

Northern Rockies URISA

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 19 December 2013

Call to order:

Made by Ed DeYoung at 2:05 PM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

Roll Call:

Present:

President: Ed DeYoung

Secretary: Dan Narsavage

Treasurer: Shawn Stubbers

Member at Large: Donna Phillips

Absent:

Vice-President: Jennifer Grew

Member at Large: Susan Parsons

Member at Large: Kirk Becker

Approval of Previous Minutes (2:05):

- Donna Phillips ***moved to approve the minutes of the October 2013 meeting***, seconded by Shawn Stubbers, ***approved unanimously by acclamation***

Chapter Maturity Assessment & Chapter of the Year Nomination (2:07):

- Donna reports the decision for Chapter of the Year has been made but no announcement yet.

Questions regarding networking at North Idaho's GIS Users' Meeting (2:08):

- Ed reports that the Northern Idaho RRC has requested NRURISA host a group on LinkedIn
 - Dan agreed that NRURISA creating a group on LinkedIn fits with our mission for providing a forum for networking and professional development
 - Dan is unsure how to incorporate the other regional groups around the state
 - Donna noted that individuals from those groups will join the NRURISA group
 - Dan volunteered to create a LinkedIn group on behalf of NRURISA
 - Ed noted that perhaps posting short stories to LinkedIn might replace the newsletter
 - Dan Narsavage ***moved that NRURISA create and manage a LinkedIn page, and that Dan Narsavage will create it***, seconded by Donna Phillips, and ***approved by acclamation***.

- Ed also reported a desire from North Idaho to have a master list of GIS users in the state
 - Ed noted that perhaps this would be better handled on a local/regional level rather than a state level
 - Dan agreed, and noted that having a similar list would be duplication of effort
 - Ed suggested that NRURISA could consume the locally-produced lists and compile them into one master list
 - Dan suggested rather than consuming the lists from locals, NRURISA could simply maintain a list of contacts from whom those lists can be retrieved
 - Ed suggested U of I's geography department and volunteered to get in touch with them
 - Donna suggested that Betty Conces would be a good contact for Northern Idaho contact information
 - Dan asked if he should start compiling that list
 - Shawn suggested tapping our members at large, and Dan agreed; he will contact Susan Parsons regarding this compilation

Chapter Affiliation Fee Due January 2014 (2:20):

- Donna attached a draft letter from URISA and the chapter affiliation policy to the agenda for this meeting.
- The policy was adopted in 2012, and URISA has established a flat affiliation fee for \$500, due 31 January.
- URISA has set exemption criteria for this fee, but we do not meet there criteria so we will be required to pay it.
- Dan noted that the necessity for this restructuring is pretty clear. There needs to be a stronger link between URISA and the chapters; and \$500 seems a reasonable fee particularly if some of that money will be returned from members' dues and availability of URISA resources such as conference insurance and conference planning resources.
- Dan noted that this will force the issue of whether or not Montana is part of NRURISA.
 - Donna agreed, and pointed out that boundary issues are even more fuzzy than that—for instance someone in Spokane may feel more affiliated with NRURISA than with WAURISA, and similar issues are cropping up around the country.
- Shawn asked why URISA can't set up their membership so that members can choose their affiliation
- Donna also pointed out that company memberships for companies that span multiple states get even more tricky
- Shawn moved **that NRURISA authorize an expenditure of \$500 for the URISA chapter affiliation fee,** seconded by Dan Narsavage, and **approved by acclamation.**
- Donna noted that we do need to think about our borders
 - Dan asked if we should be in contact with Montana people, and Donna agreed that we should
 - Dan suggested Keith Weber must have some contacts in Western Montana
 - Ed will contact Keith regarding this matter and keep the Board apprised via email

2015 Conference Planning Report (2:33):

- Donna reported that Betty & she have been chatting & working on a survey to address questions regarding dates & venues for a conference.
- Ed expressed an interest in having a "Natural Resources" track

- Ed noted that 2015 is when Idaho is scheduled to be flown with LiDAR, so perhaps some LiDAR classes/tracks would be appropriate & well-received.
- Donna mentioned the use of drones may be another good topic
- Dan asked if anyone has heard anything from WAURISA & Oregon
 - Donna said that Washington & Oregon will work on a conference in the spring
 - Donna noted that Ian (Spokane) suggested a fall conference in Northern Idaho might minimize competition with that conference and allow people to use end-of-year dollars
 - Donna indicated this date change will be addressed in the survey being created
- Dan reported that he has compiled updated documentation for conference planning and has distributed it to a limited number of people for review
- Shawn reported that Bill Reynolds has volunteered to help with the conference, and Donna will contact him

President's Report (2:43):

- Ed asked Dan to send an email to president@intermountaingis.org to test how it has been set up for forwarding.

Vice-President's Report:

- Jennifer is absent.

Secretary's Report (2:44):

- Dan has been cleaning up the contact information on the website. The “@intermountaingis.org” emails must be set up to forward by each user.

Treasurer's Report (2:45):

- Account balance: \$30,162.34.
 - Shawn apologized for delays in his duties and he should be able to catch back up through December.

Chapter Advisory Board Representative:

- Donna has nothing more to report.

Members at large:

- No other members at large are present.

Next Meeting (2:48):

- 16 Jan 2013, 1:00 PM PST (2:00 PM MST)

Motion to Adjourn (2:50):

Dan Narsavage *moved to motion to adjourn* at 2:50 AM MST, seconded by Donna Phillips, and *passed* unanimously by acclamation.