

# MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 15, 2022 2:00- 3:30 pm

Topic: *MAGIP BOD Meeting*

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## Meeting recording

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**Meeting start 2:02 PM**

**Meeting end 3:28 p.m.**

Attendees:

### **Board Members:**

Jeff Hedstrom (chair)

Jason Danielson

Mike Powell

Eric Spangenberg

Rob Ahl

Steven Jay

Aaron Vaughn

Nate Wold

Michael Krueger

### **Guests:**

Meghan Burns

Jenny Connelly

Jeremy Grotbo

**Motion to approve April 5, 2022 BOD meeting minutes by Mike Powell. 2nd by Nate Wold. Passed unanimously.**

### **New Business:**

Ratifying MAGIP Board Election Results: The board spoke of vote count where the following results were posted after the April 25 poll closing:

**Vice President:** Jeffrey Sprock 97% with 3% abstaining.

**Member Development Chair:** Mike Eidum 55%, Garin Wally 38%, with 8% abstaining.

**Conference Liaison:** Haley Jurecki 74%, Brenden Wiltshire 20%, and 6% abstaining.

**MAGIP Bylaws Change to Article II, Secs 1 and 4:** Passed

- Mike Powell asked about Hailey's new employment (recent job change) and whether there would be any new constraints that would affect her role on the MAGIP Board.
- Jeff said the board would reach out to her as well as other election winners. Jeff Hedstrom, Mike Powell, and Michael Kruegar would share the tasks of informing the new board members and include information about next board meetings, including the fall retreat.
- Jeff said new polling software for voting was used. This software, built through the same tools used within MAGIP.org's site builder, Wild Apricot, was chosen instead of Survey Monkey that was used in prior years.

**Motion to ratify the 2022 election results by Michael Krueger. 2nd by Mike Powell. Passed unanimously.**

### **New Business - 2023 Budget**

Nate Wold discussed the 2023 proposed operating budget where he went over the following talking points:

- A proposed \$10 MAGIP individual membership increase.
- Income from registration, sponsorships, and workshops could generate a higher yearly revenue overall compared to 2022's with an expected turnout of 200 attending the Geocon in Bozeman 2023.
- Jeff added that the facility cost in Bozeman may be lower in Bozeman and that could also affect revenue.
- Nate said that a considerable percentage of budget costs are attributed toward food and catering – substantial especially with Missoula Geocon's costs and 2022 inflation increases.
- A proposed Public Information Officer (PIO) contract estimate provided by Michelle (Full Scope) with the individual paid 2 hours a week at \$45 an hour, Nate said, could cost \$4,700 for the year. Jeff added Michelle got this estimate outside of Full Scope.
- The PIO is the main reason for the membership cost increase.
- Jenny Connelly added that the board should be vigilant of rising room rates.
- Under grants the funds were not used, nor requested.
- Jeff suggested moving the headings of Grants and Scholarships together in the budget spreadsheet.
- Wild Apricot costs are up since they are now hosting the domain instead of GoDaddy at \$448. With no GoDaddy costs, the added Wild Apricot cost is a wash.
- Nate asked whether Survey Monkey will still be needed. Jeff suggested keeping the software to keep an extensive MAGIP vote history as well as it carries more use-cases for polls outside of election polling.
- Given the subheading under Web Charges, under Payment Processing, Meghan asked whether payment processing within the MAGIP site, Affinipay, is truly needed given Wild Apricot's own pay processing. Board members suggested asking Michelle if there is something more needed through Affinipay.

- Nate wrapped up overall budget to show a tentative \$3,119 surplus. The board will work this out to later approve in June's meeting. Considering raising membership fees.

### **New Business - Upcoming Board Meetings**

- Mike Powell said he will revisit the 2023 budget discussion with newly elected members at Billings in-person meeting on June 22.
- Jeff suggested having the October, 2022 quarterly board meeting at the Bozeman facility for the Geocon and have it optional for board members to attend live but there is the incentive opportunity to walk through the hotel.
- Jeff said the December board meeting has been moved back a week to avoid the Christmas holiday (now Dec 13).
- Jeff wanted to discuss in the June board meetings and talk about bringing a surveyor presence from MARLS to the 2023 Geocon.
- Also the subjects of local government, job board, communication PIO and membership rate increase among other topics will be brought to the June board meeting.

