



MAGIP Mentoring Subcommittee

Minutes from February 9, 2011 subcommittee meeting
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Meeting attendance:

- Jason Danielson
- Gerry Daumiller
- Diane Papineau
- Carrie Shockley

1. We discussed our “Lost in the Vector” session at the Fall Technical Session. Though we were all scratching our heads trying to think back that far: Jason thought that it went well; Carrie thought that there was a good turnout, especially of folks who were not necessarily “New to GIS;” Diane was able to locate notes from that session on years of experience and count of attendees:

Over 10 years	2
7-10 years	4
5-7 years	4
3-5 years	4
1-2 years	3

Nate Holm, an attendee and chair of the Fall Technical Session committee, wrote: “I do recall one comment saying they didn’t like the ‘games’ we played during the Lost in the Vector session. On the other hand, somebody else mentioned that they really liked those ice-breakers. I think that’s pretty common for those types of activities though. Other than those two comments, I don’t recall anything that was said specifically about that session. From my personal point of view (having attended the session), I thought it seemed like most of the people there had fun, met some new people, and learned a little bit about resources that are out there—so I think it was well worth the amount of time we set aside.”

2. We looked at the updated schematic and it appears to represent our web resources as constructed.
3. We moved on to discuss the six web pages for the mentoring program. We edited the couple of incomplete steps in the mentee resources page, but otherwise accepted the content as is for now. These will get us into our testing phases.

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4. Diane mentioned that the next Board meeting is March 10 in Helena. We're aiming to have something to present to the Board at that time if the Board has room on the agenda. We'd like to be able to reveal a program at the Spring Meeting if all goes well.
5. Next steps as we prepare to present this to the MAGIP Board:
 - a. Diane completes edits to the pages. (DONE)
 - b. All subcommittee members complete their profile and set the Mentor checkbox in preparation for our internal Alpha testing next week. The Mentoring content will be live on the MAGIP site just until COB Thursday.
 - c. Jason ports the mentoring page content to the website. (INPROCESS)
 - d. Jason notifies the Mentoring Subcommittee about when the Mentoring pages are complete and sets an internal testing period (minimum 3 days). This is like to be a three day period during the week of February 14.
 - e. Mentoring Subcommittee members test the page content by walking through the process of looking for a mentor and make note of any problems with the process steps or the web pages. I don't think we need to go so far as send an email to each other requesting mentoring. Instead, we can use that time to read each of the pages looking for mistakes, typos, grammar, process problems, etc.
 - f. Mentoring Subcommittee submits all comments to Diane for compiling (via email or Word doc). We'll discuss the compiled comments at the next subcommittee meeting.
6. Separate from preparing for internal testing, Jason will write a brief bit of instruction text for the Edit Profile function (location on the site probably not associated with Mentoring) to at least tell members how they can make themselves not findable since they, by default, are findable by other members.
7. Next meeting: Wednesday, February 23, 2pm – 3pm unless our internal testing of the Mentoring program extends that meeting out a little bit.