

MAGIP 2016-2017 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 2016 - May 2017 Board term.

Board of Directors Accomplishments

- The Board of Directors held quarterly meetings in Helena: the annual meeting on June 13, 2016, September 19, 2016, January 9, 2017, and April 21, 2017
- The Board of Directors held their sixth annual board strategic planning retreat at Lubrecht on September 25-26, 2016. 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 2017 Work Plan, and the 2015-2016 Accomplishments Report.
- MAGIP sent four (4) 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 booth at the MSU Career Fair, a booth at the UM Career Fair, a table at the MLA Legislative Night, and one member-sponsored event. Additionally, MAGIP supported meetups (Great Falls (1), Flathead Valley (2), Helena (4), Bozeman (3), Missoula (1), Billings (2))
- The Board of Directors developed and approved an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2017
- 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 auto renewal of Google Domains for 12 years, payment of a one-time fee to Wild Apricot for a website security certificate purchased from GoDaddy, the purchase an online version of QuickBooks, payment of up to \$500 for consulting work on the web site redesign, the proposal by UM Conference Planning Services to oversee planning of the 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference, the purchase of 5 laser pointers/remotes for use at events, and decided to host the 2019 MAGIP Conference in Butte.
- MAGIP provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: September 8, 2016, November 18, 2016, December 5, 2016, and April 20, 2017
- The MAGIP Past President oversaw a successful 2017 MAGIP Board of Directors Election



Technical Committee Accomplishments

- The Technical Committee planned and hosted the successful 2016 MAGIP Fall Conference in Billings, Montana from November 15 – 16 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
- Purchased 5 laser pointer/presentation remotes for use at events
- Updated the Standards and Best Practices page on the MAGIP web site
- The Technical Committee along with the Professional Development Committee hosted the first virtual meet-up in February 2017

Professional Development Committee Accomplishments

- The Professional Development Committee signed a contract with the Radisson Colonial Hotel in Helena, MT to host the 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference on April 16 – 19
- The Professional Development Committee worked with UM Conference Planning Services to develop a proposal to plan the 2018 Conference
- The Professional Development Committee recruited conference planning committee co-chairs: Jason Danielson and Eric Spangenberg, determined a conference theme: “More Than Maps”, and held a successful conference logo contest
- The Professional Development Committee developed a draft GIS Salary /Demographics Survey

Education Committee Accomplishments

- The Education Committee facilitated the award of two \$1,000 K-12 Curriculum Grants in 2017. The 2017 recipients were Lauren Stephens with Emily Dickinson Elementary School in Bozeman, and Laura Zanolli with Lolo Schools in Lolo
- The Education Committee facilitated four Higher Education Scholarships in 2017: One \$2,000 scholarship to John Sykes of Montana State University, and \$2,000 in scholarship money through RedCastle Resources, Inc. to Morgan Voss, Jonathan Byers, and Andrew Nemecek of the University of Montana
- The Education Committee continued to support and promote the Student Representative (formerly Ambassador) Program at the University of Montana and Montana State University
- Offered Continuing Education Credits through Montana State University at the 2016 Fall Conference
- The Education Committee made 10 student scholarships available to the 2017 Intermountain GIS Conference in West Yellowstone

Operations and Business Committee Accomplishments

- The Operations and Business Committee updated an inventory of swag items maintained on Google Drive and purchased new swag items for the Fall Conference and other MAGIP events
- The Web Subcommittee completed a redesign of the MAGIP web site adding new features and functionality including search functions and a mobile-friendly theme
- The Web Subcommittee published an updated Web Policies and Procedures document

