

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 18, 2023, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Topic: MAGIP BOD Meeting

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Board Members Present:

Mike Powell (Chair)

Jeff Hedstrom

Jason Danielson

Jeffry Sprock

Erich Schreier

Eric Spangenberg

Nate Wold

Aaron Vaughn

Mike Eidum

Rob Ahl

Guests:

Michelle Quinn

Meghan Burns

Jeffry Sprock makes motion to pass March board minutes. 2nd by Nate Wold. Passed unanimously.

Reports:

REPORTS

Treasurer – Nate Wold

- Nate categorized transactions in Quickbooks and will send them to Michelle for her help.
- Mary Archibald did the taxes this year and the fees for the service went from \$380 to \$400.
- Nate will assist Rob Ahl in writing the scholarship letters for distributing funds.
- Nate began working on the 2024 budget and has a basic framework. Mike P. said we won't have time to go over it this meeting. Jeff H. said the meeting budget talk will be a meeting well over an hour.
- Nate will send the link to the board members to view the budget items. Mike P. said that would be good so the board can start talking about it in May.
- Michelle said she received the bill from the hotel where the conference was held and Nate will pay this when it's received.

Scholarships & Grants – Rob Ahl

- Rob said 3 of the 5 award letters were written and will be sent tomorrow.
- Rob said that within the letters he indicated Nate to follow up distributing the funds to the associated institutions. Rob thanked the board for its successes and is excited with next session grants and scholarships.
- Meghan requested from Rob a summary of who and how much was awarded to put on the website.

Member Development - Mike Eidum

- Mike E. said MAGIP's social media gained 200 additional followers and will get more metrics later.
- Mike P. asked whether this uptick occurred after the conference. Mike E. didn't know, but suggested asking members if they would like to share conference stories to aid in the social media conversation.
- Jason D. thanked Mike E., Alicia, and Michelle for their efforts in a concerted online media presence during conference time.
- Mike E. attended the Helena Meet-Up and found it a success.

Conference Committee – Michelle Quinn

- Michelle received the bill from the Grantree in Bozeman yesterday. The total was around \$27,000 – including food, reception, meeting rooms, lodging and everything else. She will break these down to the individual items and get them to Nate.
- She said it was slightly more than last year's costs. This was offset with the \$39.3K made from workshops. She asked Jason D. about how much Eric Pimpler and David Howse charged to add to the budget as she didn't have the figures. Jason said he would follow-up.
- Michelle said revenue was slightly more than last year despite the increased overhead. She will send the budget analysis to the group after she finalizes the work.
- Michelle received about 70 feedback surveys for the past conference, yet had not read through them all. After being asked by Mike P., she said she will go over it in committee as well as emailing it out to the board.

Technical Committee – Jason Danielson

- Jason D. asked Michelle about Eric Pimpler regarding a slight cost discrepancy. Michelle suggested Eric Pimpler should update his invoice to reflect this.
- Jason D. sent Michelle David Howse's invoice fees and Michelle will have this paid out through Nate.
- He said thank-you cards were sent out to the instructors. Kara Utter will deliver Eric Pimpler's card.
- Jason D. will review workshop and conference fee increases considering there has not been one in years.
- Jeff H. said his experience with David Howse's training was excellent and well worth the cost.

Web – Meghan Burns

- Waiting on nomination photos and bios.
- She will post these as they come in to the website.

- Rob Ahl thanked Jeff H. for the nomination.

MLIAC – Eric Spangenberg

- Eric S. said the MLIA members approved grants and it was more difficult this year, as they received more grant applications than they had money to give, which was rare according to Eric.
- Eric S. said that MLIA is changing the name based on the Governor's 'Red Tape Relief' initiative. He said it will now be named the "Montana Geospatial Advisory Council" -- MGAC.
- The number of council members will be reduced from 21 members to 11. Also, members will have three-year staggered terms.
- He said future applicants for the board will now have to apply through the Governor's office.
- He said all other item changes will be found on the council's meeting web page.
- Eric added, as of May 11, COVID is considered finished and the State Library will retire their COVID tracking dashboard.

Administration – Michelle Quinn

- Michelle said she received some GISP requests, including one from Rob Ahl. Rob said he resolved his question and not to worry. She will follow-up on the others.
- She said a few job opportunities were communicated to her and one request was to post the opportunity to the website. Meghan says this is just done on the listserve only.
- Mike P. asked about the fee increase and his talk during the conference and whether there was any negative reports. Michelle said no complaints so far.

LiDAR SIG – Jeff Sprock

- Jeff Sprock said the conversation went well at the last SIG meeting at the conference.
- Jeff S. said they decided to start conversations with the members to discuss LiDAR basics with a LiDAR '101' level discussion, which is to understand the tools and vendors that are out there. He said it's a 'more of what you can do with LiDAR' conversation they had.
- Rob Ahl said that it's good for those SIG members to first consider their need so the group can help write the specs in regards to those members' needs list. He said Jeff S. did well by getting an assessment of the tools and vendors first before getting too technical.

Local Government SIG – Jeff Hedstrom

- Jeff H. said he did the best he could, leading the conference roundtable talk from a state perspective, also given that Tommy Luksha was unable to make the conference.
- Jeff H. said that there are a few individuals in mind who are interested in leading the SIG after Tommy steps down. Mike P. asked if he officially resigned, Jeff H. said not yet and they will talk to him and will make sure, but his recent updates made it sound he is stepping down.
- Andrew Stickney, Missoula County GIS, will be the interim lead for the SIG, according to Jeff H.

