



MAGIP 2011-2012 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Introduction

MAGIP was founded to facilitate communication among GIS professionals and users in Montana, to promote education and professional development, and to advance best practices and standards in GIS data development. This document presents an overview of what the Board of Directors and its committees accomplished during the 2010-2012 Board term.

Board of Directors Accomplishments

- The Board of Directors held their third annual board retreat. The board retreat allowed the board to review past accomplishments and member input to identify and prioritize MAGIP needs for the following year.
- The Board of Directors published the 2010 -2011 Work Plan and the 2010-2011 Accomplishments Report.
- The Board of Directors produced and approved a budget for the organization spanning all organization and committee activities.
- MAGIP sent five letters in support for GISP applications for members.
- MAGIP provided monetary support for 2 Regional User Group Meeting(s).
- MAGIP migrated its email list-serve to a Google Groups email service.
- MAGIP implemented a new Associate Membership structure.
- MAGIP created an ArcGIS Online account for the use of its members.
- MAGIP created an updated membership map and posted it on the MAGIP web site.
- MAGIP inventoried its organizational resources.
- MAGIP created and maintains a LinkedIn account.

Technical Committee Accomplishments

- The Technical Committee planned and hosted a highly successful Fall Technical Session in Missoula, MT.
- The Technical Committee worked with the Professional Development Committee to identify audiences and workshop content for future events.
- The Technical Committee put out a white paper on data distribution best practices and Montana's framework datasets.
- The Technical Committee proposed six best practices focused on data distribution for all GIS data in Montana.
- The Technical Committee updated the process for reviewing and implementing best practices.
- The Technical Committee started updating the process for submitting and adopting best practices.

Professional Development Committee Accomplishments

- MAGIP changed from WebEx to GoToMeeting to better meet the needs of training activities.

- The Professional Development Committee conducted a member survey for workshop content.
- The Professional Development Committee planned and hosted a successful Intermountain GIS Conference in Kalispell, MT.
- MAGIP facilitated the MT Summit at the Intermountain GIS Conference to seek member input on future direction for the organization.
- The Professional Development Committee presented two awards:
 - RJ Zimmer received the Distinguished Service award.
 - Denny Rea received the Professional Livability award.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee launched a comprehensive Mentoring Program

Education Committee Accomplishments

- The Education Committee facilitated the award of one K-12 Curriculum Grant in 2011. The recipient was Gail Shatkus of Chester-Kremlin-Joplin-Inverness School District.
- The Education Committee facilitated the award of one Higher Education Scholarship in 2011. The recipient was Mitchell Lee Fyock of the University of Montana.
- The Education Committee facilitated one judge and an award for Montana State University's Earth Sciences Colloquium.
- The Education Committee updated its distribution list for scholarship and grant announcements.
- The Education Committee reviewed the contents of the Montana Natural History Center's two Geospatial Trunks and took steps towards updating the content.
- MAGIP helped host GIS Day activities at the capitol rotunda in Helena, MT on GIS Day 2011.

Operations and Business Committee Accomplishments

- The Operations and Business Committee oversaw the success of the 2012 elections.
- The Operations and Business Committee refined the Awards Document for MAGIP awards.
- The Web Subcommittee maintained, updated, and leveraged the MAGIP web site by creating new web pages, discussion forums, and new content throughout the site.
- The Web Subcommittee tested on-line (web-based) training and outreach tools.
- The Web Subcommittee created a web form for members to submit a Request For Assistance to MAGIP.
- The Web Subcommittee conducted a survey of members regarding the MAGIP web site as well as an internal review of the site's content and functionality. Several updates to the site were made as a result.
- The MAGIP Secretary updated the Board of Directors responsibilities document and created informational binders for all current and incoming board members.
- MAGIP increased organizational awareness through branded swag.