



**Minutes of Extra ISPRS Council Meeting**  
**2 March 1994**  
**1:30pm - 5:00pm**

**Centra Melbourne on the Yarra Hotel**  
**Melbourne, Australia**

**Attendees:**

S. Murai (Japan) President  
L. Fritz (USA) Secretary General  
K. Kraus (Austria) Congress Director  
J. Trinder (Australia) Treasurer  
A. Gruen (Switzerland) 2nd Vice President  
K. Atkinson (UK) Chairman, Financial Commission

**Agenda**

1. Opening
2. ISPRS Official Journal
3. Annual Report (including Awards)
4. IUSM Executive Board
5. Commission V Board Meeting
6. Commission III (meeting approvals)
7. Next Council Meeting
8. Finance
9. E-mail
10. History WG
11. Membership
12. Other business

**1. Opening**

The Meeting was opened by Shunji and we reviewed the agenda.

**2. ISPRS Official Journal**

Shunji reviewed the ad hoc committee report from Gottfried. In the ensuing discussions it was suggested that we consider including the cost of the Journal in Member dues. A possibility suggested is to consider a weighted charge for the Journal based on vote category starting in 1996. It was agreed that any Journal subscriptions should be in the name of the President of each Ordinary Member to keep costs at the individual rather than library rates. It was decided that status of 1996 Journal subscriptions for Ordinary Members should be decided at a Council Meeting in late 1995 or January 1996. This will allow time for the Treasurer and Financial Commission to assess financial impacts.

**Action Item #97 - Assess subscription impacts to dues**

**Fr. JT & Fin C to Council - draft due Sep 95**

Suggested names for the Journal Marketing Manager are: Christian Heipke, Einari Kilpela, H. K. Meier, and Paul Newby. It was agreed that Kennert should ask Einari at their annual ski get-together this Spring.

**Action Item #98 - Response of Kilpela for marketing Journal**

**Fr. KT to Council & ad hoc com. - due May 31 May 94**

Discussion then proceeded to Larry's letter regarding the Journal and his discussions with Shunji on the topic. The main discussions were on whether ISPRS should become its own publisher (with our own technical editor) and on whether the Journal should be:

1. A peer reviewed Scientific/Technical Journal
2. A timely Newsletter type document
3. A peer reviewed section followed by a timely newsletter (different color pages.)

Larry suggested that if we are to really continue with the Journal the page restrictions, etc. must be relieved and that a valuable cost-saving use of the Journal would be for publishing in it the minutes, Blue Book, Annual Report, etc. It was decided that Larry should work with David Tait to explore the use of the Journal for these purposes versus Elsevier page limit restrictions. Similarly, David is requested to explore with Elsevier also the use of yellow pages at the back of the Journal for printing a Newsletter and the above information.

**Action Item #99 - provide Journal content options**

**Fr. LF & DT to Council & Ad Hoc Com. - due 31 May 94**

It was agreed that the Journal should publish prominently the Announcement of the Congress.

Keith suggested that we consider the possibility raised by the ad hoc committee to form a new category of individual memberships in ISPRS. The rationale being that a majority of members join Societies to get a subscription to the Society Journal as well as to often get reduced admission fees to society functions. For ISPRS it was suggested that in addition to subscription rights we could offer reduced Congress and Symposium fees. This topic was considered worthy of further discussion at the Ottawa Council Meeting.

Larry was requested to meet with Gottfried and inform him of Council's discussions, including Kennert's approach to Einari, before Gottfried's committee begins asking the others.

**Action Item #100 - convey Council actions re: Journal**

**Fr. LF to GK - due 8 Mar 94**

### **3. Annual Report (including Awards)**

Larry lamented that several Commissions had yet to respond to his requests for input to the 1993 Annual Report. All agreed that he should proceed with publication and distribution.

Shunji reported that he had received a prompt reply to his Council request to the American Society for status on the Brock Award. The response indicated ASPRS has no funds and asked for a Council suggestion. The response indicated that an audit was attached and that copies were sent to all Council. However, the audit was not attached and no other Council Members received a copy. It was decided that Shunji should send a new letter to ASPRS President, C. Greve, requesting whether ASPRS will fund the Brock Award or wishes to terminate it.

**Action Item # - inform Council of ASPRS Brock decision**

**Fr. SM to Council - due 15 Apr 94**

Karl distributed the writeups announcing the Awards he received from Kennert. He stated that he will send this and other awards information from the Silver Book to inquires received in response to the Congress announcement postcard.

#### **4. IUSM Executive Board**

Since no invitation of any kind was sent to any officer of ISPRS, Shunji is unable to attend. It was agreed that Larry, John and Karl should attend. Karl will present the Congress plans and invitation for IUSM Sessions. Larry and Gottfried will have voting rights. It was agreed that the motion on the IUSM table be opposed. It was initiated from a letter by Armin requesting that mail ballots to IUSM Council not become a habit, but was translated by IUSM Secretariat into a motion authorizing routine mail ballots.

