

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 18, 2023, 2:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Meetings are being recorded

Previous meeting recordings are available at:

<https://www.youtube.com/MAGIPMT>

Start Time: 2:02 PM

Board Members Present:

Jeffry Sprock

Tessa Switzer

Nate Wold

Gail Jorgenson

Megan Burns

Erich Schreier

Eric Spangenberg

Hilary Kauth

Mike Powell

Mike Eidum

Michelle Quinn

Rob Ahl

General Board Business:

- Welcome, Introductions, and Revisions to Agenda
 - Add Survey123 discussion to the agenda
- Approval of [July 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to pass July board minutes:
 - Motion Proposed: Mike Powell
 - Second: Nate Wold
 - Passed Unanimously

Reports

- Treasurer's Report - (Nate Wold)
 - Paid July FullScope invoice-1st payment under new contract
 - All three grant checks were received and cashed
 - Added revenue summary and expenses to the [board packet](#)
 - Overall net positive revenue of \$4,426.05
 - Savings Balance: \$49,585.71
 - Checking Balance: \$5,505.53
- Scholarships & Grants Update - (Rob Ahl)
 - Belgrade High School received and cashed the grant check
 - Available for consultation for Belgrade grant project
- Member Development Committee - (Mike Eidum)
 - Would like to send a survey to members about current projects for social media content
 - Pending Survey123 access
 - Include questionnaire, links, pictures
 - Alicia has been regularly posting on social media
 - Billings GIS Meetup has been approved
 - Tentatively August 31st, but the date and location are subject to change
 - Once finalized, Mike will disseminate details
 - Hilary will add decision to website
- Conference Committee - (Erich Schreier)
 - Erich will contact Jan Conningham or Shawn with Esri for Keynote Speaker ideas

- Jeff Sprock and Mike Powell will be the local conference chairs
- Erich will plan a Billings venue site visit with Mike, Jeff and possibly Michelle prior to the fall planning retreat
- Michelle has interest in members rejoining the conference/technical committees from last year
 - Michelle will follow-up with members who haven't responded
 - Looking for more people to join the local committee to help with local sponsors, raffle items, door-prizes
 - Mike has one interested party who wants to help but not full commitment
 - Michelle Nedens (City of Billings-Land Management Coordinator) volunteered to help with these tasks
- Technical Committee - (Tessa Switzer)
 - Will reach out to Jason over the next month for insight
 - Waiting for the fall retreat to get the ball rolling
- Web Subcommittee - (Meghan Burns)
 - No news
- MLIAC - (Eric Spangenberg)
 - Now called MGAC or MGIA
 - Montana geospatial advisory committee
 - Last meeting was June 23rd, 2023
 - Upcoming meeting scheduled Friday, Sept 15th, 2023
 - [Board appointments](#) are still open
 - Eric is resubmitting for board appointment
- Administration - (Michelle-FullScope)
 - Plan to follow 2022-23 conference planning schedule with the initial meeting in September to lock down a theme and Save the Date
 - Will send Erich open dates to join the Billings venue tour before the Sept retreat
 - Jeff and Michelle will meet about archiving SurveyMonkey/switching to Survey123 and strategic planning agenda
- Local Government SIG - (Andrew Stickney-not in attendance)
 - Andrew mentioned switching to less frequent meetings
 - Continuing work on feedback survey
 - Questions are complete
 - Provide feedback on redistricting, NG 911, asset management, planning regulations, etc.
 - Plan on distributing through SurveyMonkey since the transition to Survey123 is pending
 - Still looking for speakers and content
 - Next meeting: Thursday, August 17, 2:00 pm
- Local LiDAR SIG - (Jeff Sprock)
 - Reached out to Jessica Mitchell and Keith Weber for content
 - August 28th is only day that works for Keith
 - Topics: What is Lidar, big products, lessons learned, acquisition process, giving input on specs, contributing funding that allows spec development, out-of-box derivatives
 - Could be split in to multiple meetings

Old Board Business

- Fall MAGIP Technical Session
 - Survey with Andrew progress - No Updates
 - Gail will reach out to Rayad and Jan Cunningham to appoint a person in eastern/central MT to lead session development
 - Appointee could attend board meetings but technical session

