



Memphis Area Geographic Information Council

Board Meeting: 6/10/2015
Location: Memphis Main Library
Time: 3:00 pm

Prepared by Rick Wery

Minutes Notes from MAGIC Board Meeting 6/10/2015

Board Members present: Lauren Patterson, Tom Lawrence, Carlton Ray, Scott Trapolino, Cori Holloway, Andrew McColgan, Keith Reasons, Zinnia Ron-Ferguson, Rick Wery
Members present: Melissa Rura

Meeting was called to order at 3:10PM to discuss agenda items.

No quorum established, so no motions or votes could be made. Lauren Patterson presided.

Treasurer's report was discussed with a balance of \$7503.77. Rick Wery got a message from Pictometry (Bob Eckinrod) stating payment for 2014 sponsorship was sent. No confirmation was made, so Bob was contacted. Mail was returned to sender. Will resend ASAP. \$400 balance pending.

Student Director Position available since Lily is no longer a student. The position should be filled. Board members encouraged to submit candidates. Posting on Facebook was mentioned.

4H GIS at the Botanic Gardens: Rick Wery, Amy Wery, Tyler Jones and Jessie Jones met with 4H representatives and Botanic Garden employees and volunteers to take GPS points of tree markers. The Botanic Garden staff has a database of tree data with tree numbers. These numbers will coincide with GPS point numbers gathered from the field. Tyler, Jessie, and Amy worked with the 4H/BG crew to take some points using the handheld GPS provided by Wieda Ringley (SCS 4H Coordinator). Rick set up ArcGIS with an example spreadsheet and demonstrated placement of the gathered data upon completion. Symbolizing by attributes was demonstrated (eg., species, age, height, etc.).

Future work with the group would be to educate them on how to correlate the tree database with the datapoints. A map is under development to establish polygons to index and guide visitors to desired tree species examples.

Conference Committees

- Vendor – Tom/Keith
- Agenda – Melissa/Rick
- Food - Marie
- Training/Education – Scott/Eric/Rick/Andrew/Lauren
- Development – Lauren/Melissa/Zinnia
- Scholarship – Andrew/Nate/Cori
- Grants – Andrew/Scott

Training opportunities were discussed. Brad Montgomery has offered Python conference training. CPGIS site was discussed for either an Open Street Map meet-up,

QGIS training with Scott Sampson in Mississippi will be held (free for MS govt, \$25 for others) TBA.

Tom Lawrence gave an update on MapTime for MAGIC. Our chapter name for the group will be MapTime MEM It is moving forward.

Rick Wery asked if a Keynote Speaker for the conference had been chosen. If not, he suggested Skye Perry of SSP Innovations be considered by the Board. He is a consultant working with MLGW. His company has been growing for the last eight years and was named to the Top 100 list of Gator Alums this year. He would be able to present on the current state of GIS and his view of the future landscape in application development. Rick will contact him for confirmation once we know the venue and dates.

Lauren mentioned the Botanic Gardens venue was proposed at \$800/day. We need a decision to lock in dates and prices. Email vote? Is the theme locked in as “The Utility of GIS”?

PayPal is still pending per Lauren.

Do we want to have an activities day? Discussion meandered, but Scott eventually proposed having a shrimp boil gathering at his house – date/time to be determined.

We need to establish the July meeting time. Remember that there is a joint luncheon meeting (\$15/person) with SAME. We need particulars on time/place, please.

Communications/Public Relations

Monthly Newsletter –

Mail Chimp can send up to 500 emails

First one on July 6
Need content – (Scott suggested GITA format)
Eventbrite setup
Need presale of t-shirts information
Need venue and dates

Membership -- 9 new members

Nominations – No activity.

Next meeting we need wording to change By-laws.

Adjourned at 4:25PM – Committees met briefly afterwards.