### **New Business – Other**

- MAGIP member and former board member Curtiss DeVault was requesting a GISP support letter from the board. Michelle will write these.
- Departing member, Michael Krueger, gave his praise toward the board's work during his wisdom speech and said he will stay engaged and in touch after his term. He said that MAGIP is special and unique for the state's GIS professionals. Also, Steve Jay, departed with a speech and said he liked watching the organization and the board mature. He enjoyed helping to get the Small Government SIG off the ground and intends to help the board out in the future.
- Phoebe Ferguson could not attend the meeting, but Jeff said he would get a departing wisdom statement from her to send out later to the board members.

### **Treasurer's Report – Nate Wold**

- Nate said the organization's taxes are handled and submitted.
- He said there were a couple scholarship checks he sent to recipients from the University of Montana.

### **Scholarships and Grants – Rob Ahl**

- Rob said that in the future that dispersal information on the scholarships should be given to the universities where the funds should be fully dispersed in the Fall semester to avoid confusion with the financial aid office splitting or holding the funds from one term to the other.
- Rob will give specific instruction to Nate in regards to the scholarship dispersal details.

### **Member Development – Steve Jay**

- He gave praise to the conference in-person meetings and the break out session discussions -- especially the Local Government talks.
- Steve said the 2021 Salary Survey report is nearly drafted and needs a conclusion as well as an executive summary from Jeff Hedstrom. He added that when those two things are done it needs to be reviewed by the board and sent to the membership.

### **Technical Committee – Jason Danielson**

- Jason had to leave the meeting yet provided the following updates from the conference report:
- Hand written thank-you notes were written and sent to the Missoula Geocon workshop instructors.
- Conference survey response showed most attendees enjoyed the list of workshop options.
- Survey recommendations: better signage at the geocon, better access to power strips in each room, attendees would have preferred some workshop instructions to be emailed earlier for better preparation as well as to add levels of difficulty to the workshops.
- Other workshop topics for future training were: QGIS, LiDAR, ArcGIS Insights, ArcGIS Notebooks, GISP, and how-to trainings for specific techniques with GIS tools.

### **Web – Meghan**

No new updates.

### **MLIAC – Eric Spangenberg**

- Should MLIA Council reappoint Eric, he said he's looking forward to becoming a voting MAGIP Board member as per the newly passed MAGIP by-law verbiage. He will make the board aware of their representative now being a voting member.
- MLIAC meeting at the Geocon in Missoula yielded many people in attendance.
- The fiscal year 2023 grant program yielded about 8 grants at a total of \$283,000 but had only budgeted \$250,000 -- though the State Library will try to fully fund all.
- For NG911 public users, the State Library is offering online validation tools, which may help with some of the grant recipients who are updating their public safety GIS.
- Strategic plan was presented by the organization AppGeo at the last meeting and outlined some of the plans and goals.
- The state library is developing and new brand and logo as well as some other marketing objectives.

### **Administration – Michelle not present**

### **Board Chair, Jeff Hedstrom signs off**

- Said it has been a pleasure serving as President for the past year and especially enjoyed the last conference. “It’s incredibly fun and rewarding being on the board. It’s opened doors I’ve never thought possible.”
- Jeff said he anticipates another year being past President and helping Mike Powell and Jeff Sprock as they begin with their new titles as President and Vice-President.
- Mike Powell said he appreciated Jeff’s leadership and will be asking him plenty of questions as new President.
- Rob Ahl: “The dedication and enthusiasm you’ve both shown has just been awesome,” he said of both Jeff and Mike Powell.
- Steve Jay: “Thanks Jeff, Steven and Michael as well; it’s been a pleasure serving with you guys.”

**Motion to Adjourn by Mike Powell. 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Krueger. Meeting closed at 3:28 p.m.**

**Upcoming Meetings and Events:**

MLIA COUNCIL: Thursday, June 16, 2022 10:00 AM (Helena)

NEXT BOARD MEETING (Quarterly): Tuesday, June 22, 2022 2:00 PM (Billings)

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, July 19, 2022 2:00 PM (Phone in)

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, August 16, 2022 2:00 PM (Phone in)