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**EGLR
to receive award
at Reno Convention**

Eastern Great Lakes Region has tied for Second Honorable Mention with the Central New York Region for the Region of the Year Award. A hand-engrossed certification will be presented to us at the Awards Luncheon in the Reno Ballroom on Wednesday, May 3rd, at the ASPRS 2006 Annual Conference in Reno, Nevada.

From the President . . .

Approximately three years ago at the invitation of then Vice President, Larry Christianson, I became an active member in the Eastern Great Lakes Region of the ASPRS, was elected Vice President the following year, and at our winter meeting on February 24th of this year, I assumed the office of President. It is truly an honor to be entrusted with the responsibility of helping to guide this organization and to work with an incredibly talented and dedicated Board of Directors. I believe that this organization has an important mission in promoting our profession and we are looking toward a very bright future.

It is with a considerable amount of satisfaction that I have seen this organization blossom over the last three years. Our Region has gone from being virtually non-active to being one of the most recognized regions in ASPRS. We now hold two regional meetings, one in summer and one in winter. The meetings include several presentations, workshops that offer education credits, and provide the opportunity to enjoy the company of our colleagues.

Under the direction of Dr. Thomas R. Mueller, Chair of the Membership Committee, we have created two Student Chapters, one at California University in Pittsburg, PA under the guidance of Dr. Mueller and the other at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio under the guidance of Dr. Carolyn Merry. The Membership Committee has also been working to create a process for awarding regional scholarships and to increase overall membership. In fact, because of their work, we were named Region of the Month for September 2005 and we have tied with the Central New York Region for Second Honorable Mention for the "Region of the Year Award".

The Region has also endorsed the "Oral History Project" proposed and directed by Charles Olsen, Emeritus Member and Fellow, University of Michigan. This project's purpose is to "capture and preserve first-hand accounts of some of the early days of ASP and ASPRS, and some of the anecdotal reflection of the older member of the Society officers that contribute to making us what we are today."

Other achievements include: quarterly newsletters edited by Dean Merchant (Professor Emeritus, The Ohio State University), a regional website created and maintained under the direction of Mr. Roger Gauthier, and the revision and update of our bylaws.

We currently have in place a group of active individuals who are focused, able and experienced and they have kept the Region moving forward. So, it is with a considerable amount of satisfaction and even pride that I approach each one of you and request your active participation. In order to continue the present momentum we need your involvement so together we work to assure a seamless and orderly transition through time, and continually provide steady and inspired leadership.

Sincerely, Bob Brinkman



Urho Uotila, Chairman Emeritus of the Department of Geodetic Science of The Ohio State University (OSU) died on March 3, 2006 at OSU Medical Center at the age of 83. His contributions to the fields of geodesy and photogrammetry were enormous. Urho served for twenty years as chairman of the Department and as a teacher for nearly forty years at OSU.

Professor Uotila served in the Finnish Army (ski troops) from 1942 to 1944. He received his Bachelor Degree from Finland's Institute of Technology in 1946, his Master of Science in 1949, and Ph.D. from OSU in 1959. Among his long list of accomplishments are member of the National Academy of Science, President of American Geophysics Union and President of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping.

As a friend to his many students and colleagues, his wisdom and good humor will be missed.

Oral Interviews progressing

Dr. Charles Olson continues his research, interviews, and anecdotal history of ASPRS and the professions it represents. He has completed 14 interviews to date, has contacted 6 more people, and is in the initial phase with pre-interview questions.

Yoon wins Z/I Imaging Award

Taehun Yoon, a PhD student of Toni Schenk at OSU, is to receive the Z/I Imaging Scholarship from ASPRS. The award will be presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting being held May 1-5 in Reno, Nevada.

The Z/I Imaging Award is for a student pursuing graduate-level studies addressing "new and innovative uses of signal processing, image processing techniques, and the application of photogrammetry to real-world techniques within the earth imaging industry." Taehun will get a \$2000 scholarship and a certificate.

Congratulations Taehun!

For additional information, see
www.asprs.org

Membership Committee approves selections criteria for scholarships

EGLR plans to give two scholarships, one Undergraduate and one Graduate for \$500 each. Requirements are:

1. Applicants must be ASPRS members attending a university in the Eastern Great Lakes region.
2. Applicants should have a GPA of at least 3.2/4.0.
- 3a. (Undergraduate Award) Applicants must be undergraduate juniors or seniors (in the upcoming fall) for the undergraduate award.
- 3b. (Graduate Award) Applicants must be attending a graduate school within the region the fall after the summer meeting.

Application materials **MUST** meet these criteria: and include the following:

1. Application Form
2. Application Letter outlining career goals and statement(s) of purpose and intent, relating to this award
3. Official Transcripts
4. Three letters of support from professionals

The Scholarship Committee will evaluate each application (unless the person presenting is from their university). A decision will be made at the end of the Summer Eastern Great Lakes ASPRS Meeting. A funding campaign is under development.

By-Laws changes approved at February meeting

Various changes were made in the By-laws and approved at the February 24 EGLR meeting at the Day's Inn in Milan, Ohio. Included in the changes was to limit the number of consecutive terms of Region Officers and Board members.

Rebate monies received from ASPRS

EGLR received a check from ASPRS in the amount of \$1,487.50 which reflects the EGLR rebate based on the membership during 2005.