than 20. In 2006 we averaged 34 attendees, in 2007 we averaged 46 attendees, and in 2008 he estimated we will also average about 45 attendees.</p> <p>Barry outlined a recommendation to change the definition of an active member to a member who is current with dues payments.</p> <p>Upcoming actions by the Membership Committee include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Develop an invoice form to initiate dues collections</li> <li>- Add membership numbers for all members</li> <li>- Develop plans to increase membership and to improve retention</li> <li>- Add a secure version of the membership database to our website to allow others on the membership committee to access the database over the web. It was emphasized that the database will not be made public.</li> </ul>
1200	Adjourn for Lunch (hosted and provided by Shell)
1245	Brian Schostak, as Chairman of GIGS JIP, gave an update on the Geospatial Integrity of Geoscience Software Joint Industry Project. The project is run under the umbrella of OGP and has begun work on reviewing the first two geoscience applications in order to gather data to develop the guidelines and best practices that will be a product of the JIP. Work has also begun on development of the test data set to be published along with the self verification process for vendors.
1315	Jon Stigant made a presentation titled: " <b>Report on Joint APSG/OGP Survey and Positioning Committee EAGE Conference Session</b> ". The subject of the talk was to provide more details on the educational session APSG participated in at EAGE in Rome, Italy in June
1345	Barry Barrs gave an update on the planned revisions to the SEG-D Format. The main change is to add provision for including positioning data with the raw seismic files. The latest draft of the new standard is available via an ftp link from Troika. Barry can provide the url upon request.
1415	Break
1435	Jim Cain gave an update on the OGP Survey and Positioning Committee, which included an overview of the OGP itself.
1500	Cliff Mugnier, Chief of Geomatics at the Center for Geoinformatics at LSU presented a talk titled: " <b>The Intelligence Gathering</b> "

	<p><b>Process for Grids &amp; Datum Research</b> " The subject of the presentation was an overview of the process he goes through to prepare his monthly column for the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing. He pointed out that despite the easy availability of data on the internet, libraries are still significant repositories of information.</p>
1550	<p>APSG Chairman Bruce Carter led a discussion of Old Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Robert Young gave an update on ACSM activities. He relayed that there are quite a number of related organizations such as GLIS, TX Board of Land Surveyors, TX Society of Professional Land Surveyors, and FIG which we can also be involved with. He encouraged all to get more involved in such professional organizations.</li> <li>• Kris Berglund gave an update on APSG efforts to engage members and organizations in South America. He noted that the language barrier should not be underestimated.</li> <li>• Jay Hollingsworth gave a brief update on SPE WITSML, noting that the latest version was out for review.</li> <li>• Michael Barnes confirmed that the next meeting of the APSG will be following ESRI PUG on February 26, 2009. Host would be ConocoPhillips, venue is under discussion</li> <li>• Bruce Carter reported on the update of APSG Website. We will continue as described at our last meeting to transition the website to a new service provider. The website address will remain the same but we will get more bandwidth and storage for less expense.</li> </ul> <p>APSG Chairman Bruce Carter then formally handed over chairmanship to incoming Chairman Michael Barnes. Michael Barnes then led the membership in the process of electing a new Vice Chairman. The Nominating Committee put forth Jay Hollingsworth and Jonathan Davis as candidates. By majority vote of the members present, Jay Hollingsworth was elected to become the Vice Chairman of APSG for 2009. Jonathan Davis agreed to serve as head of the Education Committee.</p>
1610	<p>APSG Chairman Michael Barnes gave Appreciation to the long and significant service of outgoing Committee Chairs Barry Barrs (Membership) and Jon Stigant (Education), the Fall Meeting Host Brian Schostak of Shell, outgoing Chairman Bruce Carter, and new members for joining. The meeting was adjourned.</p>
1630	<p>Social event at Indigo Joes Sports Bar.</p>