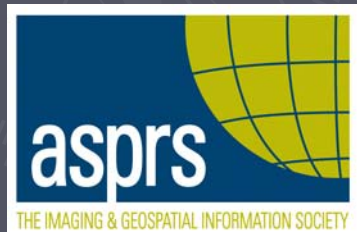


# American Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing

## The Upper Midwest Chapter

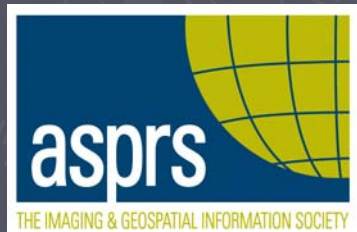


The Imaging and Geospatial Information Society

# ASPRS National

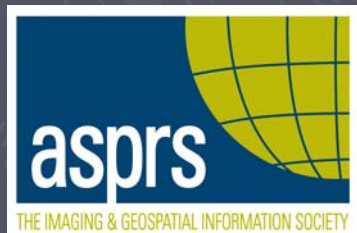
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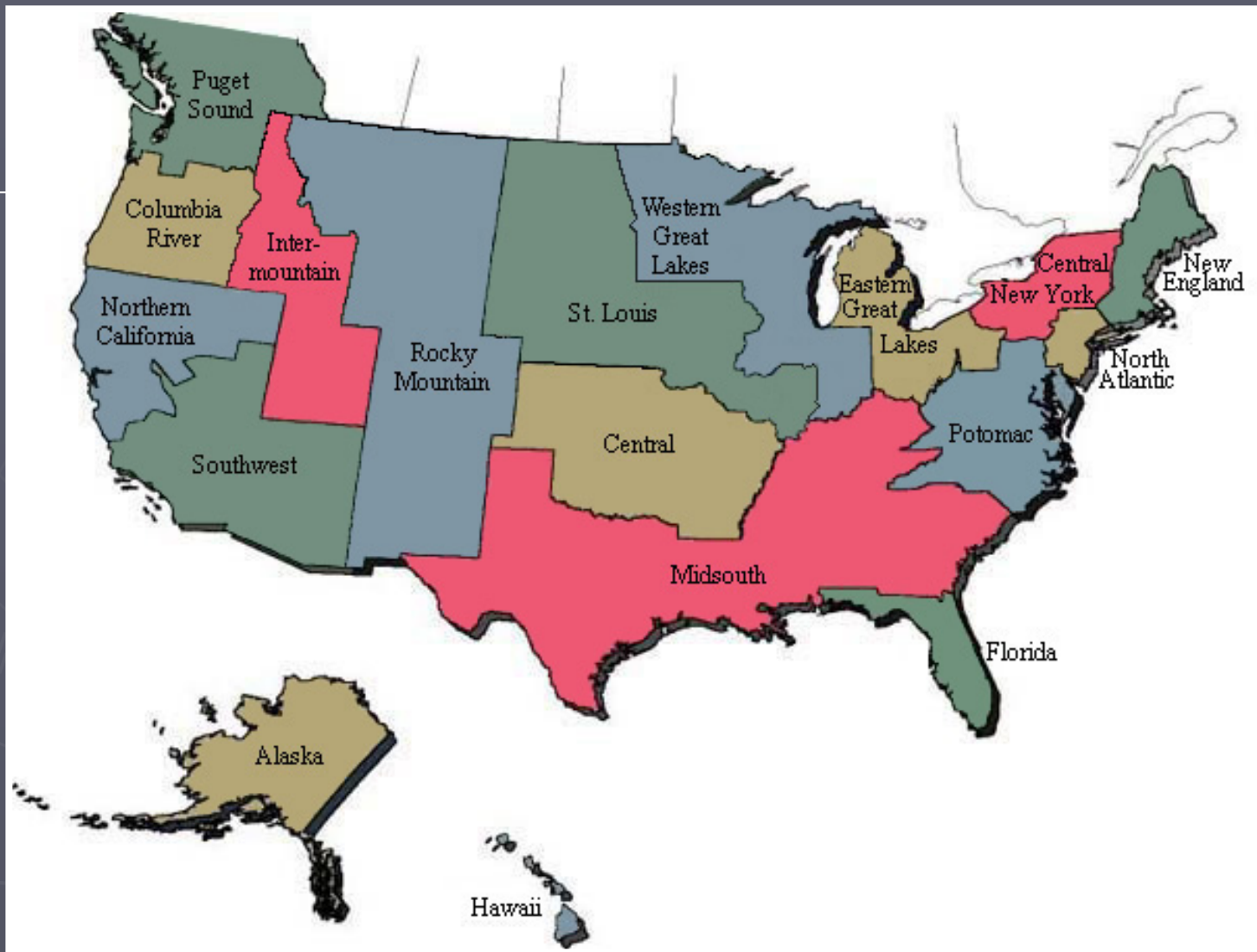
- ...to advance knowledge and improve understanding of mapping sciences and to promote the responsible applications of photogrammetry, remote sensing, geographic information systems (GIS), and supporting technologies.



