

Northern Rockies URISA

Business Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 12 March, 2013

Call to order:

Made by Dennis Hill at 12:32 PM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

Welcome (12:32):

- Dennis extends his thanks to everyone for attending
- Dennis sends special thanks to:
 - Danielle Favreau, Conference Chair, and presented her with a gift card to PF Chang's
 - Conference Planning Committee, especially Pam Bond & Jerry Korol for organizing the best attended Public Night in memory
 - Exhibitors and Break Sponsors for their continued support

Poster Contest Awards (12:36):

- Genna Ashley, Presentations Coordinator, presented the following awards as determined by the judges:
 - 2nd Place Professional Category: Michelle Headley of 3Di West
 - 2nd Place Student Category: Matthew Belt of Idaho State Univeristy
 - 1st Place Professional Category: Yolanda Youngs of Idaho State Univeristy
 - 1st Place Student Category: Jennifer Grew of Denver University

Excellence in GIS Award (12:40):

- Dennis and Kindra Serr cooperated in presenting this year's Excellence in GIS Award to Keith Weber of Idaho State University
- Keith indicated that "no one stands alone," and wished to thank:
 - The Idaho GIS community
 - The Eastern Idaho Regional Resource Center, and
 - Most importantly his wife Soo and his son Dusty for their steadfast support
- Keith concluded with a reminder for everyone to find a "north star"--a broad goal for themselves and their organization, and to always work toward that north star.

Nomination Committee (1:00):

- Dennis reported that Ed DeYoung has accepted the nomination for President. He noted the particular appropriateness of this nomination since the next conference is likely to be in Northern Idaho, and he advised Ed to select a Vice Presidential nominee with whom he can work.
- Dennis reported that Dan Narsavage (current Secretary) and Shawn Stubbers (current Treasurer) have volunteered to remain in their positions if the voters will have them.
- Dennis reported that Donna Phillips, Kirk Becker, and Sue Parsons have accepted nominations to the three positions on the Board for Members-at-Large.

- Finally, Dennis reported that the ballot for all NR URISA members will be available soon via Survey Monkey

By-Laws Change Altering Membership Duration (1:03):

- Dennis reported that the by-laws change had passed the membership's vote and that it will now be sent to National URISA for final ratification.

Closing Thoughts (1:05):

- Dennis reported, "We are well." The conference is a success and we are continuing to thrive as a community.
- He also noted that attendance is lower than hoped, and asked the members to communicate to the Board their ideas regarding how to make our conferences more desirable.

Adjournment (1:12)