

# *Northern Rockies URISA*

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 26 April, 2012

## **Call to order:**

Made by Dennis Hill 10:35 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	(absent)
Member at Large: Laurie Ames	(via telephone)
Member at Large: Kathy von Kienast	(absent)
Member at Large: Ed DeYoung	(absent)
Donna Phillips	(absent)

## **Approval of Previous Minutes (10:35):**

- Kindra Serr **moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting**, seconded by Dan Narsavage, **approved unanimously by acclamation**

## **Remissioning (10:37):**

- Dennis and Kindra met with others at the Kalispell conference and discovered that all three organizations (MAGIP, NW Users, and URISA) are struggling with the same questions: "Are we a conference organization or are we going to try and do other things as well?"
- Dennis would like to produce a survey monkey survey in conjunction with the next NR URISA newsletter and requested more comments regarding questions to be asked.
- Kindra also needs articles for the newsletter, and the newsletter should come out around the next board meeting

## **Website update (10:40):**

- Information on credentials for the Web.com account have been found, and Eric can now update the DNS entry to point our URL (intermountaingis.org) to the Google Sites site
- Dennis will ask Eric to "pull the trigger" on that ASAP

## **NR URISA support for June SWIG (10:42):**

- Danielle suggested that this board sponsor SWIG's June meeting so that we may publicize the upcoming conference
- Dan pointed out a possible conflict of interest, that he is the chair of the SWIG steering committee

- Laurie Ames *moved that NR URISA support the SWIG with a donation of anywhere between \$75 and \$150*, seconded by Kindra Serr, *approved by roll call*:
  - *Dennis Hill: Yes*
  - *Kindra Serr: Yes*
  - *Laurie Ames: Yes*
  - *Dan Narsavage: Yes*

## Report from Kalispell conference (10:45):

- Roughly 200 attendees, not many people from Idaho,
- Dennis reported that during the meeting with representatives of NW Users & MAGIP, there was a request for liaisons between the three groups. Kindra added that the main concern was a general need for the groups to know what each other is doing to avoid duplication of effort
- Kindra has tentatively agreed to be said liaison
- Laurie indicated that she is on their mailing list so she can be an alternate to Kindra
- Mike McGuire warned about vendors breaking down in the middle of the week breaking the flow of the conference
- Mike McGuire reported that he liked the vendor setup at the NW GIS Users Conference
- Kindra noted that we should concentrate on finding interesting topics for presentations at the 2013 conference and solicit a presentation if we see someone doing something interesting

## Conference Planning Update (10:49):

- Dan reported that conference planning has gotten underway in earnest and that ISPLS is also beginning to mobilize their forces too
- A conference planning meeting was held earlier this week and heard much the same report from the 2012 conference as was just given
- Tim Fox (ISPLS) has lined up Ray Hintz (PLS, Univ Maine Dept of Engineering) as the keynote for ISPLS
  - This will mesh well with GIS, and Danielle & Dan will meet with Tim to start planning out the joint ISPLS-URISA day
- Dan is the vendor coordinator
  - Tim put Dan in contact with the ISPLS Vendor Coordinator and will meet early next week to start hashing out the fees and budgeting
  - Dan has been in contact with Molly Jackson, Vendor coordinator from 2011

## Next Meeting:

- 24 May 2012, 9:30 AM PST (10:30 AM MST)

## Motion to Adjourn (10:55):

Dan Narsavage *moved to adjourn* at 10:55 AM MST, seconded by Kindra Serr, and *passed* unanimously by acclamation