

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Feb 21, 2023, 2:00PM - 3:00 PM

Topic: MAGIP BOD Meeting

Time: February 21, 2023 2:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

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Board Members Present

Mike Powell
(Chair)

Erich
Schreier

Mike Eidum

Aaron Vaughn

Jason Danielson

Rob Ahl

Jeff
Hedstrom

Jeffrey Sprock

Guests

Michelle Quinn

Decision to approve Jan 17 MAGIP BOD minutes. Jeff Hedstrom made a motion to approve minutes, 2nd by Jeffrey Sprock. Passed unanimously.

Upcoming Elections

- Jeff H introduced the idea of extending elections to allow more time for nominations and election of board positions for next year. He said there are rules regarding the nomination and ratification process, but nothing giving a hard date as to when the election ends.
- Jeff H said in the past nomination recruitment was done pre-conference, but recently the conference has been a way of recruiting nominees.

- Jeff H also pointed out that for next year in Billings, the conference will be mid-April, and nominations would close during conference. He added it could be like years past where the nominees can be brought on stage to showcase, live, to display who is running.
- He said there is nothing wrong with that, and some people may like that, but unless the board would find it easier to nominate during the full length of the conference, the whole election process would need to be pushed several days further.
- Jeff S asked if it could be addressed during the strategic planning period.
- Jeff H said yes, it would be a good idea, and would take an hour or so to discuss the pros and cons.
- Jeff H said he would have to check deeper into the by-laws to make sure about the precise timeline. He said the bylaws as they read now, do mention that the new members have to take office the first Monday after the ratification.

MAGIP Constitution and By-Law Descriptions Post Fee Schedule Increase

- Mike P. thanked Aaron V. for pointing out the constitution's Amendment 1, Section 2 did not have the new naming of Associate Membership as 'Organizational', in reference to the group membership fee schedule.
- Jeff H. said he also suggested the edit of 'Individual' within the by-laws as it was a name reference change for individual members.
- He said that it was suggested that in any future changes it would be up to the board members approval, in case there are any future constitution amendments.
- Mike P. brought up changes to the renewal date in the by-laws and suggested a change as to their membership renewing based on each year's anniversary.
- Michelle said other orgs have the caveat of prorating first-time members. Jeff H. suggested adding that as a clause – to prorate first-time members.
- Michelle said she can provide other examples from other orgs to make sure it is worded explicitly. She added to note the ability to include more members in regard to the Organizational membership and would email out said examples.
- Mike P. said there are three types: Organizational, Individual, and Student.

Vote was taken online, after the meeting where there was a 7-0 board majority in favor of the by-laws change.

MARLS Conference

- Mike P. said the experience of representing MAGIP at the MARLS conference was positive and also enjoyed sitting alongside the State Library booth. Jeff H. was there for the State Library, while Aaron repped along with Mike P. for MAGIP.
- Mike P. said Gerry Daumiller shared a photo of the MAGIP booth years ago when Jerry was last there as a rep.
- Jeff H. asked Mike P. to share that photo. He said that GIS pros were not really well received at MARLS in years past, but nowadays there is a warmer reception from the surveying community toward the GIS profession.

- Jeff H. said the conference was enjoyable.
- Aaron V said Dan Stahley, a local surveyor and MARLS board member, was an outward advocate for GIS. Aaron also pointed out there was a bit of grilling during one of the State Library talks in regards to Cadastral and PLSS representation, but that it was constructive overall.
- Jeff H said he was describing some of the corrective processes (least squared adjustment processes) that helps adjust the GIS layers when more accurate data is entered into the CAD/NSDI dataset for Cadastral.
- Mike P. said that LiDAR and RTN were hot topics that were discussed with the MAGIP and State Library reps.
- Jeff H. said he will send Erich S. the MAGIP info cards for Bozeman distribution to generate GeoCon interest.
- Mike P said MAGIP should continue representing at MARLS. He said MARLS will also have a booth at the Big Sky Geocon. A mutual exchange of a booth space, free registration and meals come with the agreement.
- Jeff H. said they are getting a gold sponsor booth space. He said he did not see MARLS fill out any paperwork yet and hopes that will be done shortly.
- Jeff S. asked where the next MARLS conference will be held. Jeff H. said Fairmont, as they typically rotate between Fairmont, Great Falls, and Missoula.

MISC

- Mike P. said the board needs to find a place for the June quarterly meeting location.
- Jeffry S. asked about Livingston and Great Falls. Mike P. said it's something to think about. The quarterly meeting in Billings was held, in part, to also check out the hotel for next year's conference. Mike P. said it could be decided for the same reason.
- Rob Ahl said he likes the notion of having an additional purpose for the visit, though with gas prices, he said "you really need to be strategic".
- Jeff H. said for Helena in 2025 they were eyeing the "Great Northern" for a potential conference space.
- Michelle said that space does not have a large exhibitor atrium.
- Moving on to the MSU Earth Science Colloquium, Mike P. asked about the current status. Jeff H. said he does not know who is running the event, but should find out.
- Erich said that Eric Sproles or Frank Dougher at MSU will be in charge of that event. He said he would contact them to check on these details.
- Moving on to the MAGIP Members Meeting, scheduled for Thursday morning, Mike P asked about the agenda. He said the big thing will be the fee increase and the communications/social media effort. He will put something on Google Drive.
- Michelle asked about elections and the members meeting. She said it is a good subject to talk about. Jeff H. and Mike P. agreed.

