



MAGIC
Memphis Area Geographic Information Council
Board Meeting: 2/20/2013
Location: Benjamin L. Hooks Central Library
Time: 3:00 PM
Prepared by Matt Hanks

MINUTES

Board members present:

Lauren Bryant, Marie Holyfield, Sam Russell, Justin Abart, Matt Hanks, Tom Lawrence, Josh Thompson, Timothy Zimmer, Shawn Anderson, Cori Holloway, Andrew McColgan, and Rick Wery

Non-Board guests: Carlton Ray

The meeting was called to order at 3:08 pm by President Andrew McColgan with a quorum.

Approval of 1/16/2013 Board Meeting Minutes

A motion was presented by Sam Russell and seconded by Marie Holyfield to approve the 1/16/2013 board meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

Additions and Deletions to the 2/20/2013 Agenda

A motion was presented by Justin Abart to add a discussion on the Memphis Python Users Group (MEMpy). The motion was seconded by Matt Hanks and was approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Current Balance is \$10,059.83.
- Timothy will contact Atlantic Group about its additional \$200 payment owed from the 2012 Conference.
- Tax-exempt forms were passed out to those board members who wanted one.

Committee Reports

Communication and Public Relations – President's letter and new board member info needs to be submitted to Rick to be included on the website. A tutorial on how to post to the MAGIC blog will be conducted at a future meeting. Anyone wanting to be a Facebook Admin needs to let Matt know and he can add new admins. Justin created a Twitter account (@gismemphis) and a LinkedIn account (Memphis Area Geographic Information Council).

Membership Development – 34 current members

Training & Education – no report

Nominations – no report

Conference – TNGIC has expressed interest in Memphis for its March 2014 conference. MAGIC intends to support the TNGIC West Tennessee workshop in Jackson, TN in 2013. Potential MAGIC 2013 conference dates are November 21st & 22nd (first choice) and November 14th & 15th (second choice). Andrew will get with Tehrian on potential venues for the 2013 MAGIC Conference.

Old Business

2013 Meeting Dates and Locations: 2013 Meeting Dates have been set, and Matt will put these on the MAGIC calendar.

Conference Survey for 2012: MAGIC will not conduct a 2012 Conference Survey at this point.

T-Shirts Discussion: Shawn provided a MAGIC shirt order form. There are 4 possibilities and prices. Forms need to be sent to Seth Reeves with MidSouth Solutions. A deadline will be set for orders to be submitted.

2013 Goals Discussion: The Board brainstormed 1, 3, & 5 year goals. These are some of the goals that were discussed. More goals will be developed and fine-tuned.

Education: Put survey on the website regarding GIS training; Conduct two trainings per year; Develop scenario training; GISP presentation (mid-year); ArcGIS 10 classes (GEO Project)

Scholarships: Increase the number of awards or amount of scholarship; Provide grants for educators

Presentations/Outreach: Outreach to K-12, 4-H, & non-profits; Provide a list of agencies to GIS users where they can obtain data; Support the West Tennessee Workshop (TNGIC)

Membership: Continue to find ways to increase membership; Get involvement from Arkansas State

Conference: Get sponsor packet out early (March/April)

Grants: Research grant opportunities for possible GIS equipment

New Business

Website Updates/Revamp: Carlton Ray (Shelby County Emergency Communications District) was on hand to discuss designing a new MAGIC website with a more visual front-end. This website would handle online membership, training, and conference registrations. RegOnline vs Eventbrite will be examined and compared. PayPal will also be considered. The Communications Committee will look into these options and report back to the Board.

Python Users Group: Justin attended an informal meeting of Python users in Memphis known as MEMpy. He met a guy named Brad Montgomery who is the co-founder of this organization. It was discussed that MAGIC could present at one of the MEMpy meetings and vice versa. Carlton spoke on his positive experience with the group and stated that they use more open-source GIS products than ESRI products.

Marie Holyfield made a motion to adjourn and Sam Russell seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM.