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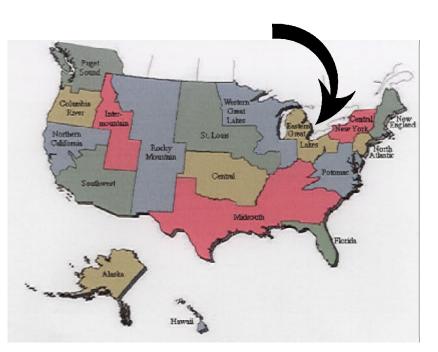
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David Gerczak, President of EGLR, presiding over the meeting in Perrysburg, OH



Members meet in northern Ohio for first meeting of the year

On Valentine's day, thirteen members from throughout the region met in Perrysburg, OH, to sort out plans for the Eastern Great Lakes Region (EGLR). Our region includes Michigan (except the upper peninsula), Western Pennsylvania (including Penn State), part of West Virginia including Morgantown, and Ohio. See map above.

Plans were made for early election, future meetings, and for preparation of oral histories by early members of the ASP (ASPRS).

The program, presented by Bob Brinkman of Woolpert, concerned applications of LIDAR in association with large scale imagery and mapping.

Next meeting is scheduled in October

Our next meeting is tentatively set for Saturday, October 4, at the Historic Red Brick Tavern in Lafayette, OH. The topic will be calibration, and the door prize will be the calibration of a digital camera (hand-held digital cameras only, please). As part of the program, the calibration process will take place at the nearby airport.

VOTE ...

Now that your tax return is in, it's time to vote for your EGLR Officers. You should have received either a mail-in or e-mail ballot which must be postmarked or received by April 18th. Your vote <u>will</u> count. As of the 14th (yesterday), the vote spread among the four candidates for the three offices of Region Director was just 3 votes (24, 25, 26, 27)! Obviously all good choices.

Information is available about certification

A tour last meeting, the ASPRS Certification process was discussed. Concerns were raised regarding (1) a feed-back procedure after the examination, and (2) the character of the content of the examination.

The Chairman of the Certification Committee, Mike Renslow, was contacted and he replied on these issues. (mike@sbgmaps.com)

(1) "Everyone who takes the exam is informed of the results in a letter from the committee chair. If the individual did not pass the exam, the letter explains the instructions for a re-take, if appropriate, and an offer to call the chair and discuss their exam in detail. Typically, we discuss the overall results and review each specialty area individually. Most of these folks do call for additional information. Since I have been chair starting in December 2002, I have been personally contacting everyone who qualifies for the exam process by e-mail and phone to ascertain if they are prepared and discuss good references for review related to their specialty."

(2) "The revised exams are nearly ready to go. Our exam committee has been 'testing the test' so to speak, and had some issues with a few questions . . . The new professional certification exams are better 'balanced' and there are quite a few new questions addressing new technologies (especially in remote sensing and GIS)."

News, Comments, & Suggestions requested

This newsletter has a revised format and mode of delivery. Please send comments about ease of receiving, format, content, etc. to the address below. Articles are welcome and requested for the next newsletter, deadline June 15.

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