

MAGIP 2017-2018 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 2017 - May 2018 Board term.

Board of Directors Accomplishments

- The Annual Meeting was held on [July 10, 2017](#) in Helena.
- Quarterly board meetings were held on [October 10, 2017](#) in Bozeman, [January 8, 2018](#) in Butte, and [April 20, 2018](#) in Helena. Monthly one-hour board meetings were held online through GoToMeeting on June 8, August 14, November 13, December 11, February 12, March 19, and May 14.
- The seventh annual board strategic planning retreat at Fairmont Hot Springs on September 24-25, 2017. The board retreat allowed the board to review past accomplishments and member input to identify and prioritize MAGIP needs for the following year
- Published the [2018 Work Plan](#) and the [2016-2017 Accomplishments Report](#)
- Developed and approved an [Annual Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2018
- The MAGIP Past President oversaw a successful 2018 MAGIP Board of Directors Election
 - Vice President – Jenny Connelley
 - Members-at-Large – Liz Juers and Andrea Stanley
- Sent one letter in support for GISP applications for a member
- Used the [Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup](#) site to advertise the following sponsored events:
 - GIS Day Meetups, November 15
 - Whitefish
 - Missoula
 - Billings
 - Bozeman
 - Helena
 - Missoula GIS Meetup, December 13
 - How GIS is Changing the World, Missoula, March 8
 - Great Falls GIS Meetup, March 21
 - Humanitarian Open Street Map Mapathon, Helena, April 16
 - Big Sky GeoCon Meetup, Helena, April 16
 - Big Sky GeoCon Public Night, Helena, April 17
- Provided monetary support for the MSU Earth Sciences Student Colloquium, April 19,

- Provided a booth at the 2018 Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors Conference, February 21-22
- Provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: June 22, 2017, September 14, 2017, November 9, 2017, and April 19, 2018
- The GIS Day Ad Hoc committee hosted its 6th Annual ArcGIS Online Map Contest and update Map Gallery
- Updated the MAGIP Members online map with a new template
- Approved the Financial Reconciliation Policy developed by the MAGIP Treasurer
- Contracted with Magpie Consulting to create GIS Talking Points
- Purchased a one-year subscription to SmartSheets for conference planning
- Increased funding for Van Shelhamer K-12 Education Grants to \$4,000 and higher education scholarships to \$3,000, with \$2,000 of support from RedCastle Resources
- Development of Quick Maps webpage on the MAGIP web site listing vendors who can do maps for anyone
- Approved the proposal by UM Conference Planning Services to oversee planning of the 2019 Big Sky GeoCon GIS Conference at the Copper King Inn in Butte, MT

Technical Committee Accomplishments

- Developed and planned the workshops offered at the 2018 Big Sky GeoCon
- Researched and purchased IT Hardware for providing internet access for conferences

Professional Development Committee Accomplishments

- Signed a contract with the Copper King Inn in Butte, MT to host the 2019 Big Sky GeoCon April 1 – 4
- Sent out the GIS Salary /Demographics Survey to the MAGIP community

Education Committee Accomplishments

- Selected award winners for the Van Shelhamer K-12 Education Grants:
 - Caroline Patterson, Montana Writing Collaborative, \$1000
 - Suzie Flentie, Lewistown Junior High School, \$1000
 - Morgan Voss, University of Montana, \$1500
 - Dalene Normand, Frenchtown School, \$1500
- Selected award winners for the higher education scholarships:
 - Joe Offer, University of Montana, \$1500
 - Morgan Anderson, University of Montana, \$1500
- 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 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference
- Offered ten (10) student scholarships to attend the 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference in Helena

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 2018 Intermountain GIS Conference / Big Sky GeoCon and other MAGIP-sponsored events
- The Web Subcommittee maintained, updated, and leveraged the MAGIP web site by creating new web pages and content throughout the site.