

# MAGIP Board Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 8, 2016

Best Western Heritage Inn Missouri Room Great Falls, MT

8:10 AM – 11:00 AM

## **Attendance:**

Leslie Zolman  
Valentijn Hoff  
Meghan Burns  
Karen Coleman  
Henry Hansen  
Brian Andersen  
Curtis DeVault  
Corey Richardson  
Rob Ahl  
Jenny Connelly  
Jeff Hedstrom

Leslie Zolman called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

## **General Board Business**

### **Review of Board Meeting Minutes (multiple) – Presented by Henry Hansen**

**Motion (Tara Preston): to adopt January 11, 2016; February 8, 2016; March 14, 2016 meeting Minutes**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Rob Ahl )

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### **Checked go to meeting no attendees online**

#### **Elections**

Nominations window will be extended one week (closing on April 15) due to lack of nominations. Several people have indicated that they are interested, but they need to talk to their employer first

- As a result, the election/voting period will be pushed back one week
- Meghan will send out an email to the MAGIP list with the new deadlines

#### **Intermountain**

- Follow up meeting with planning committee
- Follow-up meeting for vendors
- Karen will calculate attendance for intermountain
- For future conferences Brian commented that we need to include appropriate bandwidth for Wi-Fi in the contract instead of verbal confirmation
- Certificates and surveys will be emailed to attendees
- “Thank yous” need to be sent to vendors
- Checks need to be sent poster award winning students

- Discussion on annual MAGIP conference
  - Brian commented on the importance of workload for planning and running the conference
  - Brian commented that coordinating with Idaho conference doesn't work
  - Rob commented that responsibilities need to be clearly identified
  - Tara commented that event planning could be contracted out to an event planner if money can be sustained
  - Brian commented that having a phased approach would be appropriate to make it happen
  - Karen commented that geography is important to reach our members
  - Tara commented that a schedule/rotation is needed to allow for easier planning
  - Brian commented that we should start moving in the direction
  - Meghan suggested if we want to move in that direction the tech session should be in Billings on the eastern side of Montana
  - Leslie commented that we could coordinate with Idaho for our smaller events
  - Brian commented that the board should concentrate on MAGIPs issues

#### **Summit**

- Discussion in having annual MAGIP training in November (1 day workshops, 1 day presentations) in Billings and promote meetups around the state in 2017
  - Brian commented that rebranding the tech session as a meetup
  - Henry commented that advertising to the meetup group we would have to emphasize pricing
  - Rob commented that the tech session meeting should be substantial for employers to justify sending employees to the meeting
  - Rob suggested send a survey to get feed back
  - Tara commented that eastern members need to involve themselves to justify hosting events out east
  - Curtis commented that there only roughly 7 members in eastern Montana
  - Rob commented that there should be a web map with meetup locations
  - Tara suggested cancelling tech session and having technical meetup out east and the 2018 conference be in Helena

#### **Membership benefits**

- Did you know email going to membership

#### **Nonprofit status and Legislative initiative**

- Brian commented that he is against lobbying
- Leslie commented that support letters are ok
- Letters of support will be taken care of on a case by case basis

#### **Website changes**

- Val will stay involved and but not spearhead
- Brian will spearhead the website
- Curtis will make MAGIP Facebook page

#### **Committee Reports**

- **Business and Operations Committee – Presented by Tara Preston**

- Purchased more swag for meetup events
- New Swag is in Bozeman; Need to get some to Helena
- Membership committee will take a break during the summer months
- Last meeting in April for a while
- Not going through as planned for the resume review – mock interview
- Will do the career fair and have the option for the resume review and mock interview for members
- Salary survey is in progress
- **Education Committee – Presented by Rob Ahl**
  - Meetup in march at U of M was really well attended
  - Scholarships are continually be announced
  - Rubrics for scholarships have been redone
  - Next meeting by the end of April
  - Discussion on student ambassador
    - Student ambassador should be involved with the education committee
    - Discussion on feasibility of the student ambassador
  - Mentor discussion
    - Rob suggested that conversion of the mentor program could go to the Esri
    - Leslie commented that those programs are for separate reasons
- **Professional Development Committee – Presented by Corey Richardson**
  - Discussion on transitioning new professional development committee
  - Corey said he would continue coordinating Helena meetups
- **Tech Committee – Presented Curtis DeVault**
  - Meeting for first week for may
  - Will coordinate with Michael in Billings
  - Board discussion on retaining presenter PowerPoints from conferences
    - Curtis recommended that moving forward that there should be option to sign release of PowerPoint and have drop box or other method to get PowerPoints to put on web
    - Board agreed that presentations need to be archived on website
      - ◆ Unsure for how long to archive
  - Board discussion on webinars
- **Web Subcommittee – Presented by Valentijn Hoff**
  - Haven't had meeting in a while
  - Some minor updates on website
  - Started generating list of goals for new website
  - New meeting anticipated for may
  - Need to find new chair

***MLIAC Report – Presented by Leslie Zolman***

- Meeting was march 10
- Discussion on MSL In the process of hiring a new GIS Coordinator
- NG911
- Local government land plan, proposals, timeline,
- Presentations from commerce

***Treasurer's Report – Presented by Karen Coleman***

- No updates
- Attendance was really good for intermountain

***Board Reports and Additional Board Items***

- Zim memorial
  - Discussion on how to contribute to memorial
  - Rob suggested 250 contribution, and put out another notice about GoFundMe, and put on meetup
  - Rob motioned 250 to contribute
    - Karen seconds
    - Unanimously agree
  - Karen will donate \$250 to GoFundMe
  - Leslie and Meghan will put out notice on meetup and GoFundMe after talking to Val
- Earth science colloquium
  - Checks, awards, certificates have been given to Henry
  - Henry is still trying to get judges
- Flowers
  - Board will pay for flowers that were sent to Lee
- Upcoming events

**Motion (Tara): to adjourn**

2<sup>nd</sup> (Meghan)

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