

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 01 November, 2012

Call to order:

Made by Kindra Serr 10:35 AM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

Roll Call:

Present:

President: Dennis Hill
Vice-President: Kindra Serr
Secretary: Dan Narsavage
Treasurer: Shawn Stubbers
Member at Large: Ed DeYoung
Past President: Donna Phillips
Conference Committee Chair: Danielle Favreau

Absent:

Member at Large: Laurie Ames
Member at Large: Kathy von Kienast

Approval of Previous Minutes (10:35):

- Dan Narsavage ***moved to approve the minutes of the September meeting***, seconded by Shawn Stubbers, ***approved unanimously by acclamation***

How this chapter communicates with URISA (10:42):

- Donna conducted discussions with representatives of National URISA in the last few months and summarized those discussions thusly.
- A letter was sent from National URISA to the chapters in August regarding the relationship between those organizations. There was much push-back that came out at the international URISA conference in Portland, Oregon last month.
- The gist of the letter is that:
 - URISA should be able to communicate directly with chapter members, not just members of the national organization
 - Chapters must establish definite boundaries
 - Chapters must pay an affiliation fee established by the URISA board at the beginning of each year (affiliation fee for NRURISA set at \$1721)
 - National URISA members within the boundaries of a chapter would automatically become members of that chapter

- A portion of membership fees paid to national URISA by members within a chapter will be applied toward that chapter's affiliation fee.
- Subsequent discussions with Cy yielded that the affiliation fee could conceivably be put off until NRURISA grows in membership.
- There is a great deal of push-back from many chapters
- Donna will send a synopsis of these discussions with representatives of National URISA after this meeting.
- Danielle needs conference insurance before the conference or we risk breaching our contract
- Danielle needs clarification on how membership will be handled.
 - It was determined that including two-year membership with conference registration as we've discussed will not violate our by-laws or any agreement with URISA, so conference registration can be opened.

Remissioning Statement (10:58):

- Dennis read the mission statement as compiled by Dan:

"Our mission is to provide for the professional advancement of our members through administration of objective educational forums, organization of professional conferences, and propagation of awareness of geographic initiatives and activities in Idaho and the surrounding region."
- Dan Narsavage **moved to replace the mission statement as currently contained on the NRURISA website with the mission statement just read by Dennis**, and that motion was **seconded by Kindra Serr**.
- Motion passed unanimously by acclamation

Conference planning report (11:02):

- Danielle reports that registration is ready to be opened, except for workshop registration.
- Dan will alter the website as well, and give Danielle the correct links into CVent
- Workshops are coming along
- Dennis will contact Natalie regarding ESRI's planned workshops.
- Danielle is waiting for the results of the workshop survey to decide whether Greg Babinski will teach GIS Program Management or Cartography.
- Danielle is waiting to hear from Dennis regarding the viability of a Tribal workshop
- Keith Weber is in charge of student scholarships, and Donna will contact him with info from U of I students
- Geo Alliance is on line for Family Night activities and potentially a speaker
- Two keynote speakers are nailed down for Monday
- Facilities people at Riverside Hotel have everything they need for now but we will need conference insurance by some time in January
- Conference budget is still at \$25,000, which doesn't include workshops, but workshops are expected to pay for themselves
- Shawn asked for a revenue report from the 2011 conference, and Kindra said that she would look in her records

Vice-President's Report (11:11):

- Kindra asked everyone to keep thinking of newsletter content. The next one is due out in late November.

Secretary's Report (11:12):

- On October 22, 2012, Dennis Hill moved that Article 3 of the Northern Rockies URISA by-laws be amended to contain the prose in the document attached to these minutes as Exhibit A, Dan Narsavage seconded that motion, and the subsequent roll call vote of the board was as follows:
 - Five in favor: Dan Narsavage, Kindra Serr, Laurie Ames, Shawn Stubbers, and Dennis Hill
 - Two abstentions: Ed DeYoung and Kathy von Kienast

Treasurer's Report (11:14):

- Domain registration through Network Solutions is paid through June 2015, and all services having been previously procured through Web.com are now being handled by Eric in Google Sites.
- Dennis **moved that we cancel our account with Web.com, Dan seconded**, and the motion was approved unanimously via acclamation
- Previous reconciled balance: \$27,162
- Expenses: \$355 for Telspan, annual PO Box rent, graphic design for conference, and Web.com
- Revenues: \$25 for Dan's membership
- New reconciled balance: \$26,832

Next Meeting:

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

Motion to Adjourn (11:30):

Dan Narsavage **moved to motion to adjourn** at 11:30 AM MST, seconded by Kindra Serr, and **passed** unanimously by acclamation

Exhibit A

ARTICLE III . **MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1. **Eligibility.** Any responsible individual or organization with a serious interest in the field of urban and regional information systems, in agreement with the mission of URISA, and approving of the objectives of the Chapter shall be eligible for membership in the Chapter.

Section 2. **Duration.** All paid memberships are considered valid for the period starting at the beginning of a biannual chapter conference (2 years) until the beginning of the next such conference. Membership will not be pro-rated if purchased between conferences.

Section 3. **Categories.** The categories of Chapter membership are:

Student - full or part time students enrolled in a curriculum related to geographic information systems.

Benefits: Receives newsletters, meeting notices and minutes, and is listed in the member directory. Has access to the Northern Rockies Chapter of URISA mailing list

Bi-Annual Dues: \$20.00

Individual - individuals who are affiliated with an organization related to GIS.

Benefits - Receives newsletters, meeting notices and minutes, and is listed in the member directory. Has access to the Northern Rockies Chapter of URISA mailing list. One vote in all voting matters. Can be officers or a board member of the Chapter.

Bi-Annual Dues: \$35.00

Organization – Organizations with GIS and/or those wanting professional involvement in a forum for discussions about geographic information systems.

Benefits - All Individual benefits plus:

Up to 4 representatives of the Organization can receive newsletters, meeting notices and minutes; be in the member directory; and vote in all voting matters. Up to 2 of the 4 Organization representatives can be officers or board members of Northern Rockies Chapter of URISA. Link on the chapter's website: www.intermountaingis.org to the member organization's events, and/or training

Annual Dues: \$75 and reduced vendor booth registration at the biannual chapter conference