

# MAGIP Professional Development Committee Minutes

January 25, 2018 - 3pm

Start 3:01pm

Attendees: Jeff Hedstrom, Eric Spangenberg, Meghan Burns, Jason Danielson, Leslie Zolman, Jenny Connelley

## 1. **The Future of the Awards**

Jeff had gathered a couple ideas from Meghan and Curtis, that we could do several different things with the awards. (1) Leave them as every other year awards and not hand out awards the 'odd year' of the conference. (2) We could split up the awards and hand one out each year. (3) We could create an award during the 'odd year' in which the Board selects a "Member of the Year" award recipient.

- a. Committee responses were: most agreed that the awards should not be offered every year, as it would devalue the award being received. And at some point you'd run out of good candidates to receive the award, further devaluing the awards.
- b. Leslie pointed out, that splitting the awards up would only create just as much work for the Professional Development Chair, as it would having them every other year.
- c. Committee seems to be favoring option 1 of having the awards handed out every 'even year' under what currently exist and we will not go to the board with a proposal.

## 2. **2 year planning cycle task (update)**

- a. Jeff provided an update that the Board approved the purchase of Smartsheet (a software we looked at in November last time meeting)
- b. Jeff was going to make it a task before his term was up to complete the new timeline in the software

## 3. **Nomination of a new Professional Development Chair**

- a. Unfortunately my term is up and I am not in a situation to renew my position
- b. Welcoming any suggestions of people to approach or someone on the committee

## 4. **Salary Survey Update**

Jeff provided a quick update on the progress of the survey. He said there were 110+ survey participants and he expects more. He was going to send out a reminder a week before it closes.

## 5. **2019 Big Sky GeoCon Location**

Jeff announced that the board has yet to confirm that the location of the next conference will be in Butte. Leslie did chime in and said we were having issues working terms out with the hotel. The conference facility fee and the room block is to be worked out with the hotel before signing a contract. Jeff said he was going to look into other locations, such as the Holiday Inn Downtown in Missoula as a comparison.

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## 6. Committee Comment

- Leslie suggested to Jeff to send out a reminder for Award nominations. Jeff has said there has been no nominations submitted but mentioned it was still early.
- The committee talked about the Summit since Eric and Jason were present. Talked about the timing of having the salary survey being presented either at the Thursday luncheon or at the Summit, the committee thought it would be best to present it at the summit.
- Michael Kruger was proposing that the board or his membership committee present something about the membership figures at the luncheon and that hasn't been done in quite some time to the entire audience.
- Jeff talked about creating some sort of conference evaluation matrix, evaluation the conference planning service post-conference. Jason said that they do plan on doing some sort of eval. against the CPS.

## 7. Next Meeting, March 22, 2018

End: 3:40 pm

