

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

Monday, July 10, 2017

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Montana FWP Annex North conference room

1625 11th Avenue, Helena

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

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Attendance

Board Members:

Gerry Daumiller

Rob Ahl

Brian Andersen

Jeff Hedstrom

Phil Davis

Jenny Connelley

Curtis Devault

Michael Kreuger

Guests:

Meghan Burns

Erin Fashoway

Eric Spangenburg

Jason Danielson

Jennie Stapp

10:00 AM – Introductions and Agenda

10:15 AM – State Library GIS Status – Jennie Stapp and Erin Fashoway

Montana State Library Funding Cuts

During its normal budget process, the Legislature reduced budgets for all agencies, including the State Library, by 5%. During the last week of the Legislature, it passed a bill, with little public notice, that specified additional reductions that would take place if revenue targets are not met. All indications are that the additional reductions will take place and the result is that the State Library must eliminate 12 of its 44 staff members. The Library Commission has decided that 4 of the 10 GIS positions and 2 of the 4 information technology support positions will be eliminated.

For more details:

1. https://mslservices.mt.gov/About_the_Library/Commission_Councils/Commission/comm_MeetingMaterials.aspx
2. http://docs.msl.mt.gov/Central_Services/Commission_Councils/Commission/Archive/2017/06/20170614fy18_budget_slides.pdf

- Jeff Hedstrom: what are the impacts of access to data and GIS applications from MSL?
 - Most services were already moved to Arc GIS Online so shouldn't be loss of availability
 - Cadastral will be taken over and maintained by existing staff
 - Other data development priorities will be reassessed in conjunction with MLIAC
 - Top priority is Next Gen 911
 - MSL hopes to not have to take anything offline, but will not be able to keep all data current
- Erin Fashoway: Land Plan subcommittee has been identified
 - Considering consolidating the 7 major datasets and the committee will be looking input from MAGIP, local government, and others – most likely in September
 - When is the dataset 'good enough'? – difficult question to answer and dictated by funding levels
 - ROI and number of users for the whole cadastral dataset and others would be beneficial information to have, but no funding available currently to undertake that analysis

- Brian Andersen: MAGIP could help to review their data consolidation plan, write a letter of support to express importance of cadastral dataset not only throughout government, but the entire MT economy
 - Many businesses depend of the availability and currency of up to date cadastral
 - National Hydrology Dataset is a good example of a very valuable dataset that is widely used
 - We need to quantify the economic impact of GIS – can MAGIP hire for that assessment?
- Erin Fashoway: community outreach could be improved
 - education events to engage the public in GIS would result in good publicity, public support for GIS at MSL
- Jennie Stapp: sending emails during future legislative sessions on behalf of MAGIP to convey importance of GIS to legislators could be effective
 - MAGIP (c6 non-profit status) is allowed to lobby and maybe should start a special interest group/subcommittee to address the cuts and other issues that come up repeatedly
- Erin Fashoway: will create a subgroup to prep for the 2019 legislative session to lobby on the importance of GIS services
- Brian Andersen: development of useful material before it's needed instead of waiting until it's too late would be very helpful – even just talking points
 - MAGIP can do that and provide it to anyone who may need it at any time
 - Could be the results of the above mentioned economic impact analysis
 - Pamphlet with quantitative bullet points for legislators who have limited time to digest information
- Gerry Daumiller supported the idea of contacting people/organizations to see who can do the economic impact study
 - Erin Fashoway agreed to get started on the project and Rob Ahl agreed to make a phone call to economists he knows to determine what it will cost
 - Specific objectives need to be formulated – contracted entity could help with this and also MAGIP BOD will discuss at Strategic Planning Session in September
 - Rob Ahl: focusing on cadastral datasets – study could identify which industries will be most impacted by using outdated information

11:00 AM – General Board Business

Review and adoption of June 8, 2017 BOD meeting minutes

Motion (Gerry Daumiller): to adopt Board Meeting Minutes of Thursday, June 8, 2017

2nd (Brian Andersen)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Approval by BOD of Chairs of Education and Technical Committees

- Curtis DeVault held a Technical Committee meeting his reappointment was approved
- Rob Ahl emailed Education Committee members and all agreed he should continue as Chair

Motion (Jeff Hedstrom): to accept the reappointment of Rob Ahl as Chair of the Education Committee and Curtis DeVault as Chair of the Technical Committee

2nd (Gerry Daumiller)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Membership Subcommittee Chair replacement for Carrie Shockley

- Carrie has sent an email to existing subcommittee members to determine interest in replacing her
- Michael Kreuger expressed interest in taking over as Chair

Motion (Brian Andersen) to nominate Michael Krueger as the new Membership Subcommittee Chair

2nd (Curtis DeVault)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

11:15 AM – Committee Reports

Web Subcommittee (Meghan Burns)

