

MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 19, 2023, 2:00 PM

Meetings are being recorded

Previous meeting recordings are available at: <https://www.youtube.com/MAGIPMT>

Start Time: 2:00 PM

Board Members Present:

Jeff Sprock	Nate Wold	Michelle Quinn (Full Scope)
Mike Powell	Tessa Switzer	Alicia (Full Scope)
Gail Jorgenson	Rob Ahl	
Hilary Kauth	Mike Eidum	

General Board Business:

- Approval of [August 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
 - Motion to pass August board minutes:
 - Motion Proposed: Nate Wold
 - Second: Mike Powell
 - Passed Unanimously

Reports:

- Local Government SIG - (Andrew Stickney-absent)
 - Fifteen responses from last month's Interest Survey showing high satisfaction
 - Board suggest meeting quarterly instead of monthly due to lack of content/participation
 - Content Ideas:
 - Have attendees participate and bring content
 - MSL presentation: addressing, grants, data standards
 - Ask SIG attendees for ideas/proposals for data needs that could be acquired during the mapathon event at the upcoming meeting
- Lidar SIG - (Jeff Sprock)
 - Last meeting presented by Keith Webber and Jessica Mitchell and was well attended with 50 people and ample engagement
 - Recording has not yet been posted
 - Content Ideas:
 - Next Meeting: Using DTM, DEM, and LAS files
 - Future Meetings:
 - Email all attendees and ask if anyone wants to spearhead a discussion
 - Billings is acquiring Lidar for the first time in January
 - Discuss how the city might proceed with wide-scale distribution
 - Run a demonstration
- Treasurer's Report - (Nate Wold)
 - August membership revenue: \$200
 - Paid Full Scope invoice
 - Savings: \$24,590.05
 - Checkings: \$3,746.91
 - Deposited \$25,000 into a CD that matures January 28, 2024
- Scholarships and Grants Committee - (Rob Ahl)

- Coordinating invasive weed mapping project
 - Remote sensing plant recognition is increasingly difficult during fall after spring-blooming season
- Spoke with Seeley educator about applying for grant opportunities
- There is currently an account for any school in Montana to obtain free Esri software which falls under the [ConnectED Initiative](#)
 - Jeff will email Jan Cunningham about account regulations, limitations, and specifics and also approach this discussion during meeting next Tuesday
- Release a training video on how to access and utilize Esri licenses before GIS Day. Task was not assigned to anyone specific.
- Member Development Committee - (Mike Eidum)
 - Start to form relationships with non-GIS users by engaging at conferences and inviting interested parties to GeoCon
 - [MAP](#) – Montana Association of Planners
 - September 19 – 21 2023, Butte
 - [MACO](#) – Montana Association of Counties
 - September 24 – 27 2023, Butte
 - [Montana League of Cities and Towns](#)
 - October 11-13 2023, Helena
 - [MARLS](#) – Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors
 - March 20-22 2024, Butte
 - Develop an official protocol about MAGIP representation at outside conferences and events (Action)
 - Amendment to policy or by-laws: ‘A president or president’s designee will attend events’
 - Current President is the primary attendee with the option to designate an alternative board member
 - Secondary attendee can be a board member within the vicinity of the conference
 - Add line-item to treasurer’s budget for board members attending local conferences and representing MAGIP at booths
 - Mike E. will reach out to other organizations to gauge interest in a GIS technical session
 - Could we utilize MLIAC grant funds to cover travel and per-diem for technical sessions?
 - Could we charge for technical sessions and recuperate costs of travel and attendance?
 - This could be great outreach for counties to learn ArcGIS and opportunities with MLIAC
 - If there is interest, we could alternatively facilitate an Esri training at these conferences
 - Gail will broach this subject in her upcoming meeting with Jan Cunningham and Rayad
- Conference Committee - (Erich Schreier-absent)
 - Priority for committee is to schedule a planning meeting ASAP
 - Eric, Michelle, Jeff and Mike toured the Billings venue Sept. 18th
 - 4-5 rooms available for workshops

