

MAGIP Meeting Bi-Monthly

Up until about the year 2016, the MAGIP Board of Directors held only quarter Board meetings (once every 3 months or so). What I am proposing is a slight variation of that. I propose we meet bi-monthly, with the ability to call a special meeting, if necessary, between the times we meet. This would have us meeting four times in-person (roughly quarterly) and two other times outside of those quarterly meetings. The MLIA Council meets quarterly but sometimes has to meet up to six times per year, and the council seems to do just fine with it. I think sometimes as a Board we get too bogged down in meeting monthly and oftentimes, the items on the agenda are the same. This in turn, would allow the Board and committee chairs to put more emphasis on its committee meetings where some of the discussions that we were having monthly like "GIS Best Practices" could be had within the appropriate committee meeting.

Pros of meeting less often:

- Allow for BOD members to be more productive with their own jobs instead of being bogged down in frequent monthly meeting
- More productive meetings instead of the same/similar agenda items
- The reports portion of the meeting sometimes doesn't change month to month, meeting less would likely have more productive discussions/conversations
- More emphasis could be put on our committees, this would get the membership involved in MAGIP business and often have an influence in what the BOD approves/denies
- Some necessary Board business approval such as request for assistance can be handled through survey; otherwise a special meeting could be called upon.

Cons of meeting less often:

- Lose that ability to conduct short virtually meetings between the quarterly ones, that often serve as "check-in" meetings
- Putting more emphasis on committees isn't the answer, as it's typically just Board members that are often at these meetings, and the membership over the years has been less and less involved in MAGIP business as a whole

Under this proposal, this would have us meeting January, April, June & September (**in-person**) and in March & November (**virtually**). The April meeting would be at the conference location and the September meeting would be at the strategic planning location.