

Cartography and Geographic Information Society  
2003 Annual Membership Meeting  
April 1, 2003  
Phoenix, Arizona

President Bob Cromley called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Twelve members were present.

Bob discussed the New ACSM and the impacts on CaGIS. If the New ACSM is approved, services will be done by ACSM. The CaGIS Journal will come to CaGIS (society). Our dues structure will be the same. The CaGIS Journal will be available on-line at no additional charge to members.

CaGIS is becoming incorporated; we've sent our application to the State of Maryland and will send to the IRS as soon as Maryland returns the Articles of Incorporation.

We'll want to do a membership drive. The spring conventions need more papers and sessions related to cartography and GIS and the Board will discuss

The New ACSM is good for CaGIS. Benefits and services to members will remain the same.

Bob asked for questions.

*In the future, what will CaGIS need ACSM for?* CaGIS will remain a member of ACSM. Having common services keeps prices lower. The CaGIS Journal editorial staff is on ACSM staff. We don't have enough publications work to do to have our own full time staff member. The ACSM Bulletin comes out of from ACSM headquarters. Funding and what CaGIS members pay for will be more clear. ACSM is looking to this as becoming a true Congress.

*What are the membership numbers of ACSM?* In terms of total members, NSPS has many times the members as CaGIS; we are the second largest member organization.

*Why is there a "land information" organization (GLIS)?* CaGIS failed to attach the cadastre and local assessors. Many GLIS members are also members of NSPS.

*In the foreseeable future will surveyor and cartography organizations remain separate?* NSPS has a dual role as both an organization representing surveying at the national level and providing continuing education necessary to maintain state licenses. Cartographers and GIS professionals don't have to maintain licenses so thus don't need the continuing education function.

There was discussion on CaGIS' recent accomplishments. We've brought the CaGIS Journal on-line and updated the Career Guide. The Map Competition had a lot more entries than before. National Geographic added a new award. We have a student award – with the winner going to the ESRI conference. We also give out a \$1,000 scholarship.

Paul discussed the need to approve a new set of By-Laws to account for incorporation. They were posed on the CaGIS web site and an e-mail announcement was sent out.

**Motion:** Keith Clarke made the motion and Tim Trainor seconded the motion.

*Approve the new By-Laws as written.*

Discussion: there was no additional discussion. Motion unanimously approved by the 11 members present at the time of the vote.

Announcements:

The Nashville Convention was discussed and members were encouraged to submit paper proposals. The call for papers has come out. The workshop announcement is due September 2 which is earlier than usual.

**Motion:** Tim Trainor made the motion and Keith Clarke seconded the motion.

*Adjourn the annual membership meeting.*

Discussion: there was no additional discussion. Motion unanimously approved by the 11 members present at the time of the vote.