



MAGIP Web Subcommittee Meeting May 19, 2011

Subcommittee Members:

Nat Carter
Lance Clampitt
Jason Danielson
Joshua Dorris
Michael Fashoway
Erin Geraghty
Lee Macholz

Former Members:

Diane Papineau

Attendees:

Jason Danielson, Michael Fashoway, Lee Macholz, Nat Carter

Website Policies and Procedures Document

Members agreed that our existing Policies and Procedures document should be posted online immediately within a member-only page. Jason will select a location, and Lee will send out an email to all administrators.

MAGIP SPAM Attack

The MAGIP site was recently been attacked by SPAM within the Discussion Forum pages. Until the attack, only non-MAGIP members could reply to a discussion post. To prevent future attacks, the web subcommittee has elected to allow members only to reply to discussion forum posts. The MAGIP site has not seen any evidence of an attack since making this update approximately 2 months ago.

Vector

Members had a general discussion as to the Vector and its future. Nat reviewed previous thoughts from a meeting with Jason and Erin, and provided a brief overview of potential ideas for the newsletter.

- Due to the organization and efficiency of our existing website, there may not be a need for a periodic “Vector” newsletter. Discussion forums and “What’s New” have been utilized for some time now.
- With at least 2 Technical Sessions/Meetings/Conferences occurring every year, both try to provide the opportunity to submit a paper/project/presentation. It’s usually been an extremely difficult process to receive these submissions – usually a very limited response. Because of this, how do we expect to receive submissions without an incentive?
- Members agreed that an annual “Vector” report should be created, printed, and mailed to all members. The report should include a “year in review” and “expectations for the following year”, as well as a “winning” article/presentation.
- Members talked about the idea of requesting submissions for a GIS article/presentation, which would then be voted on by the MAGIP community and BOD. The user submitted articles will be posted within the MAGIP site for all members to read, and then eventually voted on. A map/service would not be

allowed as a submission – strictly article-based. The winner of the article/presentation would then be provided a prize relating to a conference (ESRI, AAG, etc.) – room/board/registration? Perhaps also requiring the attendee to present?

- Jason will look to add this conversation as an agenda item for next month’s BOD meeting – essentially a general discussion about the idea, as well as the potential for a prize.
- If the idea of submitting an article/presentation is approved by the BOD, the web subcommittee will begin to work on a polices document; essentially formulating a submission form - perhaps looking at ESRI’s existing forms for article submissions to ArcUser and ArcNews:
 - Why was this article/presentation created?
 - What were the pro’s and con’s of creating this article/presentation?
 - What was the business need (if any)?
 - What was learned from this article/presentation?
 - Etc.

Listserv

Michael has requested that the web subcommittee consider the notion of eliminating “administrators” for the Listserv. Currently, Gerry D., Erin, and Michael administer the list, and Erin and Michael are hoping to be removed from the list. Michael is waiting to hear back from Gerry as to his thoughts and opinion regarding eliminating this position. If Gerry agrees, Jason will ask that this topic be added to next months’ MAGIP BOD meeting to their thoughts. If this consideration is unacceptable to the BOD, Michael will look to others for the volunteer position(s).

Miscellaneous:

- WebEx – no update. Jason will contact Erin regarding the documentations
- Lee would like to see that all passwords (to all accounts) be changes annually.
- New BOD will be elected next month, and a quick password review revealed that the following members will need admin changes to the MAGIP website:
 - Nate
 - Stephanie
 - Erin