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From the EGLR President, Larry Christenson . . .

1. A meeting of Region Directors and Officers was held at the ASPRS 2004 Annual Conference in Denver, CO, on Sunday, May 23. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Karen Schuckman. Chuck Olson (National Director) and I as the new EGLR President attended.

After general roll call of the attending regions, and discussion of old business regarding the completion and submittal of the Tax Exempt Forms by a couple delinquent regions, each region gave a short presentation of their activities and concerns. A geographic membership plot for each region will be forthcoming, so the membership distribution within the region can be identified, and used for establishing meeting location, etc.

A common interest across the country from Region to Region is the Membership issues, keeping current members interested and attracting new members. In general, ASPRS is losing the membership battle and we don't want to end up like ACSM. Overall, ASPRS is losing a net 1% per year. Most regions have some sort of University or college affiliation and use that forum to attract new members.

Several regions use a portion of the Region funds for a Scholarship (\$1000 to \$1500) as an attractant, with stipulations of joining ASPRS to be an eligible applicant. Others offer cash awards to students (subsidized transportation costs) to help them attend functions and become a member, again with stipulations of presenting papers or poster sessions. General discussions concluded, a partial funding membership forced a "buy in" by the new member and a better potential for a long term commitment. Coordinating meetings and presentations with other affiliated professions was also suggested.

2. We also need to have a meeting of the Region Directors. In the past, we have had the required meetings along with the technical meetings. Let's set aside some time for that, or conduct the meeting over lunch? Open for discussion.

3. We are a small community, the practitioners of photogrammetry, so when we lose someone in the line of duty, it impacts all. Most of you probably are aware of the Kucera aircraft crash, where the pilot was killed.

Reminder



The next EGLR meeting will be held on **June 19** at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205. (Details are in the previous newsletter, available on the ASPRS website.)

Please **RSVP by June 14** to Kathy Peila at peilak@comcast.net or (412) 921-8068 and include your choice of entree (chicken or salmon). **Invite a potential new member to attend.**