

# Northern Rockies URISA

## Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 28, 2019 8:30 am MT

*(Cascade Room Red Lion Downtowner, Boise, ID)*

### 7:35 am Call to Order

#### Administration:

- Geoff Klein, President - present
- Rob Marin, President Elect – present
- Greg Newkirk, Past President – present
- Gina Price, Secretary – present
- Kara Utter, Treasurer – present
- Dan Narsavage, Conference Chair – present
- Cole Nelson, Member at large nominee – present

#### Old Business:

- None

#### New Business:

- IGC, NR URISA, and Regional Groups Working More Effectively Together Agenda

Greg feels like this is probably not a simple combining of interests and groups. This may be an opportunity for restructuring and reasserting the URISA mission statement.

What is it you hope to accomplish? What are our activities that we do, and why do we do them? We should revisit and readdress our core mission and what we should focus on to accomplish this mission.

Rob comments that there may not be large sweeping changes, there will still be local meetings, budgets, accounts, fund raising, agendas. Each group will have their own identifying interests, but will organized under the umbrella of Northern Rockies URISA. Kara comments that we have an opportunity for cross recruitment between the groups to combat the burnout problem. We also need to be very careful with our commitment of providing funds to individual group events.

Greg comments that he would like to see us be able to continue some of our more expensive outreach educational events, but perhaps begin to charge for them.

Gina comments about the example of WA URISA's Fall Seminar held at a local school with one or two day interrelated topics.

Geoff comments that one of the problems that SWIG wants to address with the consolidation with NR URISA is the recruitment burnout. They are having difficulty finding new and replacement committee and board members.

Kara agrees with Greg's earlier comment that rebranding the combined groups might help with recruitment of new interest in expanded areas.

Rob comments that the other groups may not be open to rebranding or restructuring and losing their individual identity when combining interests.

Rob suggests that perhaps holding quarterly video conference meetings where NR URISA plays a supporting role in helping expand participation among the other individual organization.

Dan reminds us that one of the questions on the Chapter Maturity Assessment is how involved are you with your local IGC organization. This is a great opportunity to expand our support and involvement with IGC.

Rob states that one of our first steps should be to listen to what each organization's needs and wants are from this consolidation.

Greg states that he thinks each individual organization could have a fund under the NR URISA organization account to funnel their funds through.

Kara states that channeling funds for each organization individually through NR URISA's account opens up many different challenges for tracking, management, and transferability.

Geoff states that part of the challenge of recruitment is the varying degree of employer support of employee participation. IDL requires employees to participate on their own time, and attend events with their own money.

Rob suggests that perhaps that one of the standards for NR URISA's support for other organizations' events should be the requirement for continuing education credits to further the mission statement and promote participation.

Geoff states that one of our goals at the Working Together meeting should be to state that we are not interested in absorbing SWIG or other organizations. We want to clearly identify their desires of working together and their ideas on how we can facilitate that.

- Kara states that we have made a good step today by recruiting a student, Cole, as a Member at Large nominee. She asks him when he first heard about NR URISA? Cole replies that he first heard about NR URISA when his school faculty advisor told him about the conference volunteer opportunities and he filled out the application.
- Kara asks Gina to add Restructuring the membership process to Tabled Business.
- **Geoff** makes the motion to designate one of the Member at Large board positions as a Young Professional position. **Rob** seconded. Motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

## **Reports:**

- President
- President Elect
- Past President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Members at large
- Conference Planning Committee - Greg suggests for future conferences to split the Conference Chair duties among Co-Chairs. Kara also suggests Co-Event Coordinators.

**Kara** motions to adjourn the meeting. **Greg** seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

## **Tabled Business:**

Conference Call Program

- Young Professional Board Position
- Welcome email for new members
- Restructuring the membership process

## **Adjournment 8:25 am MST**

### **Next Meeting:**

- April 18, 2019 3:30 pm MST

### **Addendum:**

- Friday, March 29, 2019 email from Keith Weber about Survey Monkey renewal. ISU will no longer be using Survey Monkey, so NR URISA will need to update the payment information if we want to renew the subscription.
  - Email reply from Kara Utter offering to ask URISA International if this is another subscription service we might be able to use as an add-on through them like TelSpan.
  - Tuesday, April 2, 2019 email reply from Kara Utter stating that we will not be able to use the URISA International Survey Monkey subscription. Kara also put in an application for NR URISA to use the Non-profit ESRI program to see if we can get an aGOI and ArcGIS Desktop for free. Then we could use Survey123.
- Sunday, March 31, 2019 email from Kara Utter asking if we have a receipt template already made that she can use for sending to conference attendees

- Email reply from Dan Narsavage stating no we do not have an official receipt document.
- Monday, April 1, 2019 Email from Kara Utter requesting to add the creation of an official NR URISA receipt document to the tabled items of the board agenda
- Monday, April 1, 2019 Dan Narsavage forwarded email from SWIG. SWIG is disbanding.
- Tuesday, April 2, 2019 Email from Greg Newkirk with the new incoming board member's names:

Past President – Geoff Klein  
President – Rob Marin  
President Elect – Kade Smith  
Treasurer – Kara Utter  
Secretary – Gina Price  
Member at Large 1 – Pam Bond  
Member at Large 2 – Cole Nelson

- Tuesday, April 2, 2019 Email from Dan Narsavage stating that we need updated biographic info for Kara and Gina, and new biographic info for Pam, Cole, and Kade.
- Dan forwarded the current biographic information for Kara and Gina so that they can update it as necessary.
- Friday, April 12, 2019 Email from Greg Newkirk MAGIP is proposing to hold their 2020 conference in Missoula, MT and may be interested in doing a joint conference with NR URISA.