

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 23 February, 2012

Call to order:

Made by Dennis Hill 10:32 AM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

Roll Call:

President: Dennis Hill	(via telephone)
Vice-President: Kindra Serr	(via telephone)
Secretary: Dan Narsavage	(in person)
Treasurer: Shawn Stubbers	(via telephone beginning at 10:36)
Member at Large: Laurie Ames	(via telephone)
Member at Large: Kathy von Kienast	(absent)
Member at Large: Ed DeYoung	(via telephone)
Donna Phillips	(via telephone beginning at 10:36)
Danielle Favreau	(via telephone)
Eric Smith	(via telephone)

Approval of Previous Minutes (10:34):

- Dan Narsavage ***moved to approve the minutes of the October meeting***, seconded by Laurie Ames, ***approved unanimously by acclamation***

Webmaster update (10:35):

- Progress in transferring to Google sites from Web.com is near completion.
- Domain name transfer has hit a snag and we must find out who has the password for the DNS records.
- Several usernames & passwords have been tried unsuccessfully.
- A company by the name of "Network Solutions" is likely the domain registrant
- Donna Phillips contends that the proper contact people might be herself or Bruce Godfrey or Dan Spinosa
 - Donna will do some searching in her saved email
- Changes to the website that need to happen:
 - Mailing address must be updated on the webpage and in the membership application
 - Table of Contents looks too high on Dennis's screen
- Shawn asked when to expect to stop getting bills from Web.com
 - We will maintain our web.com subscription for another couple months until we're sure that the new site hosted with Google functions adequately

Re-missioning survey (10:43):

- Donna sent a document with many suggestions for questions to Dan that Dan should have sent to everyone. Kindra will forward it to everyone.
- Dennis would like to send out a survey before the 2012 Montana conference as a feeler.
- Kindra noted from the 2011 post-conference survey that the conferences were very important.
- Kindra will send the results of that survey.

Conference Planning Update (10:47):

- Danielle reported that the second planning meeting for the 2013 conference will be held on February 29 at 2:30 PST (3:30PM MST)
- Dan is the vendor coordinator and the ISPLS liaison
- We're about a year out
- Danielle's goal is to have a logo and flyer by the April conference in Montana

URISA Geospatial Management Competency Model (10:49):

- US Dept of Labor is working with national URISA on this
- URISA is inviting comment
- It might behoove the NR URISA Board to make comment and to pass along this news to the Geotech list for individuals to comment

Update on IGC-EC (10:51):

- Many previous meetings have been very "bumpy"
- It was a really good turnout at this last meeting, and its results were as positive as it could have been under the circumstances
- There is some confusion regarding the relationship between NR URISA and IGC-EC, and this came out of discussions regarding the North Idaho Regional Resource Center
- Bill Farnsworth initially felt that the RRCs were illegal, and that the strategic plan & business plan that Gail & IGC wrote should be brought to the state's legal team for review. This review is currently happening, so there's a possibility that some of the documents generated since the strategic & business plans may have to be amended.
- NRURISA has never specified ourselves as "only Idaho."
- Dennis noted that URISA has avoided policy setting, where that is the main business of IGC.
- Some IGC-EC members are coming up for re-election, so keep an eye out for that to vote
- Liza Fox (IGC chair) is trying to plan to host an IGC meeting in Boise, date TBD.
- Dennis asked Donna to provide a summary of the IGC EC meeting to be included with the minutes from this meeting.

Reports (11:00):

Dennis Hill, President:

- Eric is working hard on the web page

Kindra Serr, Vice President:

- Reminder for everyone to keep in mind articles for the next newsletter

Dan Narsavage, Secretary:

- Dan received an email from a consultant asking for email addresses of all conference attendees. He will reply, declining to give out that information but offering to confirm the attendance of a small number of individual clients if they send that list. Dan will also encourage this consultant to register as a vendor for the 2013 conference.
- Dennis mentioned that we will should develop a definite policy regarding these sorts of requests.

Shawn Stubbers, Treasurer:

- Taxes were sent in last month.
- Expenditures report:
 - Current reconciled balance: \$28,625.76
 - Since that reconciliation:
 - Income (\$100)
 - Expenditures (\$259.58)
 - Current balance: \$28,466.18
- Dennis asked if we should have some sort of membership drive
 - Donna said that Betty Conces should know if that has usually been done

Laurie Ames, Member at Large:

- Laurie is working on workshops for the 2013 conference, so please let her know of any good workshops.

Next Meeting:

- 22 March 2012, 9:30 AM PST (10:30 AM MST)

Motion to Adjourn (11:07):

Dan Narsavage *moved to adjourn* at 11:07 AM MST, seconded by Kindra Serr, and *passed* unanimously by acclamation