- discussion would be a separate meeting
 - Think about who the appointee would fall under (outreach, technical workshop, etc)
- Gail will converse with Erin Fashoway at the City Manager meeting Sept 11th, 2023
 - Ideas about funding from the state or grants
 - Input from state about what small communities need
- Gail will inform board when technical session discussion can return to the agenda
- Fall Strategic Planning Retreat
 - Where: Anaconda
 - When: September 19th - 20th
 - Who: Jeffry Sprock, Mike Powell, Gail Jorgenson, Hilary Kauth, Tessa Switzer, Michelle Quinn, Mike Eidum, Nate Wold, Rob Ahl
 - Not Attending: Erich Schreier, Meghan Burns, Eric Spangenberg
 - What: Group Activity (Snowflake card SWAT analysis), Accomplishments, Work Plan, Board Meeting, Hot Topics (Climate Change), MLIAC/MGAC discussion, Breakout Sessions, Adjourn
 - Send Dietary concerns to Jeff or Michelle
- Request for Assistance Changes
 - Lowered award to \$200
 - Organizer gets reimbursed for costs
 - Request approved by President/Board and decision is added to minutes and website
 - Approval timeline is 5 days
 - Approval notice will be given with a templated statement specifying rules and expectations
 - Summary, pictures, event explanation, use of money

New Board Business

- GIS Day, Nov 15, 2023
 - Idea #1: [Map Maker Kit](#) for elementary schools in your neighborhood
 - Pros: great outreach opportunity
 - Cons: Extremely difficult to schedule external lesson plans with schools and must plan 6-10 months in advance. This doesn't leave enough time before GIS 2023, but could be implemented in 2024
 - Idea #2: State-wide coordinated effort for GIS meet-ups
 - Great social media opportunity
 - MSU had a GIS day posted on social media and our community engagement coordinator saw it and took a picture
 - Idea #3: Create a coordinated humanitarian effort with skilled GIS professionals/members
 - What: Create a coordinated effort to map assets that address climate change/natural disasters/sex trafficking on Open Street Maps
 - Ex. Mapping powerlines (fire potential, predatory birds) in a specific county or state
 - Coordinate participants to divide into two competitive teams
 - Post instructions on social media
 - If successful, this could transition into ongoing citizen science project
 - <https://www.hotosm.org/>
 - https://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Map_features
 - Where: Reserve space at your local public library with MAGIP paying for pizza. Virtual participation would also be an option.
 - Jeff will reach out to Billings library

- Could alternatively meet at a pub
 - When: November 15th, 2023 for a 2-4 hour window of time
 - Gail will put an informational document together with the help of Rob and Meghan and give an update at the retreat – documents from past events are on google drive
- Approve task force to recommend website changes (Action)
 - Task force led by Mike Powell and Meghan
 - Tasks:
 - Mentoring section links need review/rethought
 - Update content on website
 - Send email to listserv for interest in joining task force
 - Additionally, send pointed emails to people who you think are interested
 - Megan/Mike will draft an email and Jeff/Michelle will distribute it
 - Motion to approve task force to recommend website changes:
 - Motion Proposed: Eric Sprangenberg
 - Second: Gail Jorgenson
 - Passed Unanimously
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- Investment Strategies for Savings Account
 - Plan: Invest part or all of savings (\$49,585.71) into a 4.4% 5-month CD, 4.4% 11-month CD, and/or high yield American express savings account
 - Immediately invest \$25,000 in 4.4% 5-month Wells Fargo CD with a high yield account with American Express
 - Nate and Jeff will research high-yield savings accounts and plan to invest remaining \$24,585.71 with approval at next month's meeting (Action)
 - Motion to move \$25,000 into 4.4% 5-month CD at Wells Fargo and investigate high-yield savings accounts to place remaining \$24,585.71 next month:
 - Motion Proposed: Rob Ahl
 - Second: Gail Jorgenson
 - Passed Unanimously

3:40 PM – Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn:
 - Motion Proposed: Mike Powell
 - Second: Nate Wold
 - Passed Unanimously

Upcoming Calendar events

MAGIP LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIG – Thursday, August 17, 2023

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday September 19, 2023 2:00 PM (strategic planning retreat)

BOARD STRATEGIC PLANNING – September 19-20 (The Forge, Anaconda)

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday October 17, 2023 2:00 PM (Phone in)