



# MAGIP 2022-2023 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 2022 - May 2023 Board term.

## Board Members

- **Jeff Hedstrom**, Past President, Elected, 2020-2023
- **Mike Powell**, President, Elected, 2021-2024
- **Jeff Sprock**, Vice President, Elected, 2021-2024
- **Nate Wold**, Treasurer, Elected, 2021-2023
- **Mike Eidum**, Member-at-Large/Member Development Committee Chair, Elected, 2020-2022
- **Erich Schreier**, Member-at-Large/Conference Liaison, Elected, 2020-2022
- **Aaron Vaughn**, Member-at-Large/Secretary, Elected, 2022-2023
- **Eric Spangenberg**, MLIAC Representative, Appointed by MLIAC, 2020 (Appointed December 2020)-2022
- **Rob Ahl**, Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair, Appointed, 2021-2023
- **Jason Danielson**, Technical Committee Chair, Appointed, 2021-2023

## Subcommittee Chairs

- Meghan Burns, Web Subcommittee Chair, 2020-2022

## Board of Directors

- Monthly board meetings
  - Online- July 19, 2022; Aug 16, 2022; Nov 15, 2022; Dec 13, 2022; February 21, 2023; March 21, 2023; April 18, 2023; May 16, 2023.
  - In Person- June 22, 2022 Yellowstone County Courthouse; Sept. 15, 2022, The Pollard Hotel, Red Lodge; October 18, 2022, Best Western Grantree Inn, Bozeman; January 17, 2023, DNRC Headquarters, Helena.
- Published the [2021-2022 Accomplishments report](#).
- The Board held their 11th annual board strategic planning event on September 14 – 15, 2022 in Red Lodge, MT at The Pollard Hotel.
- Developed and approved an [Annual Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2023
- The MAGIP Past President Jeff Hedstrom oversaw a successful 2023 MAGIP Board of Directors Election



- o Vice President- Gail Jorgenson, City of Bozeman
  - o Treasurer- Nate Wold, DNRC
  - o Secretary- Hilary Kauth, Department of Military Affairs
  - o Scholarship & Grants Committee Chair- Rob Ahl, USDA
  - o Member-at-Large/Technical Committee Chair- Tessa Switzer, City of Great Falls
- The Board engaged the services of Full Scope to provide administrative support and to manage the Big Sky GeoCon 2023.
- Used the [Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup](#) page to advertise the following sponsored events:
  - o GIS Meetup Tuesday, Oct. 18 5:00-6:00 pm at Ten Mile Creek Brewery in Helena, MT
  - o GIS Day Meetups, November 16 (Bozeman, Helena, Billings, Missoula)
  - o Big Sky GeoCon Meetup April 3rd (Bozeman)
- Provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: June, September, December, 2022 and April, 2023
- The GIS Day Ad Hoc committee hosted its 12<sup>th</sup> Annual ArcGIS Online Map Contest and update Map Gallery
  - o 1st place (\$100): Bobbi Johson (\$100) - Police- City of Billings, MT
  - o 2nd place (\$50): Kim Kresan and Jeff LeProwse- WET
  - o 3rd place (\$25): Jeff Sprock/Joel Griffin/ (\$50) - City of Billings, MT
- Provided support for the MSU Earth Sciences Student Colloquium at Montana State University(provided rewards).
- Jeff Hedstrom, Mike Powell, and Aaron Vaughn manned a booth and attended the MARLS conference in Great Falls on February 21st
- The Local Government SIG held 11 successful monthly meetings between October 2022 to September 2023 (with no meeting in December)
- The Board approved the new Lidar SIG. The SIG met in January and April with initial kickoff conversations to get an understanding of what the SIG should look like.
- Board Member assisted with the Earth Science Colloquium on February 21 at Montana State University
- Adjusted Membership fees and transitioned from associate memberships to organizational membership.
- Successfully advocated for MAGIP bylaw and constitution amendments
  - o Article II & Article III- Addition to a board of a Web Administrator member
  - o Article IV- Altered membership period to March 1st to the last day of February, change associate membership to organization membership
- The Board successfully advocated for passage of three GIS related bills in front of the Montana Legislature



- **SB 60: Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network**
- **HB 343: Generally revise library geospatial and natural resource information laws**
- **SB 398: Establish a Montana coordinate system for property**

#### **Technical Committee**

- Organized the workshops offered at the 2023 Big Sky GeoCon
  - Paid professional instructor led workshops by Geospatial Training Services (Eric Pimpler, David Howes & Kara Utter)

#### **Member Development Committee**

- Salary Survey Report

#### **Scholarship & Grants Committee**

- Selected two winners for the Higher Education Scholarships in 2023
  - \$1,000 scholarship to Anna Moser, graduate student in the Department of Geography, University of Montana
  - \$1,000 scholarship to Eliza Rickenbaugh, Graduate student in MSU's Earth Sciences Department, Montana State University
- K-12 Education Grant Recipients
  - Sarah Tabor and the Belgrade High School
  - Joseph Yakawich and the Sentinel High School in Missoula
  - Stacy Bateman at the DeSmet PK-8 School in Missoula

#### **Big Sky GeoCon Committee**

- Organized and hosted a successful 2023 Big Sky GeoCon in Bozeman, Montana from April 3 -6 at the Best Western Grantree
  - There were 211 in attendance (this includes speakers, sponsors, staff, etc.)
  - There were 21 Exhibitors/Sponsors
  - There were 83 Workshop attendees (some went to more than one Workshop)

