



MAGIP 2015-2016 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

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 2015 - May 2016 Board term.

Board of Directors Accomplishments

- The Board of Directors held quarterly meetings in Helena: the annual meeting on June 4, 2015, September 3, 2015, January 11, 2016, and April 8, 2016
- The Board of Directors held their sixth annual board retreat at Lubrecht on August 18-19, 2015. The board retreat allowed the board to review past accomplishments and member input to identify and prioritize MAGIP needs for the following year
- The Board of Directors published the 2016 Work Plan, and the 2014-2015 Accomplishments Report.
- MAGIP sent five letters in support for GISP applications for members
- MAGIP provided monetary support for the Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup site, MSU Earth Sciences Student Colloquium, a shared exhibitor booth at the MACo Conference, a booth at the MSU Job Fair, the Rj Zimmer Memorial, one Regional User Group Meeting (Bozeman) and one member-sponsored event. Additionally, MAGIP supported six meetups (Great Falls (2), Flathead Valley (2), Helena, Bozeman (2)).
- The Board of Directors developed and approved an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2016
- The Board of Directors, through the GIS Day Ad Hoc committee, hosted an ArcGIS Online Map Contest
- The Board of Directors updated the MAGIP Members online map
- The Board of Directors approved the transfer of the web domain to Google Domains and implemented the use of PayPal for mobile payments instead of Square and extended our contract with Wild Apricot for another two years
- The Board of Directors drafted a letter to the Governor in support of Wally Gladstone's CORS project
- MAGIP provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: September 10, 2015, November 12, 2015, March 10, 2016, and May 18, 2016
- The MAGIP Past President oversaw a successful 2016 election

Technical Committee Accomplishments

- The Technical Committee planned and hosted a successful Fall Technical Session at Fairmont Hot Springs, MT with the Montana Association of Planners from September 28 – October 2, 2015
- The Technical Committee committed to offering workshops presented by paid instructor by bringing in a professional instructor for the python course
- Created a standardized Post Event Survey

Professional Development Committee Accomplishments

- The Professional Development Committee planned and hosted a very successful Intermountain GIS Conference, co-chaired by Jeff Hedstrom and Judy Burg, in Great Falls, MT from April 4 – 7, 2016 at the Best Western Plus Heritage Inn
- The Awards Committee awarded two awards at the 2016 Intermountain Conference. The 2014 Professional Livability award was presented to Eric Spangenberg, and the 2016 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Catherine Maynard, Ph.D.
- The Conference Subcommittee set a timeline, budget, and tasks for the planning process
- Utilized a gant chart for conference planning
- Held a GISP Doctor's Office at the Intermountain Conference in Great Falls and sent out updates via the MAGIP email discussion list and posted items to the MAGIP web site

Education Committee Accomplishments

- The Education Committee facilitated the award of two \$1,000 K-12 Curriculum Grants in 2016. The 2016 recipients were Hans Bodenhammer with Bigfork Schools GIS and Science Program, and Wayne Stein with White Clay Immersion School in Fort Belknap
- The Education Committee facilitated five Higher Education Scholarships in 2015: One \$2,000 scholarship to Sierra Curtis of the University of Montana, and \$2,000 in scholarship money through RedCastle Resources, Inc. to Philip Williams and Jeremiah SunderRaj of the University of Montana and Chris Bilbrey and Michael Frothingham of Montana State University
- The Education Committee continued to support and promote the Student Ambassador Program at the University of Montana and Montana State University
- Offered Continuing Education Credits through Montana State University at the Intermountain Conference

Operations and Business Committee Accomplishments

- The Membership Subcommittee attended the MSU Career Fair where they recruited 5 new student members and subscribed 22 new students to the MAGIP email list serve.
- The Membership Subcommittee submitted their first annual MAGIP Membership Report to the BOD with the intent to submit one every year.
- The Membership Subcommittee updated the MAGIP email reminders and timing to send to lapsed members.
- The Web Subcommittee maintained, updated, and leveraged the MAGIP web site by creating new web pages, discussion forums, and new content throughout the site.