

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 21, 2017

Intermountain GIS Conference, West Yellowstone, MT

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222385413>

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Attendance

Board Members – in person:

Brian Andersen

Robert Ahl

Curtis DeVault

Leslie Zolman

Philip Davis

Gerry Daumiller

Jenny Connelley

Board Members – by phone:

Jessie Fernandes

Jeff Hedstrom

Karen Coleman

Guests:

Jessica Edwards

Erin Fashoway

Diane Papineau

Brian Andersen called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM

8:30 AM General Board Business

- Review and adoption of Monday, March 13, 2017 BOD meeting minutes
- **Motion (Brian Andersen): to adopt Board Meeting Minutes of Monday, March 13, 2017**
2nd (Gerry Daumiller)
APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Committee Reports

Education Committee (Rob Ahl)

- Scholarships – about 6 applications submitted
- Education Grants
 - Deadline extended to April 21
 - Only one application submitted so far
 - Ongoing challenge to get applications in – seemingly high interest, but few submittals
 - May be due to only offering \$1,000.00 and may not be worth the time cost to submit
 - Erin Fashoway suggested ‘wired’ listserv to access list of librarians in Montana to increase submittals

- Rob suggests increase personal outreach to increase submittals
- Next Committee Meeting
 - Early May

Professional Development Committee (Jeff Hedstrom)

- Meetups
 - Great Falls: Jackson Beighly of Frontier Precision, May 4th, 4PM will be presenting on latest mobile technology
 - Will be broadcast via Go To Meeting
 - Helena: nothing currently scheduled
 - Mapathon Meetup was successful – about 30 people in attendance
- Meetups approval process discussion – revised process
 - Lee will send out request with date and link to permanent forum
 - In that email will be the date that discussion closes (5 working days)
 - If no objections in the forum, it is automatically approved
 - If there are objections that can't be resolved in the forum, the Secretary will design and send out a survey
 - The Secretary will notify the requestor by email of the decision, and will copy the Treasurer and the President on the email
 - Brian Andersen will update the Request For Assistance process documentation and Board will vote to approve at next meeting

Technical Committee (Curtis DeVault)

- Hardware Purchases – Proposal Review
 - Do we need MAGIP computers and/or a tablet, and projector?
 - Would be nice, but difficulties in transportation to where it is needed
 - Tablet not high powered enough for our needs
 - Who would be in charge of maintaining equipment?
 - Renting for our equipment needs may be easiest and most cost-effective
 - Phil Davis suggested purchasing laser pointers for conferences, Meetups, etc.
 - Decided to defer the purchase of computer, projector, and webcam
- MAGIP website technical standards
 - Documents will be removed from website due to difficulty keeping current - constantly changing standards
 - Will instead provide links to authoritative sources
 - Diane Papineau suggested checking links once each year to ensure they are still valid
 - Curtis will create a forum thread to discuss useful links to include
 - Diane will create email to MAGIP members that references the “Mentoring” webpage and its useful links to understand the ‘GIS landscape’ in Montana and specific smaller areas
 - Brian suggested moving all links to a page called ‘Resources’ or ‘Helpful Links’ to make it

- easy for people to find without digging through the whole website
 - Erin Fashoway is putting together a document for new Montana residents that will reference MT organizations such as MAGIP
- SAR GIS conference update
 - Likely not going to take place in Bozeman anymore so collaboration with MAGIP will not occur
- Next committee meeting
 - Unknown
- Options for broadcasting webinars
 - Go To Meeting allows only a limited number of participants
 - Curtis is going to research more webinar-specific platforms
- Curtis suggested creating a way to discuss changes related to upgrading GIS software
 - Phil Davis suggested using the discussion forum on the MAGIP website

Business and Operations Committee (Jenny Connelley)

- Last Membership meeting postponed and has not been rescheduled

Treasurer's Report (Jessie Fernandes)

- Conference Budget approval
 - Jeff Hedstrom will get a conference budget prepared soon
- \$74,000.00 in bank currently
- Wells Fargo still working on getting Tax ID issue fixed

Using the MAGIP email list-serve to advertise vendor-hosted events to market products

- Some board members are in favor of using the email list for supporting vendor organized Meetups, some board members wary of facilitating advertising of products
- Brian Andersen suggested redirecting requests to have them come to a conference and set up a booth and/or give a talk

10:15 AM Board Reports and Additional Board Items (Brian Andersen)

MLIAC meeting update (Report by Erin Fashoway)

- Land plan grants, financial reports were discussed
- Recommendations for grant prioritizations were discussed
- Approved Park County request for increase in funding for a project which saves MSL time and money and allows county project to get done quicker
- Next Gen 911 standards were discussed; standards being implemented and designed by NINA
- Next meeting is June 22, 2017

MAGIP Conference 2018 (Jeff Hedstrom)

- Conference Planning Committee met Friday, April 14th
- Logo contest announcement to be sent out next week

- Prize will be complimentary registration for 2018 conference, \$25.00, and one year MAGIP free membership
- Map-a-thon to be held possibly at the conference
- Idea of speaker monetary compensation was discussed, but was decided against
- Rename from Intermountain GIS
 - Appropriate to switch names if not working with Idaho
 - Curtis DeVault will move discussion to forum and revisit new name next month
- Transitioning to MAGIP Annual Conference
 - Scale back Spring and Tech meetings in favor of annual conference
 - Compliment annual conference with Meetups and smaller events instead of formal, stand-alone Tech Sessions and spring MAGIP meetings
 - Locations for conference
 - Location rotation discussion
 - Cities? Smaller Communities? Cities with airports?
 - Erin Fashway suggested using Helena more frequently because it is centrally located
 - Possibility of getting better prices if we can book facilities more than one year in advance
 - Jenny Connelley and Jeff Hedstrom will work on meeting location rotation options
 - Brian Andersen will investigate current Bylaws and Board will vote on permanent change to an annual meeting at May Board Meeting
 - Technical Committee will organize the workshops at the conference, in lieu of formal Tech Sessions

MAGIP Board of Directors Election Status (Leslie Zolman)

- Meghan Burns posted the election page on the MAGIP website
- 2 people running for Member-At-Large
- One person running for Vice-President
- Elections open May 1 and run for two weeks – Lee will send out reminder to MAGIP List serve

U of M Conference Planning Services

- Contract for conference planning is signed and planning is progressing

Training opportunities for MAGIP Members (Brian Andersen)

- Should MAGIP strive to have GIS trainings across the state, available for MAGIP members?
- Meetups work on a small scale
- Jenny Connelley will investigate the feasibility of technical trainings through the year either remotely or in-person
- The Montana State Library is considering designing a room dedicated to webinars and could be available for MAGIP trainings

Requests for Assistance

- Earth Sciences Colloquium

ESRI User Group directory

- Name needed
- Board decided we will use MAGIP board email address for ESRI directory
- Brian Andersen will follow through with ESRI

Review of Upcoming Calendar Events

- Next Board Meetings
 - June board meeting location discussion
 - Gerry Daumiller will decide and report at May meeting
- 2018 MAGIP Conference in Helena
 - April 16th - 19th at the Radisson Colonial Hotel
- 2017 Board of Directors Meetings
 - May GoToMeeting – Date TBD by Brian Andersen
- MLIAC meetings
 - June 22, September 14, November 9