

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Nov 15, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Topic: MAGIP BOD Meeting

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Time start: 2:03 P.M.

Board Members Present:

Mike Powell (Chair)

Jeff Hedstrom

Jason Danielson

Erich Schreier

Jeffry Sprock

Nate Wold

Mike Eidum

Rob Ahl

Aaron Vaughn

Guests:

Erin Fashoway

Nate Wold makes motion to pass October board minutes. 2nd by Jason Danielson. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

Mike Powell to make it known in minutes votes on the board's decision for recent support requests. The following are the results:

- Request for Assistance #77 (Helena GIS Day), Approved 9-0
- Request for Assistance #78 (Tax ID property map/KMZ data for Victoria Peters), Denied 5-3 * though MAGIP did provide information of other organizations to reach out for help
- Request for Assistances #79 (Billings GIS Day), Approved 9-0
- Request for Assistances #80 (Bozeman GIS Day), Approved 6-0
- Request for Assistances #82 (Missoula GIS Day), Approved 6-0

Special Guest from Montana Land Information Act Council, Erin Fashoway, on Legislative changes and updates concerning the Montana Land Information Act and Montana Code Annotated.

MLIA Legislative Review, a small subgroup of the council, and MSL staff have responded to the Governor's office in regards to the administration's push for reducing red tape.

Red Tape Relief and MLIA Legislative Review

- Erin said this effort by the state is affecting many government agencies, mainly regulatory agencies to trim down and eliminate anything deemed unnecessary – labeled Red Tape Relief.
- She said there has been some improvement with MLIA to modernize and improve the language as well as reduce the number of appointed representatives. This was done after a visit by the Lt. Governor at the last MLIA council meeting.
- Request to pare down council appointments, which could change from 22 to 12 members.
- Instead of 4 directors, there is one, and two reps, instead of three for municipal government are a few examples.
- Verbiage and terminology within the MLIA code annotated has been changed. Changes can be found at the following URL:
https://ftpaspen.msl.mt.gov/EventResources/20221110162602_20573.pdf
- All new verbiage is underlined and removed phrasing includes strikethrough for edits.
- One significant change is replacing 'Land Information' references with 'Geospatial Information'. For instance the draft title is: **Montana Geospatial Information Act**.
- Erin says Geospatial Information references will better align with the Federal Geospatial Act of 2018.
- Amendment 90-1-404 removal of constrictive, administrative requirements that pertains to a lot of planning rather than review.
- Two members of the council that helped with statute review were Dan Stahley (MARLS rep) and Lee Macholz (local government), as well as a law student appointed through the governor's office, Emily Dardis.
- Instead of an annual plan, there will be a strategic plan instead, based on code language. However, Erin says, they will still certainly have planning meetings but will remove this mention in the code.
- She said, in addition to the strategic plan, the information collected by state stewards are to be pointedly expressed as priority.
- Annual work plan will be coordinated with stewards, council, and MAGIP community, but nothing statutorily mandated.
- Mike P asks whether MAGIP could do anything to aid in the updated information. Erin said not at this time.
- Council will review the edits and may endorse it for recommendations for commission. After its approval among the sub-committee members it will go to become a proposed amendment and will have to pass approval in the legislature.
- Rob Ahl said he thinks that cutting council reps doesn't seem like a means of strengthening the council and the decisions on what reps to cut seemed arbitrary.
- Erin said the State Library rep will act as rotating chair and the CIO of the Dept of Administration, together, will be permanent members and whose council would propose a workflow where the council rep would work with the GIS Manager's Forum and relay any information that would clarify the intent of such decisions.
- Aaron asked about MAGIP reps possibly being eliminated. Erin confirmed that it would reduce that number from 2 to 1. Although, Jeff H pointed out, MAGIP has only filled one spot and the other has been left vacant.