# ASPRS National

- ▶ Founded in 1934
- ▶ More than 7,000 members
  - PE&RS Journal (Photogrammetric Engineering and Remote Sensing)
  - National & regional meetings
  - \$18,000+ in awards, scholarships, and fellowships





# ASPRS Regions

- ▶ Upper Midwest Chapter is part of the St. Louis Region
- ▶ Includes ND, SD, NE, IA, and portions of MO, and IL
- ▶ Provides support to the chapter and is the liaison to ASPRS National

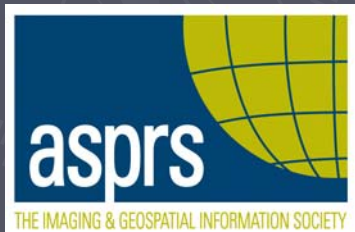


# Upper Midwest Chapter

- ▶ Part of St. Louis Chapter
- ▶ North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa
- ▶ Established to improve local involvement
  - Was reinitiated in 2005
  - Chapter kick-off in October
    - ▶ Fall ASPRS Meeting/16<sup>th</sup> Pecora Symposium

# UMC Chapter Officers

- ▶ President: RJ Thompson
- ▶ External Liaison: June Thormodsgard
- ▶ Secretary/Treasurer: Rachel Kurtz
  - USGS EROS
- ▶ Vice President: Mary O'Neill
  - Office of Remote Sensing, South Dakota State
- ▶ Membership Officer: Karisa Vlasek
  - NASA Space Grant & EPSCoR, UN-Omaha



# Upper Midwest Chapter

- ▶ 105 members & growing
  - Academics & professionals
  - Increasing student involvement
- ▶ Organizing a Program Committee
  - Plan a spring and fall meeting
  - Rotate the venue across the Chapter
- ▶ Website under development

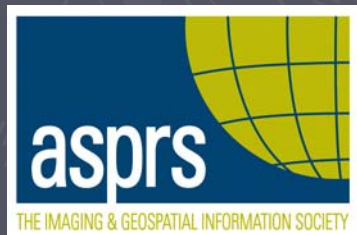
# Chapter Activities

- ▶ Upper Midwest Chapter Meetings
- ▶ 2004
  - September 2004 at EROS
- ▶ 2005
  - August 2005 at EROS
- ▶ 2006
  - Future chapter meetings will be rotated around the 4-state area



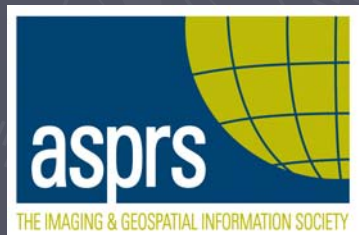
# Chapter Activities

- ▶ 2005 ASPRS PECORA Conference
  - Sioux Falls, SD
- ▶ Hosted a booth and reception for existing chapter members and potential new members
- ▶ Recruited many new members and raised awareness of the new chapter



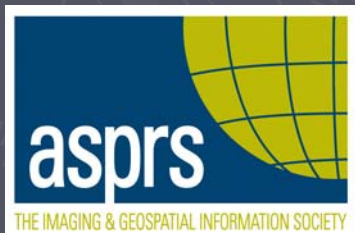
# Chapter Activities

- ▶ Focused on student involvement in the chapter
- ▶ Assisted with student volunteers for the 2005 ASPRS PECORA Conference
- ▶ Offered subsidies making it possible for more student members to join
- ▶ Recognized for recruiting efforts by ASPRS National



# Get Involved!

- ▶ We encourage you to join ASPRS and get involved in the Upper Midwest Chapter
  - Network with geospatial colleagues from your area
  - Free subscription to PE&RS Journal
  - Discounts on ASPRS conferences
  - Geospatial job announcements
  - Discounts on geospatial publications
  - Discounts on professional certification fees
- ▶ Regular memberships are \$120



# Get Involved!

- ▶ Encourage your students to join if you are at an academic institution
- ▶ Benefits include
  - Numerous scholarship opportunities
  - Volunteer opportunities at ASPRS conferences in exchange for free registration
  - Student travel awards to attend an ASPRS conference
  - Networking opportunities for students
  - Geospatial job announcements
- ▶ Student Memberships are \$45