NEW BUSINESS

Current Candidates for the MAGIP BOD Elections

- Jeff H. said that the following positions are up for vote:
 1. Vice-President: Gail Jorgenson, City of Bozeman
 2. Scholarships and Grants: Rob Ahl, USDA Forest Service, Craig Threlkeld, KJ & A P.C.

3. Treasurer: Nate Wold, DNRC
4. Secretary: Hillary Kauth, Dept of Military Affairs, Katie Shank, Guidewire Software
5. Technical Committee: Tessa Switzer, City of Great Falls

MAGIP Mapping Software – ArcGIS Online Purchase

- Jeff H. said after talking with the ESRI rep, MAGIP's non-profit type does not warrant the lower cost being a C-6 non-profit. The quoted cost for a creator license is \$550 for the state-negotiated amount – he was initially quoted for a C-3 non-profit organization, which was considerably less.
- Mike P. asked that there could be a balance in the budget of purchasing ArcGIS Online by not renewing Survey Monkey's license. Jeff H. said that you can do more than just surveys with the GIS software.
- Jeff H. said after the Survey Monkey account is deleted you will lose all past survey archive data. He suggested exporting all this beforehand.
- Meghan asked whether the Survey 123 app that connects to the ArcGIS Online account would do everything needed when it comes to conducting projects like salary surveys. Jeff H. replied there is a lot to consider before making the decision.

Motion to rescind decision to purchase the ArcGIS Online software for now by Jeff Hedstrom. 2nd Jeff Sprock. Motion to rescind decision passed unanimously.

MSU Earth Science Colloquium and MAGIP Involvement

- Mike P. said MAGIP got a request for assistance to support the prize money for the colloquium poster judging contest like last year. The map judging event will take place April 25.
- Jeff H. said that he suggests one judge should be from the MAGIP board. Mike P. agreed. He also suggested reaching out to Jenny Connelly to get the scoring criterion.
- Mike P. asked the board if anyone can judge.
- Aaron asked if anyone can view and see the submitted posters. Jeff H. said that information can be sought out through a local contact.
- Nate suggested posting the winning posters on social media.

Jeff Hedstrom made a motion to donate \$225 for the MSU Earth Science Colloquium contest cash prizes for the top 3 posters. 2nd by Aaron Vaughn. Motion to approve funding passed unanimously.

Big Sky Geocon 2025 Location

- Mike P. said there were informal discussions of hosting the conference in Whitefish versus Helena as a topic of conversation.
- Jeff H. said that the location of Whitefish will probably not garner enough attendees or have a facility that can support a large conference.
- Mike P. asked for other site suggestions. Michelle asked if Fairmont was ever done. Jeff H. said Butte was close enough and would make more sense.
- Aaron asked if tech sessions were being considered. Mike P. said that's an idea, but it is another thing that has to be budgeted for.
- Jeff H. said Helena is convenient with the hotel site and there are a lot of support staff in membership. Mike P. asked if it's been a long time, which Jason D. said it's been since 2018.

- Jeff H. said he can get some facility specs for the hotel in Helena if the board was leaning that way. Michelle said there is some information in Google Drive.
- Mike P. said that a site should be approved by May, next session.
- Jason D. asked about the conference networking issue in Helena, while Jeff H. expanded saying there is such a large membership in Helena that there is the issue of attendees returning home early, but said they would have to incentivize the conference to keep people from leaving early.
- Jeff Sprock said Fairmont sounded interesting as the Public Works conference was being conducted there. He said he can talk to a coworker from Billings who is attending that conference.
- Mike P. told the board to think about it for a decision in May. Jeff Sprock suggested the in-person meeting to be at the decided location.
- Mike P. said it will be in June – the first meeting for all the newly elected.

Contract for Full Scope

- Mike P. said there is no reason to not keep Full Scope's contract. But Mike P. and Jeffrey wanted to get the costs associated for a renewed year contract. Michelle said she would get that as soon as possible.
- Jeff H. said that also they should get metrics on the social media initiative with Full Scope and Alicia's efforts.

Other items

- Jeff S. added that if Whitefish was not an option for a conference that maybe that location could be considered a site for the strategic planning meeting. Jeff H. and Mike P. agreed that idea was good and could be discussed later. Jason D. added the lodge he stayed there was nice and near downtown.
- Mike P. told Jeffrey to look into a venue there as well as talking with Nate on getting some cost figures for later discussions about selecting a potential retreat site.
- Jason D. said the conference turn-out was great and thanked Full Scope staff for their hard work. Michelle said she felt it went really well.
- Jeff S. said that he hopes the same success will happen at the Northern in Billings.
- Jason D. suggested sending a thank-you note to the Grantree staff. Mike P. said that note can be combined with the payment to them.
- Jeff H. asked if there was still some thank-you cards remaining. Jason D. said he can write something up for this.
- Mike P. said that Tom Kohley would like to have his name removed from the Google Drive files. Nate said his name is on a number of Treasurer documents in Drive. Nate said the admin would have to do this. Mike P. said this needs to be figured out.

END 3:12 PM

Upcoming Meetings and Events

MAGIP BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, May 16, 2022 2:00 PM (Virtual)

MAGIP BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, June 20, 2022 2:00 PM (in-person, location TBD)
MLIA BOARD MEETING – Thursday, May 16, 2023 10:00 AM (in-person, Helena)