- Dedicated vendor room
- 2 ballrooms will hold 25 vendors and can merge into one room during lunches
- Downtown location is ideal for convenience and ability to walk to restaurants
- The conference committee has enough volunteers
- Michelle Nedens (City of Billings-Land Management Coordinator) will run point on getting donations from vendors
- City of Billings has volunteered IT department staff to run conference errands
- Mike P. will contact/outreach to Rocky Mountain College, MSU-Billings, reservations, BIA office (Ken Bixby), BLM (Allan Armstrong), and local engineering firms to increase conference attendance/awareness
- Key-note Speaker Ideas:
 - Jack Dangermond
 - [Tim Urbaniak](#)
 - MSU-Billings instructor
 - [Laser mapping Pictograph Cave](#)
- Technical Committee - (Tessa Switzer)
 - Developing workshop committee (3-4 people)
 - Michelle sent an inquiry email
 - Reach out to Jason about who was on last year's committee
 - Curtis Dewalt wants to join committee and used to be workshop chair
 - Topic Ideas
 - Tribal content – reach out to Ken Bixby
 - Experience Builder
 - Lidar/Remote Sensing - reach out to Keith Webber and Jessica Mitchell
 - Incorporating ADA compliance – color blind, tabbing through, color brewer
 - Software on desktop
 - Invite Cole to teach session
 - PC computer hardware
 - Invite companies beyond Esri like Microsoft or dell
 - Let's build computers!
 - Power Engineer workshop on CityWorks – reach out to Carrie Harapat POWER Engineers
 - Asset management trainings
 - Collecting and hosting data in AGOL
 - Governance, data standardization, inventory management
 - Further content and conference theme ideas were generated during the hot topics portion of the retreat
- Web Subcommittee - (Meghan Burns-absent)
- MLIAC - (Eric Spangenberg-absent)
- Administration - (Michelle-Full Scope)

Old Business:

- GIS Day (Gail)

- When: Wednesday, November 15
 - Three hour event including 30 minute training
 - Schedule the Local Government SIG meeting to coincide with event
- Where:
 - Bozeman - Gail has booked library from 11 – 1 and will host lunch
 - Billings - Jeff will contact Billings library
 - Helena – Hilary will organize a venue
- Topic Ideas:
 - Missing maps
 - Humanitarian OpenStreetMap - assets
 - Each participant creates individual accounts
 - Create a polygon for designated area
 - Fort Peck state-wide trail
 - Ask the Local Government SIG for any local municipality mapping needs during September 21st meeting
 - Mapping ponds on the reservation using Lidar
 - Ask Eric Spangenberg about what Helena might need
 - Urban Forestry
 - Electrical corridors
- The board decided to forgo a contest and prizes on GIS Day in lieu of a mapping contest in January that utilizes the data collected during the mapathon
 - January mapping contest will give out monetary prizes or conference fee waiver or next year's membership waiver. Winner will also receive recognition at the conference
- Each event will apply for meetup funds to provide pizza and certificates of participation
- Megan sent information on past GIS days for mapathon
- Tasks
 - Advertise Mapathon starting October 25th
 - Put together a recorded training on how to access and utilize Esri licenses. Release this video leading up to GIS day
 - Plan out what to map and provide examples
 - Hilary will create instructional app/dashboard in October
 - Have a special meeting/phone call as information develops in October
 - [Register](#) each city event with Esri

New Business:

- Strategic Planning Overview Comments
- Reminders of Locations of the next couple of in-person Meetings

Adjourn: 4:42 pm

- Motion to adjourn:
 - Motion Proposed: Gail
 - Second: Mike
 - Passed Unanimously

Upcoming Calendar events

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIG – Thursday, September 21, 2023 (Online)

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, October 17, 2023

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SIG – Thursday, October 19, 2023 (Online)

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, November 21, 2023

MLIAC MEETING – Thursday November 16, 2023

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, December 19, 2023

BOARD MEETING – Tuesday, January 16, 2023 (In Person)