

## MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, April 20, 2018

8:00 AM

Radisson Colonial Hotel

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Helena, MT

GoToMeeting: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/222385413>

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### **Attendance**

#### Board members:

Curtis DeVault

Jeff Hedstrom

Bob Cochran

Leslie Zolman

Jessie Fernandes

Philip Davis

Brian Andersen

Rob Ahl

Michael Krueger

Jenny Connelley

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:
  - MAGIP LinkedIn page is now available
  - Facebook and Twitter are now linked so posts will occur in both places at the same time
  - Still investigating using a calendar to organize social media posts
  - 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