

ACSM Council of Sections
Meeting Report
March 15, 1999

President's Report

There is a chance that ACSM & ASPRS may again have a joint conference in 2002. 2001 will be too soon, as ASPRS already has a specialty conference scheduled.

The next Council of Sections meeting will be held and the Fall ACSM Conference to be held October 17 - 21, 1999, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Section Reports

Hawaii Section

The Hawaii section has suspended annual dues and activities. Their primary reason is that the active participants are all officers in the state land surveyor organization.

New England Section

New England is working to set up student chapters at several colleges and/or universities. They plan on conducting a workshop this spring in the Birkshires, and also hope to have another in the fall.

Washington State Section

It was reported that our section has provided speakers at the LSAW Conference. It was also reported that we are building a new web page.

Northern California Section

This section was in attendance.

Colorado Section

This section was in attendance.

Section Development Fund

The purpose of the fund is to help new sections to get off the ground. As an example, the fund could help pay for membership recruitment mailings. The Section Development consists of monies that have primarily been donated by the various sections. The balance of the fund is \$490.51

A New Section?

ACSM members in the St. Louis area have inquired about the possibility of starting a new section there.

Executive Director Address

Executive Director, Curtis W. Sumner stopped in and addressed the council. Primarily, he reported that ACSM will be embarking to prepare a statement about GIS. Specifically, a statement answering questions like: Who should be responsible for what GIS activities? Which GIS related activities should be overseen or conducted by licensed professionals?

New Business

Officer Rotation

The Council of Section Officers will rotate between the various active sections. Currently, the President is from the Northern California Section, the President Elect is a member of the Alaska Section and the Vice President is from the New England Section. Over the next couple years, the junior officers will rotate through the presidency. Since the Washington State Section recently held the Presidency, we won't have to hold office for the next several years.

Section Boundary Definition

Currently, the Council of Sections doesn't define any one section's boundaries. The geographic limits of a section should be defined in the section's bylaws. Does the WSS-ACSM have such a definition?

Web Pages

The Council of Sections web page needs to be updated.

Archives

No one knows where the Council of Section's historical records are. A recommendation was made to use the Museum of Surveying in Lansing, Michigan to store the various archives and historical records.

National Contact

The following questions were raised: Who is our direct contact at ACSM National? If we need someone at National to address Council of Section issues, who do we contact? No one knew the answer to these questions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Kenner