

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
OF THE
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY
FOR
PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING**

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ARTICLE I. NAME AND LOCATION

Section 1. Name and Definition

The name of the organization shall be the ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION, AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR PHOTOGRAMMETRY AND REMOTE SENSING (ASPRS), hereinafter in these Bylaws called the Region. Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems are the art, science, and technology of obtaining reliable information about natural and cultural features or the earth through the process of recording, measuring, and interpreting spatial imagery and digital representations of the earth surface. The Region is devoted to the exchange of ideas and information about the application and public benefits of photogrammetry, remote sensing, and geographic information systems.

Section 2. Regional Boundaries

The area to be included in the boundaries of this Region, established in accordance with ASPRS Bylaws, shall be the States of Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and New Mexico.

Section 3. Office Location

The principal office of the Region shall be located in Denver, Colorado.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Region shall be: To advance knowledge in the Sciences of Photogrammetry, Remote Sensing, and Geographic Information Systems. The Region will also serve as a clearing house for distribution of information pertaining to those sciences; to exert its influence toward the betterment of standards and ethics; to foster a spirit of cooperation and understanding with other engineering and technical societies; to provide a means for friendly exchange of ideas and intercourse among those interested in the discipline; to hold meetings for the presentation, discussion and distribution of papers and other educational or informative materials; to promote the general welfare of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

ARTICLE I. POLICIES

- a. The Rocky Mountain Region is affiliated with ASPRS National
- b. The Rocky Mountain Region is subject to general supervision by ASPRS National
- c. The Rocky Mountain Region is eligible to qualify for group exemption under section 501c(3) and meets the same tax exempt requirements as ASPRS National

- d. The Rocky Mountain Region uses the same fiscal year as ASPRS National (ending Dec. 31)
- e. The Rocky Mountain Region is not a private foundation
- f. The Rocky Mountain Region has adopted and filed articles of incorporation with the State of Virginia.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members

The membership of this Region shall be restricted to persons who reside within the geographical limits of the Region and are members of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

Section 2.

Any member may resign at any time from the Region by tendering written resignation to the Region Secretary.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elective Officers

The elected officers of the Region shall be President, Vice President, four Region Directors, National Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. All Region officers can vote at Regional Board meetings.

- a. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Region and preside over all Region Board meetings. The President can convene a board meeting when half the elected officers are available.
- b. The Vice President is the assistant chief executive officer of the Region and presides over all Region Board meetings if the president is not available.
- c. Regional Directors shall serve on the Program Committee, and act as official ASPRS representatives on affiliated conferences, symposiums, and meetings.
- d. The National Director shall be elected to serve a three year term on the National Board of Direction; such nomination to be made, and election held, in the manner stipulated in these Bylaws.
- e. The Treasurer shall maintain an accurate record of all funds received and disbursed on behalf of the Region and arrange for a periodic audit of those funds.
- f. The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and certify elections.

Section 2. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of all the elected officers of the Region including the President, Vice President, Immediate Past President, four Region Directors, National Director, Treasurer, and Secretary. It is the Region's chief management body which will have control and direction of the Region and shall determine its policies in accordance with the Region and Society Bylaws. Six voting Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 3. Term of Office

The term of each officer shall be one year except for the Region Directors and the National Director. All of the Region Directors shall serve two year terms and the National Director shall serve three years. Two of the four Region Directors shall be elected annually. Their term shall begin 30 days before the

National ASPRS officers begin their term of office, and shall continue for the period above mentioned, or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 4. Vacancy

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to that office. Vacancy of other officers shall be filled by nomination of the Executive Committee with the Board of Directors approval until filled by the next general election by the membership.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

Section 1.

The annual meeting of the Region shall be held as stated in the Bylaws, but not later than the fourth Thursday in January each year.

Section 2.

A minimum of four (4) scheduled Board of Directors meetings will be held each year. Other meetings shall be held at such times and at such places as may be designated by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee.

Section 3.

All meetings shall be open to all members of the Region.

