



APSG Spring Meeting - Minutes - 2008 February 28, 2008

Meeting hosted by BP America, Inc. at 501 Westlake Park Blvd., Houston, Texas 77079

Time	Topic / Decision
0900	Meeting called to order. Safety briefing and welcome by Bruce Carter.
0905	Introductions by the participants
0910	Brian Schostak reviewed the minutes from the Fall 2007 meeting. Minutes were accepted by the members.
0920	<p>Barry Barrs summarized recent meetings of the Technical Advisory Committee and their work to develop a Strategic Plan for APSG. Suggestions and subsequent member discussion included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Present to schools and universities ○ Investigate using a professional training organization to put on our courses ○ Seek corporate sponsorship/underwriting to defray cost of training • Suggestions for new Guidance Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ South American Datums and Transformations ○ Canadian Transformations including historic ones ○ Basic Cartography ○ NAD83 vs WGS84 – when should they be treated differently • APSG Website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barry commended Norm Berls for his work to date on creating and maintaining our website • APSG Chapters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Barry noted that members in other cities have inquired about setting up local chapters ○ TAC decided to defer decision on chapters until further research is undertaken. ACTION – Barry and Michael Barnes will look at chapter models from other similar organizations and whether adoption of such a model will require a change to our Articles of Association. • Strategic Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Past chairmen and TAC met to discuss options ○ John Conner created a draft document on possible actions. ACTION – John Conner to update the draft for circulation to the general membership to solicit wider feedback ○ The importance of our web presence was noted. A recommendation was made to update the look and feel of our website to reflect a more modern design. Consider corporate sponsorship to enable professional support. ○ Investigate joining or aligning APSG to other similar organizations. Robert Young volunteered to represent us to ACSM. ○ Investigate corporate sponsorship or donations to APSG. Some uses for additional funding are to subsidize costs for presenters to attend conferences on our behalf, creating workshops or conferences of our

	own, hiring a professional organization to put on APSG training, offer Lectures, Awards, and Scholarships.
1020	Break
1040	<p>Presentation #1: John Conner gave a presentation on “Impact of Positioning Uncertainty in Geologic Studies for Wildcatting – Cottle-King County, Texas”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A case study showing the wide variation in coordinate values held for onshore wells and the effect that this location uncertainty can have on resulting interpretations made from the data
1115	<p>Brian Schostak presented the Treasurer’s Report for APSG. He reported that we have established a checking account for the organization and that all APSG funds had been deposited. Only one organizational expense since the last meeting had been spent to order blank checks. The current balance of funds held by APSG on February 28, 2008 was \$1682.54.</p>
1120	<p>Jon Stigant reported the recent activities of the Education Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arranged for APSG to present at the ESRI PUG meeting on the day before our meeting. Jon, Victor Ramirez, Bish Karko, and Leo Romeijn, Jr. all gave presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Richard Wylde commended Bish and Leo in particular for giving a very good talk on the practical aspects of coordinate integrity through the use of ArcGIS. • Jon gave an interview to Hart’s Energy • Made presentations to several groups including IHS, Rose & Associates, and one of the universities in Calgary (to lobby them to enhance their geodetic education for student geophysicists) • Upcoming presentations include Deloitte (in London), EAGE (in Rome). • Recommended venues include the NAPE Convention. • Jon made the case for all members to present this type of material to their management and other groups they are in contact with • Made a proposal to the OGP S&P Committee to form a clearinghouse for geodetic incident reports to capture anecdotal evidence and statistics supporting the critical nature of positioning to aid in future lobbying efforts
1140	<p>Barry Barrs reported the recent activities of the Membership Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have about 95 members • ACTION – All members to report changes in their company or contact information to Barry as soon as possible • The definition of “Active Member” has been clarified to mean a member who is current with their dues (which are \$25/year) • To help members stay active, the Membership Committee will issue invoices to members for dues • The committee also maintains a distribution list, and one of the problems we currently have is there are multiple distribution lists being used to communicate to the APSG members. These distribution lists are not all in sync with each other, and we need to work to try and get one distribution list being used by all. • It was noted that we do not have a membership strategy, but that the committee will draft one. ACTION – Membership Committee to draft a Membership and Retention Strategy. • Recommendation from the members is to encourage student participation by waiving dues for them
1200	Adjourn for Lunch kindly provided by BP Americas
1310	<p>Guest Gary Smock presented suggestions and recommendations regarding the update to the APSG website. He has created a sample site at www.apsg.garysmock.com and all members are requested to review and comment. ACTION – All members to view the new APSG website mockup and make suggestions for improvements.</p>
1340	Presentation #2: Mark Dumka gave a presentation on “Canadian Association of

	<p>Petroleum Producers Geomatics Committee". Mark is the chairman of the CAPP Geomatics Committee and described the role of CAPP and of the committee. CAPP is comprised of 150-500 oil & gas companies and works with governmental regulators to develop policy. The Geomatics committee is comprised of volunteers from a number of different oil companies and service companies and focuses on geomatics issues in particular. They do not create new standards but recommend existing standards to their member companies. The common interests they have with APSG include an emphasis on education and recruitment of new members. A key area of difference is their emphasis on working with regulatory bodies.</p>
1440	<p>Jim Cain gave an update on the GIGS JIP. He reviewed project goals and deliverables. Advice from several members was to include the software application GP Seismic. It is used in the vast majority of onshore seismic acquisition projects.</p>
1505	<p>Presentation #3: Jason Humber gave a presentation on "Project Data Management: Lifecycle Approach for Large Scale Projects" which was well received. Jason emphasized the need to start data management in the early phases of a project, ideally in the development phase and definitely before the operational phase. Project Data Management is not technology, it is people and business processes.</p>
1600	<p>Michael Barnes gave a report on the upcoming joint effort between OGP and APSG to give a series of educational presentations at the EAGE Conference in Rome. They will cover Geomatics Awareness and Geospatial Data Management – A Core Competency for Geoscientists.</p>
1610	<p>Jim Cain gave a report on recent OGP Survey & Positioning Sub-committee actions. He recapped the mission and products available from OGP S&P, including the online epsg registry (www.epsg-registry.org). The next release of the epsg database will be version 6.15 and is due in April. This version will be a joint release to the web registry and the MS Access database.</p>
1615	<p>Bruce Carter led a discussion of New/Old Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • He emphasized the need to get more representation across the Americas. ACTION – Kris Berglund and Michael Barnes to seek out members in Petrobras, Pemex, Colombia, Repsol, etc. • He reinforced the suggestion to develop ties with ACSM. Robert Young was appointed our official Liaison to ACSM. ACTION – Robert Young to present the APSG mission and goals at the ACSM conference and explore possibilities for cooperation and alignment. • Gained agreement from the members present to proceed with enhancements to the website. ACTION – Bruce Carter to work with Norm Berls and Gary Smock to update our website.
1635	<p>The attending members thanked Bruce Carter for BP's hospitality. Bruce likewise thanked everyone for attending, and the meeting was adjourned.</p>
1645	<p>Social Hour at Watson's House of Ales.</p>