#### **5. Commission V Board Meeting**

Topics for discussion with the Comm V Board were offered and it was suggested that Council Members consider which country and individuals could host Commission V for the next term.

#### **6. Commission III (meeting approvals)**

The letter from Ebner to Council was discussed. It recommends approval of:

1. A WG III/4 Tutorial in Budapest June 13-14, which is just after the Athens, USA and Ottawa, Canada Commission Symposia
2. An Inter-Commission III/IV GIS Workshop in Delft immediately after the Munich Symposium.

It was unanimously agreed that neither event should be endorsed by Council and that Larry should send letters requesting adherence to ISPRS Guidelines.

**Action Item #101 - Inform Comm III of meeting disapprovals**

**Fr. LF to HE - due 1 Apr 94**

It was noted that it is recognized that it is difficult for members of reform countries to afford meetings in the West. But that it is equally difficult for international society members (including those from developing countries) to travel to multiple ISPRS meetings during the same year on topics for which ISPRS

is sponsoring the Symposium. Regarding the Delft meeting, it was agreed to strongly recommend holding it in Munich just before or during the Symposium.

Someone mentioned a letter from Prof. G. Milev. I assume it refers to the International Symposium and Exhibition "Cadastre and Environment in the Countries of Central and Eastern Europe with Application of GIS/LIS, GPS and RS" in Sofia, Bulgaria during 16-17 Nov 94. The flyer handed out has the ISPRS name and logo on the cover. If any Council member can recall any objections to this meeting being sponsored by ISPRS please contact Larry immediately. Otherwise the meeting will be placed on the ISPRS Events Calendar as ISPRS "Confirmed."

**Action Item #102 - Confirm sponsorship of '94 Bulgarian Symposium**  
**Fr. Council & KA to SG - due 7 Apr 94**

**7. Next Council Meeting**

After discussion it was agreed that the next scheduled Council meeting is to be held in Ottawa on Sunday, June 5, starting at 9:00 am. This allows for a travel day between Athens and Ottawa and if Sunday is not enough time the meeting could reconvene during the Commission II Symposium. Larry conveyed the generous offer by Mosaad to provide facilities, accommodations and break refreshments.

**8. Finance**

John provided the current status of ISPRS budget and a complete listing of dues status of all memberships. John reported that he, Shunji and Larry have provided the signatures here at a Swiss bank in Melbourne for transferring the accounts to Zurich from Lugano.

**9. E-mail**

To be discussed at Commission V Board Meeting.

**10. History WG**

Armin recommended that since the response soliciting authors has not been overwhelming Council should take on this activity from Commission VI. It was suggested that a few worthwhile topics shall be isolated and a compendium of Commission VI papers be prepared. Names suggested for topics include Alastair Macdonald, Gordon Petrie, Cliff Burnside, Ken Lester, Peter Waldhaeusel, Jim Case, Zarko Jaksic. Armin agreed to assemble topics and report the activity plan at Beijing.

**Action Item #103 - circulate draft plan for History**  
**Fr. AG to Council - due 9 Sep 94**

## 11. Membership

John reported that he has sent over 400 letters to prospective Sustaining Members. Council approved Category D membership for **Hunting Aerofilms Limited** who sent the first application received from this Sustaining Membership drive.

- John and Keith offered to work on the dues structure to include the Journal subscription for Sustaining Members.

As a result of the death of Honorary Member Cruset, all Council was asked to consider nominees for discussion as Honorary Member.

Armin reported that as a result of his discussions with the Italian Society they have added remote sensing to their name. Unfortunately, he reported, they have made no overtures to the Italian Remote Sensing Society so essentially we have status quo. If no further change occurs he recommends that we reinstate multiple membership discussions later this year.

Larry reported that he had a lengthy meeting with Dr. Nasim Shah of SUPARCO, Pakistan. Although they would like to form a committee the political relationships between Survey of Pakistan, SUPARCO and individuals led Dr. Shah to state that there is no way a joint society will form in the foreseeable future. Larry also recommends that Council should continue its multiple membership discussions.

Shunji reported on the status of various Asian members and their potential membership. He also reported that Dr. Ibrahim of Egypt had confirmed that their ISPRS membership would change to a society from the current member organization which is Aerial Survey of Egypt.

## 12. Other business

Time limitations prevented further discussions.

*Prepared by Lawrence W. Fritz, Secretary General  
on 27 March 1994*

- P.S. These minutes of this extra Council Meeting will not be distributed to ISPRS Membership. The minutes should be considered as Council confidential and will be distributed only to the attendees, Gottfried and David.

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