



Memphis Area Geographic Information Council (MAGIC)

Board Meeting: 4/24/2014
Location: TNGIC Conference Memphis Hilton Hotel
Time: 1:30 PM
Prepared by Sam Russell

MINUTES

Board members present:

Rick Wery, Timothy Zimmer, Nate Ron-Ferguson, Matt Hanks, Keith Reasons, Zinnia Ron-Ferguson, Carlton Ray, Arnisa Davis, Harrison Witt, Scott Trapolino, Lindsay Barrios, Justin Abart, Sam Russell, Andrew McColgan, Shawn Anderson, Lauren Bryant, Marie Holyfield, and Tom Lawrence.

Absent were: Josh Thompson (although Josh was present at most of the conference), Miranda Carson, Cori Holloway, & Tehrian Martin

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by President Justin Abart with a quorum. There were approximately 8-10 non-Board MAGIC members in attendance to hear what was going on with the Board.

Because of the Conference format this meeting was to be a shortened version with few reports and more announcements... there's about 30 minutes before more sessions.

Justin thanked everyone for being at the TNGIC conference. Attendance had surpassed all expectations of the TNGIC Board and there were over 225 people registered...over 100 from west Tennessee. The meeting was being acknowledged as a tremendous success.

Since the last Board meeting, the Venue Committee, made up of Justin Abart, Lindsay Barrios, Arnisa Davis, Matt Hanks, Tehrian Martin, and Andrew McColgan, considered several sites that the Board had been discussing for the 2014 MAGIC Conference and on April 14th, made a recommendation and motion to hold the conference at the Kroc Center. An email vote was conducted and the motion passed with a majority of yes votes (at least 17) and one abstention. After the vote and in the process of reserving the facility it was determined that the proposed dates of November 13th & 14th had a conflict ---the Kroc Center was not available on the 13th--- so the conference dates were changed to Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th and the location was locked in. The information for the Kroc Center (as provided in the Committee recommendation) was as follows:

2-day Cost: \$3,225	Accommodates 250 people seated
Catering allowed from outside with approval	Boxed Lunches are permissible
Subdivides into 4 smaller areas	Includes tables and chairs
Wi-Fi is available	Kitchen adjacent to meeting area
All audiovisual (A/V) equipment included	2 screens & 2 projectors
Plenty of parking	2.7 miles from University of Memphis
	2.6 miles from Rhodes College

It was generally agreed by those present that this was acceptable and that it would make for a good conference.

Justin reminded everyone of the MapInfo Conference June 11-13th at the Peabody Hotel. The conference organizers have told Justin that MAGIC could have a free booth in the Exhibit hall. It appears that this is for the Exhibit Hall ---not general sessions---and the Exhibit hall is only open one day. Sam has volunteered to staff the booth and Justin invited any others who wanted to come to let him know.

The next Board & General meeting will be Wednesday, May 28th at the Main Memphis Library on Poplar. Scheduled to speak are Board members Miranda Carson or Harrison Witt and Jimmy Ogle, the Shelby County historian, "a walking encyclopedia of Memphis history and lore".

Justin reported that in-coming President of TNGIC Jason Duke had confirmed his availability to be our keynote speaker in November. Several others had been preliminarily approached but had large speaking fees. Shawn Anderson made a motion, seconded by Arnisa Davis, to have Jason Duke as keynote speaker at the MAGIC 2014 GIS Conference and make the theme of the conference "GIS in Tennessee". The motion was heartily endorsed because of those present hearing Jason's speaking here at TNGIC and his long history of service to GIS in the region. It passed unanimously.

Having previously expressed a strong desire to organize some less-formal social events, Justin announced plans for a MAGIC gathering/picnic for Saturday, June 21st @ Shelby Farms Pavilion. He also stated that he wanted us to have an informal "get-together" for drinks & talk in the next 2 weeks or so... and in 6-8 weeks or so to have a fun(d) raiser for the group. Zinnia is checking about MAGIC using the Chamber of Commerce Box at Autozone park for an outing at a ballgame to see the Memphis Redbirds play. More details to follow on all of these items....

There was discussion about how to give away the 5 ArcGIS home licenses that MAGIC planned to award at the conference. It was pointed out that 5 new members had signed up during the event to this point. Andrew McColgan made a motion seconded by Shawn Anderson to award the 5 ArcGIS home licenses to the five new members. The motion passed with 2 Board members abstaining.

Rick Wery made a motion to adjourn and Scott Trapolino seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.