- Website Update
 - Wild Apricot switched to using Amazon Web Services
 - Lee updated IP address for MAGIP website domain
- Meghan will organize a committee meeting in the next couple weeks

Education Committee – (Rob Ahl)

- Scholarships and Grants
 - Last week Rob met with MT Space Consortium and MT Drone Project and identified collaboration opportunities – scholarships, grants, and workshops
- Next committee meeting
 - Not currently scheduled

Professional Development Committee (Jeff Hedstrom)

- Salary survey has been on hold due to conference planning
- Meetups
 - Jeff held one in May in Great Falls
- Next committee meeting
 - July 20, 2017
- 2018 Conference
 - Logo for Conference has been selected and conference planning is going smoothly
 - Rob Ahl offered to chair a Drone tract
 - Will be used to address unknowns such as software/hardware, regulations, data management, workflow, etc.
 - Jeff is organizing all tract chairs

Technical Committee (Curtis DeVault)

- Curtis held a casual Meetup in Bozeman in May
- A committee meeting was held recently and they discussed workflows and issues relating to software upgrades and new installations – he has started a forum on the MAGIP website so members can share their experiences
 - Gerry Daumiller will rename the forum topic to a more relevant title
- Status of laser pointer purchase
 - They have been purchased
- Next committee meeting
 - No meeting currently scheduled
- Jeff Hedstrom will update the webpage to reflect new GISP exam dates

Business and Operations Committee (Jennie Connelley)

- Demographic Survey
 - Stalled in committee currently
 - Will be discussed at next meeting
- Next committee meeting
 - Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 10:00 AM
- SWAG update
 - We are stocked and should continue to hand out at Meetups, etc.

Treasurer's Report (Jessie Fernandes)

- Not present for meeting
- Treasurer's report was printed out for the meeting
 - Major expenses were grants and scholarships
 - Current balances - \$70,750 in savings account and \$2,899.55 in checking account
 - Rob noticed a possible error in allocation of grant and scholarship funds – will check with Jessie to correct the errors

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 PM – New Business

Requests for Assistance

- None

MAGIP File Cabinet

- Needs to be cleaned and relocated from its location at MSL
- Brian is interested in reviewing documents in 4 categories:
 - Creation of By-Laws
 - Information on creation of MAGIP from 3 previous groups
 - Information on MAGIP non-profit status
 - Membership information
- Gerry Daumiller will review its content and discard what's no longer necessary

Schedule of 2017 MAGIP Strategic Planning Event

- Gerry is gone for most of September
- He will create a Doodle Poll to determine BOD availability in August and September

2018 GIS Conference Budget – Eric Spangenburg and Jason Danielson

- Michelle from UM CPS helped put the presented budget together
 - UM CPS and Conference Planning Committee met at Radisson Hotel in Helena in person to familiarize themselves with the facility
- Net anticipated profit from conference is \$8,500.00
- The main change from previous conference is using UM-CPS, which adds costs
- State IT services is going to provide Web Services, so that adds costs (\$1,500.00) over previous year
- Food costs are increased (\$2,500.00) over previous conference as well due to anticipated increase in attendance
- Cost/benefit analysis will be done after the conference to see if contracting with UM Conference Planning Services was beneficial

Motion (Jenny Connelley): to accept the budget proposal with the understanding that any changes > 1,000.00 will be subject to BOD approval

2nd (Gerry Daumiller)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Location for future conferences

- Helena 2018
- Where next?
 - Jeff Hedstrom recommends Butte or Missoula

- Do we need to have people in the selected town to volunteer to help or can BOD do it without local GIS people?
 - It would be ideal, but not necessary

MOTION (Rob Ahl) to hold 2019 MAGIP Conference in Butte, MT

2nd (Jeff Hedstrom)

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Renaming of Annual Conference

- There was a forum previously created with ideas for new names shared
- Most board members agreed that 'Big Sky' should be part of the new conference name – using 'Montana' is too select and may limit out-of-state participation
- Board discussed top options:
 - Big Sky GeoSpatial Conference
 - Big Sky GeoCon
 - Big Sky GIS Conference
- New name will also be used for 2018 Helena Conference
- A Survey Monkey with the three options will be sent to the MAGIP membership
 - Phil Davis will create the Survey Monkey
 - Jeff Hedstrom will email the survey to the Membership

Review of Upcoming Calendar events

- MLIAC
 - September 14, November 9
- Schedule Board of Directors meetings
 - August 14, 2017 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - September 11, 2017 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - October 10, 2017 – BOD Meeting – SELECT LOCATION
 - November 13, 2017 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - December 11, 2017 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - January 8, 2018 – GoToMeeting – BOD Meeting – SELECT LOCATION
 - February 12, 2018 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - March 12, 2018 – GoToMeeting – 1 hour
 - April 16-19, 2018 – BOD Meeting at GIS Conference in Helena
 - May 14, 2018 - GoToMeeting – 1 hour
- 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference, April 16-19, Radisson Colonial Hotel