

# MAGIP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Nov 16, 2021, 2:00-3:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87954716353>

Meeting Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I3gyXDeLPFg>

**Meeting opened 2:04 PM**

Attendees:

***Board Members:***

Jeff Hedstrom (chair)

Jason Danielson

Mike Powell

Eric Spangenberg

Steven Jay

Rob Ahl

Phoebe Ferguson

***Guests:***

Brian Shaw

Michelle Quinn

Meghan Burns

Jenny Connelley

**Decision to approve Oct 19, 2021 MAGIP BOD minutes was posed by Jeff, Mike Powell made a motion to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Jay. Passed unanimously.**

**New Business**

[MAGIP Work Plan](#) document was finalized in October and Jeff asked for a motion to approve said document.

**Motion to approve 2021-2022 MAGIP Work Plan by Mike Powell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steven Jay. Passed Unanimously.**

Mike Powell inquired about the Helena location of the in-person BOD conference in January. Jeff and Jason confirmed the location will be at the Lewis and Clark City/County building and the county will offer parking validation.

The topic of discussion moved toward the MAGIP Conference hotel stay for attendees. Michelle said she contacted Holiday Inn in Missoula to inquire about issues concerning the hypothetical event of low number turn-out or in-person cancellation and was given an addendum by the hotel that detailed a contingency plan that allowed a contract adjustment or cancellation option that would need to be signed by the end of November (current month). She went on to explain that any reduction of attendee hotel room stays would result in less meeting space according to the Holiday Inn contact.

Michelle says that currently MAGIP needs to fill at least 90% of room commitment, which would be 54 rooms.

A survey to gauge room attendance among MAGIP membership will be sent through Survey Monkey. Decision on whether to lower the number of blocked rooms was tabled until further notice.

In regards to the Wells Fargo account signer changes, Michelle said, according to Wells Fargo, adding a signer is a decision made by the Key Executive (currently Nate Wold). She explained that adding a signer requires the Key Executive to be there to sign off on adding the new signer – an easier process than changing/adding a Key Executive. She suggested to add verbiage as to what the Key Executive and signer's role would be.

Michelle was suggested to fill the role as signer by board members Jeff Hedstrom and Jason Danielson.

**Motion to approve Michelle Quinn as MAGIP Wells Fargo bank account co-signer by Jason Danielson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Powell. Passed unanimously.**

GIS Day celebration was held in various cities with the City of Billings holding an in-person meetup on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>.

\*On Nov. 17, the City of Billings GIS requested MAGIP funding assistance to help support the GIS Day meet-up at Tiny's Tavern for \$250. A vote was conducted and posted to the Magip.org Board Discussion Forum.

**Board decision to approved Request for Assistance #70 (Billings GIS Day Event). The vote tally was in favor 8-0.**

**Treasurer's Report (Jeff filling in and delivering update via email from Nate Wold)**

- Banking activity: Nate, now recognized as Key Executive by Wells Fargo, was able to issues payments for website renewal (Wild Apricot) and Full Scope monthly payment.
- These payments are recorded in QuickBooks.

**Scholarships and Grants**

- Education Committee decided on \$1,500 on Education Grants and \$1,500 for scholarships, two of each.
- Announcements for grant and scholarship opportunities through MAGIP will be sent at the beginning of spring semester (beginning of January).
- Rob said for the K-12 grant for this year he will contact last grant applicant from last year to see about revising their previous proposal for a potential acceptance.

- Rob proposed left-over annual unclaimed grant money for the K-12 fund could be kept to create a larger incentive the following year to increase the incentive. Rob explained the difficulty for schools implementing a GIS training is time and staff commitment and that local clubs occasionally take on the task. Jenny suggested putting the word out through the Montana Education Association (MEA).

### **Member Development Committee**

- Salary Survey report was discussed in-meeting with Jeff Hedstrom, Michael Krueger, Aaron Vaughn and Steve Jay where each allocated time to write details for each section in an attempt to create a first draft.
- Tommy Luksha took on the role of Local Government Special Interest Group Chair.

### **Conference Committee**

- Phoebe said that a conference theme was decided on for the upcoming 2022 Geocon: 'Better Together'.
- Also, Keynote announcement will be moved to Tuesday afternoon to incentivize early attendance.
- Keynote speakers suggested are Robert Rivers and Fernanda Menna Barreto Krum of 'Imagine Nation Brewing' and Eric Siegfried, founder of 'OnX'.

### **Technical Committee**

- Initial proposed MAGIP conference workshops include those conducted by past teachers: Eric Pimpler from Geospatial Solutions and Christian Hinderman from the State Dept of Revenue (SQL training). More contacts are being checked for additional workshop options.

### **Web Subcommittee (Meagan not available)**

#### **MLIAC**

- MLIAC working on off-cycle grant training.
- Public meeting set for discussion on Land Information Plan.
- Eric says there are new faces at the meetings with the several new council members.

#### **Administration**

- Update: MAGIP 12 new memberships \*Michelle had to leave for another meeting.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Steve Jay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Powell. Passed unanimously.**

**Future Meetings:**

**MAGIP Board of Directors meetings -- 3rd Tuesday each month**

- **BOARD MEETING** – Dec 21, 2021 2:00-3:00 PM (Phone in)
- [MLIAC Meeting](#) – Nov 18, 2021 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM