



MAGIP Web Subcommittee Meeting March 2, 2011

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MAGIP MSDI and BMSC Content Discrepancy

Lance noticed that the BMSC MSDI page shows 13 layers and 12 layers (under the drop down tab under GIS-Frameworks). The MAGIP webpage shows 14 layers. Lance sent an email to Stu and Evan noting this discrepancy, and they are working to update their pages.

Website Policies and Procedures Document

- Jason will update the FAQ page to include additional text relating to making announcements. Our current process should be considered a “best practice”, and we’d like to note this in our FAQ page. The best practice is as follows: A member should post the announcement within the “announcement” discussion forum. The member should then (if desirable) send an email via the Listserv and include a link of their new discussion forum post.

URISA Link

- Diane shared a URISA training page link to the web subcommittee, and thought the content may be beneficial to members. Links include a GIS Glossary and GIS Database Concepts. Jason will update the following link to the Training page: <http://www.urisa.org/books>

Member Only Page

The Mentoring Subcommittee would like to recommend that public relations text be added to the existing “Member Only Page.” Suggestions included thanking members for being a member, and a link/text regarding the benefits of being a member. Jason will update text on this page.

MAGIP SPAM Attack

The MAGIP site has recently been attacked by SPAM within the Discussion Forum pages. Existing administrative users to our website have deleted multiple postings as early as last week, but they continue to appear. An email was sent to Wild Apricot Support for advice, and they responded with the following:

“ It does not look like these spam comments are auto-generated. I deleted them just to see what would happen and no new ones popped up right away, so I suspect there is somebody (or some people) with nothing better to do manually doing this. The only option is to prevent the public from adding comments (allow them to read only), that way if any of your members decide to post spam you know exactly who it is.”

Administrators will make their best effort to remove these posts manually.

New Pages Created

Grants/Scholarships

Advanced Search (instructions – currently hidden)

Mentoring (multiple pages – currently hidden)

Board of Directors News

Spring Meeting

Camtasia

During the last meeting the web subcommittee spoke extensively about the Camtasia software, and some members were planning to share this information with Nate Holm during our next Technical Committee meeting. It was agreed that until the software is required, the web subcommittee (Lance specifically) can take pride in the research done so far, and work together with the Technical Committee. A Camtasia demo (and approval for the software purchase) to the BOD will be done when necessary!

Vector

No Update – Jason will contact Nat for an update and additional information

Listserv

Michael provided an update regarding Listserv research, and provided the following statistics:

- Since 2007, the average monthly cost is approximately \$1.36
- Since 2007, the average annual cost is approximately \$16.37
- Starting July 1, the charge per Listserv message will be \$.07

Other options included open source software (dada mail, etc.), but averages seemed to be near \$15.00/month, with MAGIP having to purchase and use its own server (and find a location for hosting). The results portrayed very minimal costs.

Miscellaneous:

- Lance suggested that the web subcommittee review the page locations sometime in the future. With the recent addition of multiple new web pages, he suggested that we should review and reorganize (if necessary).
- Lance also found that the existing BOD Board Decisions page is out of date. Jason will contact the existing BOD Secretary (Mindy) for decision updates since April 2010. <http://magip.org/BODdecisions>