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Attendees:

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New Mission Statement:

The MAGIP Web Subcommittee adopted the following Mission Statement:

The MAGIP Web Subcommittee is part of the MAGIP Operations and Business Committee. The Web Subcommittee will work diligently to maintain an active, current, and informative website while promoting the sharing of information throughout the MAGIP website. The Web Subcommittee will develop and implement policies and procedures, work closely with MAGIP members to provide administrative access to respective web pages, and continue to research all aspects of technology to share information and/or ideas within the MAGIP website.

New MSDI Web Page:

The MAGIP Technical Committee (Chaired by Nate Holm) has requested that the Web Subcommittee approve the creation of new MSDI Web pages to further promote their importance within the MAGIP community. Nate has requested that an MSDI Framework page be created, as well as subsequent theme layer pages. The Web Subcommittee agreed to create an overall MSDI page (to include links to the Base Map Service Center's MSDI Framework layer pages), but thought that creating subsequent layer pages and content were unnecessary. Links to MSDI information should be directed to the Base Map Service Center MSDI pages. In a follow up email to all members, Jason added the following content:

"...Technical Committee would like to create a separate page for each Framework layer is the potential to add a discussion forum for each layer. Implementing a forum for each framework layer would allow for greater communication within our GIS community and each framework (as well as provide a location for archived discussions). Each page could also include reasons for using each layer, and **examples** of situations where these layers should be utilized (this will help to further promote each MSDI layer). Perhaps these suggestions can be implemented and represented within the BMSC website?"

Future Vector Ideas:

Erin and Jason met with Nat (just joined our Web Subcommittee) regarding the future of the Vector newsletter. We discussed the possibility of making the Vector page a news and information page, which would reference our existing "Announcements" discussion forum (rename discussion forum from "Announcements" to "News and Announcements). The new Vector page would include a reference to only the "Announcement" discussion. A screenshot was provided to members prior to our meeting.

Members decided that our existing "What's New" heading and content should remain on our home page, and that these items should be "article-based" (PDF). Lance suggested that we look into creating a "Submit News" link on the left hand side of our home page, which would subsequently open an online form for submittal. This form would be accessible by the Web Subcommittee Chair, who would be

responsible for posting this item. A “News Archive” link/page would be created for an archived news location. Lee will research our ability to create/utilize an online form for the following:

- * What’s New (front page)
- * MAGIP Request for assistance
- * Abstract Submission

Front Page Layout:

Jason provided example screenshots for our future home page (prior to our meeting). Members agreed that the content that is currently available on our website should remain visible in the future, but did not decide on a future layout.

- * What’s New (limit to 5)
- * From the Board
- * Upcoming Events (no limit – keep all events active and viewable)
- * Recent Forum Activity (limit to 4)

Policies and Procedures:

Members discussed prioritizing the Policies and Procedures document for our website, and decided that a style guide will be created first. Jason will begin working on this document. Members agreed that the following should be included in this guide:

- * Give people ability to choose 5 art text, stay away from certain colors
- * Keep consistent (refer to Lee’s already created document – “Rules for Editing the MAGIP Web Site”)
- * Users will have ability to choose own page format

Current MAGIP Website Privileges:

Jason will send out an email to notify these members clarifying revoking reasoning (events and positions have expired, etc.):

Gerry Daumiller, Kris Larson, Tony Thatcher, Allen Armstrong, Jenny Connelley, Stuart Challender

Resume and Job Postings:

Jason provided a screenshot of the new Job Postings and Resume pages. Since members already utilize our existing “Announcements” discussion forum for posting jobs, a “Job Postings” page will be unnecessary. The new resume page was accepted by our committee, and Jason will present this page to the MAGIP Board on November 4 (Quarterly Board Meeting). Jason will ask Linda Vance (MAGIP President) to send an email to all MAGIP members to highlight this new page (another added benefit of being a MAGIP member).

Photos Page:

Jason will create a procedures document for submitting pictures online with the MAGIP Gmail account (magip.mt@gmail.com). Members also agreed that names should be included for all pictures (and linked albums) posted on our website.