Reports

Treasurer's Report - Nate Wold

- Nate not being present, left notes regarding conference swag and costs associated.
- Mike P said this will be discussed per committee discussion.

Scholarships and Grants Committee - Rob Ahl

- Rob has scholarship and grants announcements out and asked contacts at major universities to distribute those and tapped the contact lists for K-12 and other institutions to get the messages out to them as well.
- Will have a meeting with Ronan Middle School to get them to apply for an education grant.
- March 24 is deadline and will give him a week to review.
- The two scholarship winners from last year will, hopefully, be able to register and submit abstracts for their presentations at the conference.

Members Committee - Mike Eidum

- Mike E. said a few members contacted him to change their MAGIP membership from Organizational to Individual level. Mike said he figured out how to do this in Wild Apricot within the MAGIP website.
- Mike E. said the social media posts are going well. He followed by asking Rob A. whether he would like a social media announcement and graphic for Scholarships and Grants effort. Rob concurred he would like to see it happen.
- Rob directed Mike E to find the scholarship and grants announcement docs within Google Drive to use for the social media posts. Mike said they will create a post with graphic. Rob thanked him for doing this.
- Mike P asked if Mike E was confident with the membership changes he made on Wild Apricot. He said he was, but suggested Michelle could review it to make sure.

Conference Committee - Erich Shreier

- Erich S. said the conference presentations were heavily loaded on the local government track and his committee members will need to break these up, which will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mike P. asked if Eagle View was presenting. Erich confirmed this.
- Erich said he has plans to assemble an order for swag. Erich S. asked if there was a separate budget for conference swag. Mike P said yes.
- Erich said he is working with Treeline Coffee to donate local swag goods, something like instant coffee packets.

- Shane, the keynote speaker, accepted the \$500 amount for speaking. Rob A. asked if he is a public representative. Erich said he also owns a consulting firm and for his private business he charges for speaking. Rob A. said good job in making that happen. Mike P. concurred.
- Jeff H. said it's been a while since MAGIP paid a speaker and usually the travel is compensated.
- Jeff H. asked about whether an announcement on the keynote speaker was made. Erich said not yet. Mike P. said we can move forward with that.
- Michelle said a couple people asked about the workshop schedule overview to get approval. Michelle said she updated this for them and added Shane to that. Erich said OK.
- Michelle sent a notice to all presenters letting them know we need more time to look through the presentations and will be letting them know next week.
- Jeff H. asked about building the tribal tract as he had some people asking about this.
- Mike P. said Wallace Gladstone asked about being a presenter under the tribal tract.
- Rob Ahl asked about Senate Bill 60 and if it passed. He said that Wally will probably want to talk about this. Jeff H concurred.
- Michelle said the portal for submissions is still open. She said that since the local government tract is full up, it may come down to asking a few if they would like to cancel.
- Rob asked if offering those who speak to the local government could alternatively submit a poster to lighten the load of the number of speakers.

LiDAR SIG - Jeffry Sprock

- He said his last meeting went well and had about 15 people, from both public and private sector.
- Jeffry S. is hoping to have a meeting at the conference. He asked Michelle if this could be part of the roundtable discussion.
- Rob Ahl said by gauging the LiDAR SIG members, there was a general lack of knowledge of what and how to use LiDAR. He said this SIG can certainly grow to aid a lot of users and it would be good meeting topic for the conference.
- Jeffry S. thanked Jeff for posting the last LiDAR SIG recording to Youtube.
- Michelle said there are two different time frames for roundtable discussions at the upcoming conference.

Technical Committee - Jason Danielson

- Said that workshops are all confirmed and all five conference rooms are ready with instructors.
- He is seeing some trickle of workshop attendees and will give the instructors full details on attendance as well as what to prepare for.
- Jason D. said they will want to create thank-you cards for instructors and have those available by conference time so board members can hand-sign those.
- He said though there are small things to attend to, he is excited to move forward.

Administration - Michelle Quinn

- Michelle created the new membership levels in Wild Apricot and is migrating Associate members into the new membership term category – doing this before she can delete the old ones. She is nearly done.
- She is ready to export all members to change the membership levels in spreadsheet and is waiting for the board approval to deactivate the old ones.
- Michelle is wondering about Associate A members, where there are some that have lapsed in renewal and those orgs do not appear to be re-upping. And before she deletes, Michelle is asking the board to check them over or possibly archive them.
- Mike P. asked to archive the old, lapsed Associate level members. Some have not been active for years.
- Michelle will finish up the export and import, draft a message, and get that out promoting the conference especially with the Early Bird deadline.
- Jeff H. said he had difficulty reserving a room at the hotel and had to call instead of doing it online – online version said rooms were booked. He said Michelle may have changed this.
- Michelle said the booking link has been unchanged for a few weeks, but she will check on it. She says any dates outside the room block could trigger that.
- Jeff said people should know of the higher government rate in the Bozeman area.

MLIAC - Eric Spangenberg *Not present

Jeff Hedstrom makes motion to adjourn. 2nd by Erich Schreier. Motion passes.

End 3:20PM

***A poll conducted after the meeting found the board in favor of supporting [Senate Bill 398](#) with a majority vote, 7-0.**

***This is the first step toward full approval with another vote to be conducted for MAGIP members.**

Upcoming Calendar Events

BOARD MEETING: -- March 21, Tuesday @ 2:00 PM (Phone-in)

BIG SKY GEOCON – April 3-6, Best Western Grantree Inn, Bozeman

MLIA COUNCIL MEETING – April 4, Tuesday 1PM (Bozeman)