



MAGIP 2020-2021 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 2020 - May 2021 Board term.

Board Members

- **Jenny Connelley**, Past President, Elected, 2018-2021
- **Michael Krueger**, President, Elected, 2019-2022
- **Jeff Hedstrom**, Vice President, Elected, 2020-2023
- **Jeremy Grotho**, Treasurer, Elected, 2019-2021
- **Steven Jay**, Member-at-Large/Member Development Committee Chair, Elected, 2020-2022
- **Phoebe Ferguson**, Member-at-Large/Conference Liaison, Elected, 2020-2022
- **Heather Widlund**, Member-at-Large/Secretary, Elected, 2019-2021
- **Eric Spangenberg**, MLIAC Representative, Appointed by MLIAC, 2020 (Appointed December 2020)-2022
- **Brandy Holstein**, Member Development Committee Chair, Appointed, 2019-2021 (Resigned November 2020)
- **Rob Ahl**, Scholarship and Grants Committee Chair, Appointed, 2019-2021
- **Kenny Ketner**, Technical Committee Chair, Appointed, 2019-2021

Subcommittee Chairs

- Meghan Burns, Web Subcommittee Chair, 2020-2022

Board of Directors

- Quarterly board meetings were held remotely through GoToMeeting on [June 17, 2020](#), [October 13, 2020](#), [January 19, 2021](#) and [April 20, 2021](#). Monthly one-hour board meetings were held online through GoToMeeting on July 14, August 11, 2020, September 15, 2020, November 17, 2020, December 15, 2020, February 16, 2021, March 16, 2021, and May 18, 2021. A special meeting was held on October 13, 2020. All Board meeting minutes can be found on the [MAGIP website](#).
- Published the [2019-2020 Accomplishments Report](#).
- The Board held their 9th annual board strategic planning event remotely via Zoom on September 28, 2020.



- Developed and approved an [Annual Budget](#) for Fiscal Year 2021 and the 2021 Big Sky GeoCon Budget
- The MAGIP Past President oversaw a successful 2021 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 2021.
- Appointed Brandy Holstein as the Member Development Committee Chair
- Appointed Eric Spangenberg as the liaison to MLIAC
- Appointed Phoebe Ferguson as the Big Sky GeoCon Committee Chair
- Appointed Steven Jay as the Member Development Committee Chair
- Provided support for the Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup page which consists of 417 members
- Used the [Montana GIS and Geospatial Meetup](#) page to advertise the following sponsored events:
 - Virtual GIS Day Meetup, November 18
- Provided an update to the Montana Land Information Advisory Council at their quarterly meetings: June 24, September 15, December 16, 2020 and April 6, 2021
- The GIS Day Ad Hoc committee hosted its 9th Annual ArcGIS Online Map Contest and update Map Gallery
- The Board held a Big Sky Geo Mini-Con (2 day event that had 8 presentations) that was offered for free for MAGIP members
- Updated the MAGIP Members online map December 3, 2020
 - 224 Members –157 Full, 43 Associate, 24 Students
- Provided support for the MSU Earth Sciences Student Colloquium
- Approved to commit to the first-ever virtual conference for the Big Sky GeoCon in 2021 & postponed the Big Sky GeoCon at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula to 2022

Technical Committee

- Organized the workshops offered at the 2021 Big Sky GeoCon
 - A variety of seven workshops were offered over a two day period
 - Contracted with Eric Pimpler, Geospatial Training Services to teach courses on ArcGIS Pro
 - Worked with the U.S. Census Bureau to offer a free workshop on the 2020 Census

Member Development Committee

- Developed a GIS Salary Survey and distributed it to the Montana GIS community

Scholarship & Grants Committee

- Selected two winners for the Higher Education Scholarships in 2021: \$1,000 scholarship to Christopher Hansen with the University of Montana Forestry & Conservation Program and \$1,000 scholarship to Shira Ellenson with the University of Montana Department of Geography.

Big Sky GeoCon Committee

- Planned and hosted a successful Big Sky GeoCon through a virtual platform PheedLoop.



- Recruited a conference planning committee, determined a conference theme: “Analyzing the Past, Adapting to the Present and Shaping the Future”.
- Amended the contract with the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula to host the 2022 Big Sky GeoCon on April 4-7, 2022.
- Amended the contract with the Best Western GranTree Inn in Bozeman to host the 2023 Big Sky GeoCon in April 2023.