- Jeff H asked about staggering council member's terms and any effect on this. Erin said if this amendment is passed, there is a council member appointment timeline that will refresh by staggering appointments for different term lengths so members can be appointed either a 1, 2, or 3 year term.
- Erin said there is nothing that MAGIP can do now, but they may ask during the session that MAGIP could be an information witness and could seek endorsement later, unless, she said, there were any issues the MAGIP board had with it.
- Next council meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 17.

Membership Fee Task Force

- Mike P. said an agreement was met with the task force to write a letter to endorse the approval of the MAGIP membership fee increases.
- Mike P said the task force created a letter that confirmed their approval of the fee change proposed during the MAGIP board strategic planning session.
- Jason D asked whether Michelle had any input on the acceptance. Mike P said he has yet to hear from her and will put out a poll regarding the approval to the board.
- Jeff H said the board should move forward to approve the polling and by next month talk about implementation.
- Jason D said Michelle should be involved first to coordinate and generate implementation ideas.
- Jason D advised that an updated email to membership be sent in regards to the fee changes are coming.
- Rob Ahl asked about renewal dates, whether the board just references each member's annual renewal date or one fixed renewal date.
- Jeff H said it might prove tricky for those who renew and may need to prorate members for any remaining previous registration timelines.
- Rob Ahl said that dealing with renewal fee changes will be only a temporary pain, but will resolve quickly. Jeff H and Mike P concurred.
- Rob Ahl said it is best implemented before the conference.

Request for Assistance

- Jeff H referred the council to the request for assistance policy on the MAGIP website. He said that the rules are old and do not have much relevance in light of what most members request presently.
- Mike P said we are looking at this guideline more closely since there were five requests in quick succession around GIS Day.
- Jeff H said policy needs updating as well as a number of others referenced on the MAGIP website.
- Jason D stated that potential requests could still be broader than the usual monetary requests for meet-ups or recommendation letters.
- Rob Ahl also said it has also been used for travel, but it could be anything.
- Mike P said going forward the rules regarding request for assistance should be updated, but he was not aware of the language beforehand.
- Jeff H said he would look at other policies to see what other definitions and written protocol need updating and report back.

*Poll taken soon after meeting: **6-4 in favor of help Bozeman (by providing resources via email listserv & social media) and will coordinate the effort to donate the equipment to another agency.**

City of Bozeman GPS Donation

- Mike P said the City of Bozeman (through GIS Program Manager, Gail Jorgenson) has old GPS units and asked MAGIP if the organization could find a home for the items.
- Mike P asked what to do when an entity or individual wants to donate equipment.
- Rob Ahl suggests accepting the donation and to make a decisive choice, yet the board should consider how to redistribute the items. He proposed a number of ways to promote donated GIS equipment for members in light of possible public education uses.
- Mike P said if the board goes that route and receives the units from Gail, they need to get it to someone soon.
- Jeff H said they can contact Frontier Precision to have them ready to donate to someone.
- Jason D asked whether MAGIP is simply a pass-through to find a home for the equipment and that there could be other processes to give the donation away, possibly through the MAGIP conference.
- Erich Schreier (as he works with Gail) said the GPS units could not find a home at MSU and thought they could be of use to someone.
- Eric S. said the precedence of accepting donations would be a problem since there is no place for the items to go as a stopover. He also said that antiquated electronics are essentially E-waste.
- Eric S. said shipping will be an issue where MAGIP will be burdened as a middle person and would have to pay for forward shipping.
- Mike P will send an email to Gail to accept GPS units and conduct further talk about a donations policy.
- Jeff H will set up a poll on a board member consensus on future MAGIP donation policy.

Work Plan and Achievements

- Mike P is still working on the work plan, while achievements are done.

Salary Survey

- Jeff H has it complete and a new one for the next year will be started on. Jeff H said thanks to Michael Krueger and Aaron Vaughn for their assistance writing portions of the survey.

New LiDAR Special Interest Group - Jeff Sprock

- Jeff S said he expected this meeting was for approving the SIG, but will instead wait until December after further discussion with Troy Blandford at the State Library.
- Rob Ahl is keen on participating and getting the new LiDAR SIG going.

