

# MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Apr 5, 2022 3:00-4:30 pm

*Location: Holiday Inn Downtown, 200 S Pattee St, Missoula, MT*

*Topic: MAGIP BOD Meeting and Members Meeting*

*BOD Meeting every month on the third Tue, until Dec 20, 2022, 21 occurrence(s)*

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## Meeting opened 3:02 p.m.

Attendees:

### **Board Members:**

Jeff Hedstrom (chair)

Jason Danielson

Mike Powell

Eric Spangenberg

Rob Ahl

Steven Jay

Aaron Vaughn

Phoebe Ferguson

Nate Wold

Michael Krueger (online)

**Guests:** *Many – Dozens of MAGIP members and non-members attended.*

### **Business:**

Each BOD member provided an introduction to the Member's Meeting live, and in person, at the Missoula Big Sky GeoCon:

Michael Krueger attended the board meeting via web through a Zoom session.

**Motion to approve March 15, 2022 BOD meeting minutes. Motion to approve by Steve Jay, 2nd by Mike Powell – passed unanimously.**

Members Meeting Overview of Board Discussion and Meeting Topics :

First topic discussed was the MAGIP elections set for April 11 where there will be open nominations for three MAGIP board positions: Vice President, Conference Liaison, and Member Development.

- Jeff and Michael advocated for new members to look into joining the MAGIP board or to think of someone who they would like to nominate for the upcoming elections.

Board Treasurer, Nate Wold, followed to describe to the board and to the attending MAGIP members the revenue streams and expenses MAGIP faces annually.

- Nate said revenue sources are mainly gained through conference workshops, organization member registration fees, and sponsorships.
- The expenses: conference and event planning (including paying for 'Full Scope' services) and scholarships and grants.
- He described the basic duties he conducts as a Treasurer to the members.

Past board chair, Michael Krueger, addressed to the board and members the proposed MAGIP Board by-laws change that gives new verbiage describing the MLIAC representative as a voting member, where in May elections all members will vote to approve or not.

Jeff then described to members the types of membership levels currently within the MAGIP organization and asked members whether there is a better incentive option or options to bring in new members.

- Former board administrator, Lee Macholz, said the current membership levels were set to attract sponsorship and revenue collection and it was done during a time of bi-annual conferences.
- After other members (representing MDT, Montana State Library, Yellowstone County, and the City of Bozeman and others) discussed their reasoning for paying group or individual membership costs; the board left it to members to possibly come up with another incentive and encouraged anyone to propose their idea. The board will later revisit the topic.

Technical Committee Chair, Jason Danielson, talked to the members about job seeking on the MAGIP site and better ways members could seek employment in the GIS industry.

- Suggested a new MAGIP site platform where members could post their resumes for job seekers.
- After speaking of the current use of the listserv for new job announcements, Jason asked the members if having a platform for resumes would be useful for job seekers and potential employers.
- Members posed questions regarding who would have access to view, MAGIP members or the general public? Also asked was whether the current means of job search isn't already working with such platforms like 'LinkedIn'.
- Many said they would like it public facing, but there should be updates and maintenance allocated to such a page like cycling old job listings.

Scholarships and Grants Committee Chair, Rob Ahl, then spoke to members about the ongoing topic of the need for the board to acquire a "Communication Specialist".

- Rob described the potential candidate as someone who would disseminate news relevant to the MAGIP community and better handle communication streams both online and through direct contact, like a Public Information Officer.
- After seeking feedback to the attending members, questions regarding the following were fielded:
- Would the member be paid or compensated in some way? Would there be a vetting process and a contract timeline? Could grants be used to support this work?
- Former board member, Jenny Connoley, said that the administration contract the board has with Full Scope should have an option to include such work.
- One member said that if there was a contract ready to be signed, that the candidate has good references and has a track record of professional service.
- Brandon, from Stillwater County, suggested changing the title to MAGIP PIO.

Jeff went on to discuss with the members the feedback the board would like back and fielded any input from members.

- Ken Bixby, from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, suggested the board have a tribal representative and suggested a breakout tribal conference for extended outreach.
- Erin Fashoway, from the Montana State Library, liked new special interest groups (SIG) spotlighted at the conference and said it was good exposure for members to get inside working group meeting.
- Bob Cochran, from the Montana State Library, suggested exploring more ways of getting Eastern Montana exposure.
- One MAGIP member suggested better navigation and search on the MAGIP website.
- Praise was given to Michelle (Full Scope) for orienting members as they arrived at the conference.

Jason Danielson reminded members of the roundtable discussion later in the conference in regards to UAS, LiDAR, addressing, and local government.

Jeff said he hopes to see a large turnout next year in Bozeman and encouraged the members to get involved in board operations and elections.

**Meeting Adjourned by Jeff Hedstrom. Meeting closes at 4:30pm.**

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 2:00 PM (Phone in)

MLIA COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:00 AM (Phone in)

QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, June 22, 2022 10:00 AM (Billings, County Courthouse, Room 212)