

MAGIP 2019-2020 Accomplishments

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Introduction

MAGIP was founded to facilitate communication among GIS professionals and users in Montana, to promote education and professional development, and to advance best practices and standards in GIS data development. This document presents an overview of what the Board of Directors and its committees accomplished during the June 2019 - May 2020 Board term.

Board Members

- **Bob Cochran**, Past President, Elected, 2017-2020
- **Jenny Connelley**, President, Elected, 2018-2021
- **Michael Krueger**, Vice President 2019-2022
- **Jeremy Grotbo**, Treasurer, Elected, 2019-2021
- **Liz Juers**, Member-at-Large, Elected, 2018-2020
- **Heather Widlund**, Member-at-Large/Secretary, Elected, 2019-2021
- **Catherine Maynard**, MLIAC Representative, Appointed by MLIAC, 2019-2020 (Resigned June 2020)
- **Michael Krueger**, Professional Development Committee Chair, Appointed, 2018-2020
- **Rob Ahl**, Education Committee Chair, Appointed, 2019-2021
- **Kenny Ketner**, Technical Committee Chair, Appointed, 2019-2021
- **Steven Jay**, Member-at-Large, Appointed by the Board, 2019-2021

Subcommittee Chairs

- Meghan Burns, Web Subcommittee Chair, 2018-2020

Board of Directors

- Quarterly board meetings were held in person on [June 1, 2019](#) in Livingston, [October 8, 2019](#) in Missoula, and [January 21, 2020](#) in Bozeman. Monthly one-hour board meetings were held online through GoToMeeting on July 16, August 20, September 10, November 12, December 9,

February 11 2020, March 17, and April 14. A special meeting was held March 16. All Board meeting minutes can be found on the [MAGIP website](#).

- Published the [2018-2019 Accomplishments Report](#)
- Developed and approved an [Annual Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2020 and the 2020 Big Sky GeoCon Budget
- The MAGIP Past President oversaw a successful 2020 MAGIP Board of Directors Election
 - Vice President
 - Members-at-Large
- The Board engaged the services of Full Scope to provide administrative support and to manage the Big Sky GeoCon 2020.
- The Board proposed Bylaw and Constitution amendments which were approved by the membership in an election.
- Appointed Liz Juers and Steven Jay as Co-Chairs of the Operations & Business Committee
- Appointed Brandy Holstein as the Professional Development Committee Chair
- Appointed Kenny Ketner as the Technical Committee Chair
- Appointed Catherine Maynard as the liaison to MLIAC
- Appointed Rob Ahl as the Education Committee Chair
- Supported STEM Girls in State Government Camp Sept. 16-17 with MAGIP swag.
- Provided support for the Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup page which consists of 398 members
- Used the [Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup](#) page to advertise the following sponsored events:
 - GIS Day Meetups in Helena, Great Falls, Billings and Bozeman, November 13
 - Cartographer's Support Group Meetup on July 18 in Bozeman
 - Meet & Greet Meetup on August 6 in Missoula
- Provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: June 13, September 12, November 20, 2019
- The GIS Day Ad Hoc committee hosted its 8th Annual ArcGIS Online Map Contest and update Map Gallery
- Sent two letters in support for GISP applications for a member.
- Provided support for the MSU Earth Sciences Student Colloquium
- Updated the MAGIP Members online map December 2, 2019
 - 190 Members –152 Full, 22 Associate, 16 Students
- Approved the location of the 2021 Big Sky GeoCon GIS Conference at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula, MT. Cancelled due to COVID.

Technical Committee

- Organized the workshops offered at the 2019 Big Sky GeoCon
 - Contracted with Eric Pimpler, Geospatial Training Services to teach R and ArcGIS
 - Contracted with Greg Crutsinger to teach UAS Data Processing

Professional Development Committee

- Working on signing a contract with the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula, MT to host the 2020 Big Sky GeoCon April 6 – 10
- Published the results of the GIS Salary /Demographics Survey to the MAGIP community

Education Committee

- Selected award winners for the Van Shelhamer K-12 Education Grants
- Selected award winners for the higher education scholarships
- Provided ## student scholarships to attend the 2019 Big Sky GeoCon in Butte, MT

Operations and Business Committee

- The Web Subcommittee maintained, updated, and leveraged the MAGIP web site by creating new web pages and content throughout the site
- Created a [Board Org Chart](#) and updated the [Board Member/Committee Chair Responsibilities](#)