ARTICLE VI. COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing committees

- a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and National Director residing in the Region and shall act for the Board of Directors in the interim between meetings to carry on the business and financial affairs of the Region. Reports of the interim actions shall be submitted for consideration by the Board of Direction at the next meeting.
- b. The Nominating Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President shall include at least two additional Regional members in good standing selected by the Executive Committee.
- c. The Program Committee, chaired by the President shall consist of the Regional Directors and shall be responsible for the planning and management of Regional technical programs and meetings and for support of other Society meetings held within the Region. The Committee, at the approval of the Board, can appoint sub-committees or at large Regional members for standing programs with other societies
- d. The Membership Committee, chaired by the Vice-President, and consisting of at least two members shall represent the Region in Society membership development activities, organizing and directing membership promotion within the Region. This will include but not be limited to, conferring Region honors, scholarships, and awards, with the approval of the Executive Committee. And also promote

interest in the profession and its scientific and technological pursuits throughout educational institutions in the Region, encouraging the establishment of student chapters and development of membership enrichment programs.

e. The Bylaws Committee, chaired by the Immediate Past President, shall advise the President and Board of Directors on the relationship of the Bylaws to current or proposed Region activities. The Committee shall prepare amendments to the Bylaws as necessary for approval by the Board of Directors and for consideration by the Region membership.

h. The Publications Committee shall consist of the Newsletter Editor as chair, with at least two other Region members, and shall assure the publication and distribution of the Newsletter as well as promoting articles for the Society publications.

Section 2. Ad hoc committees

Ad hoc committees shall be created by the Region Board as needed. Chairs of ad hoc committees shall be appointed by the Board.

ARTICLE VII. AFFILIATION

Section 1.

The Region may, with the consent of the Board of Directors of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing, affiliate with other engineering or technical organizations to further the interests in the science of photogrammetry, remote sensing, or geographic information systems.

Section 2.

Nothing in the Constitution or Bylaws of this Region shall be inconsistent with the Constitution or Bylaws of the American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing.

ARTICLE VIII. MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1.

There shall be four regular meetings during a calendar year, time and place to be designated by the President of the Region. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee of the Region at its discretion or upon a written request signed by ten members of the Region.

Section 2.

Members of the Region shall be notified of meetings by mail not less than one week prior to the date of the meeting.

Section 3.

Prior to the last meeting before the Annual Meeting for election of officers, the Nominating Committee shall select one or more candidates for each office and shall announce this slate at the last regular meeting preceding the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may be made in writing by five or more members and filed with the Secretary at least two weeks prior to the election.

The election of officers shall be held **by** mailed written ballot whenever more than one candidate is nominated for any office. A majority vote of those ballots returned to the Secretary prior to the Annual Meeting shall constitute election to an office.

ARTICLE IX. FINANCES

Section 1.

The fiscal year of the Region shall begin the first day of January.

Section 2.

There shall be no regional annual dues.

ARTICLE X. ORDER OF BUSINESS AT BOARD MEETINGS

Section 1.

The order of business shall be as follows:

Reading of minutes of preceding meeting,
Report of officers and committees
Miscellaneous business.
Programs
New business
Adjournment.

Section 2.

The order of business may be changed at any meeting by a majority vote of the members present.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any open membership meeting, or by mail to the full membership, by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of all ballots cast by the members, provided that the total number of ballots cast shall equal or exceed the number required for a quorum of fifty percent of the membership in good standing; further provided that such amendment shall have been presented in writing two weeks preceding the meeting upon which it is to be acted.

Section 2.

Affiliations with regional symposiums, conferences, and meetings, such as the "GIS in the Rockies", can be added, deleted, or changed by a vote of two-thirds of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XII. CHAPTERS

- a. Chapters of the Rocky Region may be established by the Board of Directors to facilitate the attainment of the objectives of the Region and to provide members of the Region a better opportunity for participation in Region activities
- b. Chapters will elect Officers in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws

- c. Chapters will hold meetings, assign committees, and perform other duties necessary to carry out the objectives of the Society and the Region.