

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 29 August 2013

Call to order:

Made by Ed DeYoung at 11:05 AM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

Roll Call:

Present:

President: Ed DeYoung

Vice-President: Jennifer Grew

Secretary: Dan Narsavage

Member at Large: Susan Parsons

Absent:

Treasurer: Shawn Stubbers

Member at Large: Donna Phillips

Member at Large: Kirk Becker

Approval of Previous Minutes (11:06):

- Jennifer Grew *moved to approve the minutes of the July 2013 meeting*, seconded by Dan Narsavage, *approved unanimously by acclamation*

Transitioning to the new board (11:07):

- Ed bids welcome to everyone on the new board.
- Dan noted from the last meeting that Donna had volunteered to make new binder for the new folks. Dan asked if that had happened, or if older binders had made it to the new board members.
 - Everyone present responded in the negative
- Dan noted to Ed that Danielle Favreau had dropped the comment box for conferences off with Dan, and Dan will be sending it to Ed once transportation can be arranged

Chapter Maturity Assessment & Chapter of the Year Nomination (11:08):

- Dan reported not hearing anything since Donna sent the documents off to National
- Donna is absent so nothing to report

2015 Conference Chair Selection (11:09):

- Dan noted that when the previous board started, Danielle Favreau had already been selected as conference chair and was already working. Dan urged this board not to fall too far behind that timeline.
- Dan reported having spoken with Greg Babinski, who suggested a joint conference between WAURISA (Washington state) and NRURISA. 2015 would be the obvious time to do that since our schedule has the conference in relatively close proximity to Washington
- Dan has re-started that conversation with Greg Babinski, and the two have agreed that a conference in the Spokane/Coeur d'Alene area would be ideal for this.
- Dan also reported that Donna reported from the recent Northern Idaho RRC meeting that no one present at that meeting was willing to be conference chair.
- Ed expressed interest in a collaboration with WAURISA, and noted that his goal was to heavily involve University of Idaho.
- Ed asked about other ideas for a conference chair
- Sue asked regarding the possibility of tapping city GIS managers
- Dan noted that most of those folks have relatively recently chaired a conference and aren't particularly interested in doing it again
- Ed said that he could send an email to acquaintances in Spokane looking for conference chairs.
- Dan will continue the conversation with Greg and Ian, and will include Donna Phillips as well.
- Ed asked to be included in these conversations as well.
- Dan noted that Danielle was adamant on having a conference venue reserved a year before the conference, and that would be March 2014.
- Dan also noted that some concern has been raised regarding, in the event the conference is in Coeur d'Alene, trouble that some people may have in justifying a trip to a resort for a conference.
 - Jennifer Grew noted that there is also a Red Lion which should be large enough to host our conference
 - Dan asked if it was large enough
 - Ed and Jennifer agreed that it was, and Ed said that it may be prudent to reserve all of the hotel's conference rooms to ensure enough capacity
- Dan asked if anyone had any qualms with holding our conference outside of Idaho (Spokane)
 - No objections were raised
 - Ed noted that people flying into the area would fly into Spokane anyway
- Dan will set up a meeting with Greg, Ian, Donna and Ed

President's Report (11:24):

- Ed has nothing more to report.

Vice-President's Report (11:25):

- Jennifer Grew reported having met with Kindra and received the newsletter template from her.
- Jennifer wants to have a fall newsletter around the end of October or earliest part of November.
 - She asked about possibilities for articles in the newsletter
 - Dan pointed out that there's usually a "President's Corner"
 - Jennifer suggested mentioning the conference

- Dan cautioned against breaking the news about the joint conference since we haven't yet formally approached WAURISA

Secretary's Report (11:27):

- Dan has nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report (11:27):

- Shawn is absent.

Chapter Advisory Board Representative (11:27):

- Donna is absent.

Members at large (11:27):

- Susan has nothing to report.

Next Meeting:

- 19 Sept 2013, 9:00 AM PST (10:00 AM MST)

Motion to Adjourn (11:29):

Dan Narsavage *moved to motion to adjourn* at 11:29 AM MST, seconded by Sue Parsons, and *passed* unanimously by acclamation.