Reports

Treasurer – Nate Wold

- Nate sent October's invoice to Full Scope Management.
- The Wild Apricot web hosting payment is coming Nov 22 and will be paid.

- Nate received a receipt from the Helena Meetup last October from Erin Fashoway and the invoice will be paid.
- Nate expects four meet-up receipts for GIS Day.
- Mike P suggests keeping with the current budget given there will be a deficit going into the New Year.
- Jeff H asked Nate for copy of budget to put on the website.

Scholarships – Rob

Nothing to report

Member Development - Mike Eidum

- Mike E said that all GIS Day and web map contest announcements were set up and he received 9 web map submissions.
- He will close the submissions tomorrow around 3pm and later announce the winners. Submissions were set up from the following link:
<https://mdt.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/filtergallery/index.html?appid=02bf19e507024f83a48dc6389c03077e>
- Jeff H says someone would need to announce the winner and get Nate to send out checks as well as posting winners to the MAGIP website.
- Mike E asked about gaining more student involvement.
- Eric S said that some of his students from Carroll College may be interested and might be willing to go to the Helena GIS Day event at 10 Mile Brewery. He said it's up to the members who want to generate interest for such events.
- Rob Ahl said that communication about events like GIS Day should be announced early and often for students and that it would be good if more professors were MAGIP members who could in turn submit a request for assistance.
- Erich S said a college listserv is a good platform to disseminate MAGIP sponsored events and membership.
- Mike E said Alicia and he are coordinating well, often emailing back and forth and sending a lot of social media posts.

Conference Committee – Erich Schreier

- Erich said there was a first full meeting last week and will send out via email to the planning team to have a theme settled.
- A few new members joined, one student from MSU.
- Zach has reached out to vendors.
- Erich said they will later push out a call for proposals as early as possible.
- Jason D asked about vendor prospectus being available. Erich said there are some minor updates, but Zach would look over the prospectus to see if anything more needs changed. Michelle found a few changes she wanted to make, but it will be available to read soon.
- Erich said they had a good conversation on scheduling of concurrent sessions, where they will maybe put a limit on 30 minute sessions – but based on feedback from last year there will mostly be hour long sessions.
- Next conference planning committee meeting, Dec. 13 at 3:00pm.

Technical Committee – Jason Danielson

- Jason D said he reached out to Eric Pimpler, with Geospatial, for a couple workshops.
- Also David Howes from Esri was contacted as well (no response yet) as well as Jim Castagneri US Census Bureau who said he would like to host a workshop
- Also, Christian Hinderman, from Montana DOR committed to training in SQL queries of DOR/Cadastral data.
- Esri is in support of the conference arrangement and asked what we would like to see offered.
- Kyle Engle with Frontier Precision and would like to host a couple workshops: Esri Fieldmaps and RTK correction, in addition to Mobile and Lidar for point cloud extractions to geodatabase training.
- Jason D said they are starting to get commitments within the last week especially.
- Jason D said he sent out Eric Pimpler's request for recommendations for training and will forward this request to the board. He said Mike P and Jeff H are copied on email correspondence.
- Erich said he appreciates the workshop work Jason has done.

Web – Meghan not available

Administration – Michelle not available

MLIAC – Eric Spangenberg

- Eric S said most of the MLIA updates were shared with Erin's council and legislative update.
- MLIAC meeting is Thursday, Nov. 17, and most points can be found on their agenda on the website; there will be more to talk about afterward.

Motion to adjourn Jeff H, 2nd by Erich S.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

MAGIP BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 2:00 PM (Virtual)

MAGIP BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023 10:00 AM (in-person, Helena)

LOCAL GOV. SIG – Thursday, Dec 15, 2022 2:00-3:15 PM (Virtual)

BIG SKY GEOCON PLANNING MEETING – Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022 3:00 P.M. (Virtual)

BIG SKY GEOCON – Monday, April 3-6, 2023 in Bozeman, MT @ Grantree Inn