MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
Friday, April 20, 2018
8:00 AM
Radisson Colonial Hotel
2301 Colonial Dr.
Helena, MT
GoToMeeting: https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222385413
Dial +1 (646) 749-3131
Access Code: 222-385-413

Attendance

Board members: Philip Davis
Curtis DeVault Brian Andersen
Jeff Hedstrom Rob Ahl
Bob Cochran Michael Krueger
Leslie Zolman Jenny Connelley
Jessie Fernandes Gerry Daumiller

Guests:
Michael Sweet
Jen Haas
Meghan Burns

Committee Reports

Web Subcommittee (Meghan Burns)
- Will work to move conference stuff back to MAGIP website for archival
- Committee meeting will occur soon

Education Committee – (Rob Ahl)
- Will get grant and scholarship award recipients listed on website
- Recipients will receive an official letter
- Funders will receive letter of appreciation
- Membership direct connections were instrumental in receiving applications
- Will work w/ Jessie to transfer funds to students and grant recipients

Professional Development Committee (Jeff Hedstrom)
- Next committee meeting will be on May 12th
- Will talk to Jason Daniels and Eric Spanenburg to get their feedback on conference planning timeline and will amend if necessary
- Planning Committee met 3 times in March
- Last Great Falls meetup was successful
- Conference awards from Geographic Location International were very nice

Technical Committee (Curtis DeVault)
- Will take a break for a while, but will hold a meeting soon

Business and Operations Committee (Jenny Connelley)
• Suggested at future conferences to allow for time for special group meetings
• Hasn’t had a meeting lately
• Michael Krueger:
  o MAGIP LinkedIn page is now available
  o Facebook and Twitter are now linked so posts will occur in both places at the same time
  o Still investigating using a calendar to organize social media posts
  o Will do a call for new members to join the Membership Subcommittee

**Treasurer’s Report (Jessie Fernandes)**
• Emailed SOA to Board – not many transactions/results from conference yet
• Overall, $11.5k in expenses so far in 2018 = (6700.00) revenue
• Brian Andersen: reminder that we are here to serve and give back to the members and the community and not to make money, necessarily, on each conference
• Doesn’t include conference income
• There was an issue with the State Library check not clearing, but that will be fixed soon
• Students have cashed their travel checks, and even some poster winners have already cashed their award checks
• Final conference numbers should be in by next meeting in May
• Jessie is done with her term in June, but is willing to continue being Treasurer
• Will have to check by-laws to see if this is possible
• Eric Spanenburg donated his award check back to the Education Fund, so Jessie will amend the budget for the Education fund

**Other Conversations:**

**Integration of surveyors w/ GIS community**
• Lots of interest lately
• GISCI is forming a subcommittee to investigate this integration

**Possible UAV event at Big Sky GeoCon 2019 in Butte**
• Will focus on UAV tech – Michael Sweet and Valentin Hoffman
• Rob met a volunteer to lead this UAV interest group and Rob will help facilitate
• Ground control is integral and database creation of existing ground control would be beneficial

**Quick Maps proposal from MT State Library**
• Gerry Daumiller: we should require vendors on the list to be a registered business in MT
• Michael Sweet: could flag those entities who are involved in MAGIP as an incentive to be involved
• Meghan Burns says the burden of creating a list on the webpage would be very small
• Gerry will create a formal proposal and present at next meeting

**New Business**
MLIAC April 19 meeting report (Leslie Zolman)
• Hired PR firm Bannock Communications to promote MSL programs and public libraries
• MLIAC funding was discussed
• Funding of 250k for grants
• FY 2017/18 grants
• 2017 NAIP imagery – holes in it still due to smoke from last summer but will fly again this summer and will have patched in by Jan 2019
• USDA is going to start making the data avail via subscription model
• DNRC got $10 mil from FEMA for flood mapping using lidar
• Goal of 2022 date for 2m statewide DEM
• Land use vs. land cover distinction
• Geo-enabled elections
• Wally Gladstone presented on areas where they are installing CORS stations to make a statewide network of sub-cm accuracy available as a subscription service
• 2017/18 submitted grants were discussed and score/suggestions were presented
• MLIAC voted and now goes to the State Library Commission for ratification
• People who took the grant-writing workshop submitted the best grants
• It was discussed to take the grant workshop to other locations in the future

Montana Summit results
• Held Thursday afternoon
• Michael Sweet: the topic is challenging (how to explain what GIS is, to bosses or funders)
• There was a consensus that it was not actually a summit, but rather it was another presentation; maybe it should have been renamed to something more appropriate
• Meghan Burns: using a story map may be a great way to convey the results of the stories project

Big Sky GeoCon wrap-up
• MAGIP Election status (nominations close April 20)
• Nomination period closed today – should we extend the deadline?
• Rob Ahl: send a reminder email on Monday and extend until Friday
• Brian Andersen will send an email on Monday
• Everyone who was talking to someone about joining the Board will reach out via email on Monday to encourage again
• New members will have to be present beginning at July meeting

Approval of Copper King Contract for 2019 GeoCon
• They amended the contract to remove penalties of not filling rooms
• Removed stipulation of service fee if not using the Rib and Chop house for our food and instead bringing in an outside caterer
• CPS can review the contract for it

CPS Discussion
• They or people like them can do future contract negotiations
• Waiting for results of the end-of-conference survey from attendees
• Will put off more discussion until next meeting
• Brian Andersen: Jason Daniels was thoroughly impressed with them and would hire them again
• Main complaint is having the registration be on UM website instead of MAGIP website
• Can be negotiated prior to next contract with them

Conference discussion
• Attendance was lower than expected possibly due to state budget cuts
• Timing of sessions/talks was good
• Options of different tracks was adequate
• Format was good overall
• May need to reduce workshop offerings because of low attendance
• Possibly too many workshops at the same time (5)
• Lunch on the second day felt rushed because of overlap with MLIAC meeting
- It was suggested to hold the MLIAC meeting on Friday of the conference week because of conflicts with sessions on Thursday afternoon which resulted in low attendance
- Public night went well, good attendance
- Technology had issues, mainly with State Library computers not having Power Point installed and aspect ratio of projectors not lining up with aspect ratio of computer
- Internet was great in comparison to past conferences
- Renting laptops from CPS next time may be a good idea
- Jen Haas: has a planning background and she was impressed w/ CPS; technology issues can be addressed by looking at how other conferences handle it; timing of conference was good from students’ perspective
- Jeremy Groppo lives in Butte and is interested in helping with next year’s conference
- Brian Andersen and Michael Sweet volunteered to help plan the next conference

**Review of Upcoming Calendar events**

- **MLIAC**
  - June 14, 2018
  - September 13, 2018
  - November 15, 2018

- **Board of Directors meetings**
  - May 14, 2018 - GoToMeeting – 1 hour
  - June 11, 2018 - GoToMeeting – 1 hour

- **2019 Big Sky GeoCon**
  - April 1-4, 2019 - Butte, Montana Copper King Inn