

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes ~ Thursday, January 9, 2020

Call To Order: 3:30 pm MST

Roll Call:

Present:

- President: Rob Marin
- President Elect: Kade Smith
- Past President: Geoff Klein
- Treasurer: Kara Utter
- Secretary: Gina Price
- Member at Large: Pam Bond
- Member at Large: Cole Nelson
- Member: Dan Narsavage
- Member: Greg Newkirk
- URISA Executive Director – Wendy Nelson
- URISA Board Member and OneURISA Action Team Member - Stephen Berry
- CDRC Chair and OneURISA Action Team Chair - Thomas Fisher
- *Absent:*

Approval of Minutes:

Rob makes a motion to approve the November board meeting minutes and interim activity, Kara seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- OneURISA presentation / Q&A
 - Tom Fisher was a member of the Chapter Advisory Board when he was part of the Ohio URISA.
 - Stephen helped draft the Unified URISA model that became the OneURISA model.
 - The new CDRC Chair will be Wayne Brewer from Carolina.
 - The 2019-2020 goals for the CDRC are:
 - Assist with the OneURISA Action Team
 - Rewrite the Chapter Leaders Manual to include member benefits
 - Write a Chapter Development Procedures document
 - OneURISA Unified Membership Model – education for GIS professionals throughout their careers, GIS-Pro, CalGIS, Leadership Academy, GIS Valuation. Advocacy for Geospatial challenges - Geospatial Data Act of 2018, Resources for GIS Professionals – Vanguard Cabinet,

Leadership Academy, GIS Certification Institute, GIS Corps, Chapter Development and Relations Council

- Currently each Chapter pays URISA International \$500.00 annually. All Board of Directors members must be URISA members. The Board of Directors must approve chapter by-laws and modifications. URISA provides liability insurance to the Chapter. The Chapter receives one free registration to GIS-Pro when the Chapter completes the Chapter Maturity Assessment.
- One URISA Chapter Affiliation empowers all members, chapter members, and International members by making them part of the same organization. Provides more value to all members as URISA members. The \$500.00 annual association fee is removed. URISA continues to provide liability insurance to the Chapter. URISA will provide one workshop annually without fee. URISA Professional Education Committee will provide online GIS training for Chapter members. URISA still provides one free GIS-Pro registration when the Chapter completes the Chapter Maturity Assessment, one ArcGIS Online account provided for the Chapter.
- All URISA Members would be required to become regional Chapter members. All Chapter members are required to become URISA members, or Chapters may invite anyone to participate in chapter events as “friends.” The Chapter must have a minimum of 10 members that are URISA members. Friends may take part in Chapter events, but are not considered URISA members, cannot vote or partake in URISA benefits. This “friends” or “mailing” list can be used to garner interest in GIS by offering education opportunities, and to collect limited funds for the Chapter.
- URISA and Chapter Membership dues will be collected by URISA and renewals will occur once a year. Chapter dues are disbursed quarterly. Membership categories must match URISA’s: Regular, Student, and Young Professional.
- OneURISA Volume Discount Benefits – Podio, Higher Logic, Sched, TrackBill, TelSpan. Possible volume discounts for Zoom, Wild Apricot, Star Chapter, or Directors and Officers insurance.
- To become an Affiliate OneURISA Chapter: Sign the affiliation agreement with the aid of the URISA on-boarding team, begin the transition to becoming fully affiliated (conflate the model by-laws with existing chapter by-laws, work to meet the requirements of a non-profit corporation with the state and IRS and obtain an EIN, set up membership protocols with URISA, have accounts created for use by the Chapter and Chapter members.)
- Rob Marin asks about the problem of the change in membership dues. NR URISA relies on the registration fees for our biennial conference as the membership dues for our main source of revenue.
 - Stephen replies that other Chapters have had to change their business model to generate revenue in different ways.
 - Tom gives the example of Ohio’s conference registration. They used to charge \$249 for conference registration. \$25 for each person went to the Chapter as membership dues. Now the same \$25 goes towards the Chapter as a “GIS Passport” and each individual receives a free educational workshop if desired.
- Rob suggests that NR URISA makes this OneURISA decision an agenda point for next month’s Board meeting.
 - Gina Price asks Tom is the NR URISA Board members can read the OneURISA affiliation agreement. Tom agrees to send this to the NR URISA Board of Directors. Stephen volunteers to review the NR URISA by-laws for adherence to OneURISA by-law requirements.

- Possible GIS Pro 2021 in our region
 - Because GIS-Pro rotates around the country, it was in New Orleans in 2019, in Baltimore in 2020, it needs to go west for 2021. Boise, Idaho is on the short list of possible locations with Salt Lake City, Denver, and Phoenix.
 - Rob suggests to Wendy that Boise would be a great location for a 2023 GIS-Pro location.

Reports:

- President – will be on vacation until January 27th. He asks Gina to forward the Chapter by-laws to Stephen Berry.
- President Elect – nothing additional to report
- Past President – nothing additional to report
- Secretary – nothing additional to report
- Treasurer – nothing additional to report
- Member at Large – nothing additional to report
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Next meeting:

Thursday, February 20, 2020 3:30 MST

Adjournment: 4:57 pm MDT

Rob makes a motion to adjourn. Gina seconds. Motion passes unanimously.

Addendum:

- Thursday, January 9, 2020 Email from Greg Newkirk stating that in 2017 we had 14 members who were also URISA International members. We should have no trouble maintaining the minimum of 10 active members that are also URISA members. There are also additional Idaho residents who are members of URISA that are not members of NR URISA. He suggests that we should consider restructuring the membership and conference registration fees.
 - Reply from Rob Marin stating that if we eliminate the NR URISA membership fee altogether it may help avoid confusion about separate chapter and OneURISA memberships.
- Friday, January 10, 2020 Email from Gina Price with attachment of proposed spelling and miscellaneous edits to the Chapter by-laws.
 - Reply from Kara Utter stating that we can only amend the by-laws with a majority vote of the active members. Then asking if the same standard applies to unintended spelling errors?
 - The NR URISA Board of Directors votes with four (4) affirmative and zero (0) negative votes to make spelling and miscellaneous edits to the Chapter by-laws that do not change the intent or meaning of the by-laws.