

# *Northern Rockies URISA*

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, 16 October 2014

## **Call to order:**

Made by Ed DeYoung at 2:07 PM MST (all times MST in the rest of this document)

## **Roll Call:**

### ***Present:***

President: Ed DeYoung

Vice-President: Jennifer Gilley

Secretary: Dan Narsavage

Member at Large: Donna Phillips

Member at Large: Patricia Williams

### ***Absent:***

Treasurer: Shawn Stubbers

Member at Large: Susan Parsons

Conference Co-Chair: Betty Conces

## **Clarifying NRURISA's boundaries (2:11):**

- Ed DeYoung reports hearing about URISA making decisions affecting this effort along the lines of whether or not to allow individuals the ability to choose chapter affiliation. Donna isn't yet here to report on this.
- Dan noted that with Patricia Williams now on board we may have more contacts to grease these skids in Montana
- Ed said that he Montana contacts are working with Donna and with Wendy from National URISA
  - Patricia asked whom Ed contacted, Ed replied that he contacted the MAGIP president and vice president
- Ed reported having contacted Ian (president of WAURISA) in Spokane, but Ian isn't interested
  - Dan noted that perhaps if there's no interest from Spokane then perhaps we should drop it

## **Meeting Frequency (2:14):**

- Dan is favor of meeting every other month. He likes the idea of in-person meetings once annually, but questions the feasibility of asking board members to leave their offices for an hours-long drive. This will become an even larger issue if Montana is re-incorporated into NRURISA.
- Jennifer asked what the benefits of in-person meetings would be
  - Ed noted it would be more "official"

- Also social as well as business
- In-person meetings would help alleviate non-participation by remote participants
- Dan suggesting tabling this issue until a better turnout
- Jennifer suggested an email comment period and Dan agreed
- Ed proposed making a recommendation in favor of meeting every other month to be discussed and voted on at the next meeting

## **Newsletter (2:17):**

- Dan missed sending the newsletter and will ship it later today.
- Jennifer asked to hold off on that and she will send Dan an updated version omitting events from the past
- Jennifer asked for a new President's Corner and any other material that people would like to put into the newsletter
- Ed asked for when the next newsletter will go out. Jennifer indicated January, and she will be more aggressive in asking people for material
  - Specifically conference-related

## **Nominating Committee (2:20):**

- Ed noted that we must form a nominating committee
- Jennifer asked if it had to contain members of the board or of general membership, or a combination
- Dan indicated that in the past it was composed of board members
- Jennifer asked when our term is up.
  - Dan thinks it is July 1, and the vote should happen at the usual time which is Spring 2015.
- Dan volunteered to chair the nominating committee
- Jennifer Gilley and Patricia Williamson will also participate
- Jennifer asked Dan to write an article for the next newsletter regarding nominating committee

## **GIS-Pro Recap (2:24):**

- Donna & Betty are not present so Ed will recap
  - This is the first national URISA conference Ed has been to since the re-branding to GIS-Pro
  - Took the pre-conference workshop on the GIS capacity & maturity model: excellent—worth the conference all in itself
  - All the presentations Ed attended were well done
  - About 300 attendees
  - Fun to be in New Orleans
  - Betty's uncle recommended good restaurants
- Donna dialed in and reported:
  - Enjoyed ourselves & learned a lot
  - Had a first 2015 conference planning committee meeting

## **NRURISA booth at U of I GIS Day (2:27):**

- Ed reports planning for this is going well.
- Jennifer asked if there was a flyer that was completed
- Donna reported:
  - She sent the description of NRURISA to Bruce
  - Betty is putting together a flyer to be printed
  - Ed noted that Keith was asking for that flyer for ISU's GIS Day
- Jennifer will attend U of I as well

## **Conference Planning (2:32):**

- Donna reported having the first joint conference planning committee meeting at the GIS-Pro conference with Wendy Nelson (International URISA Executive Director and "Queen of Conferences"), Luke Boggess (conference chair for National URISA), and Bart Butterfield & Linda Davis (NWGIS officers)
- Luke was mysteriously quiet. Donna asked him about it, and he reported having trouble getting his group together.
- They will have another conference call in the next couple of weeks, and then have more monthly or every two weeks.
- Donna said our homework assignment was to find out how many members were interested in participating in the various aspects of conference planning.
  - She asked the board to email her with a list of people interested in conference planning
- Donna noted that the joint planning committee has agreed that they would like to see as much participation as possible from members of the three partner organizations, so the door is wide open in all aspects of conference planning
- Jennifer asked for an article of conference planning highlights for the newsletter
  - Donna responded affirmatively and also noted she could also generate a bulleted list of important deadlines for the conference planning
- Ed mentioned he knows several people who might be interested in helping with the conference

## **Educational Seminars (2:40):**

- Donna noted people voicing their needs for educational opportunities with no way to fill them, and noted that Ed had some ideas
- Ed says that providing workshops fits really well into our chapter's mission
- Donna had some examples of one-day seminars that might be useful to a broad audience
  - Open-source GIS
  - How to use ArcGIS Online
- Donna noted that in the past NRURISA would work with other entities to bring workshops to the area and give discounts to NRURISA members. These included URISA workshops. Donna would like to start doing these again.
- Dan noted the difficulty in getting consensus on one particular class
- Jennifer noted that the survey monkey account, and Dan noted that perhaps there's already a survey out there.
  - Jennifer will look that up after the meeting

- Jennifer & Ed noted that a less formal one- or two-hour workshop by a member of our community might be more feasible than paying to bring an instructor in.
- Donna noted that we could record video and post it on our website or LinkedIn site.
- Jennifer suggested trying pilot of a self-led seminar

### **President's Report (2:52):**

- Ed DeYoung reports IDL is transitioning to ArcGIS 10.2

### **Vice President's Report (2:52):**

- Jennifer reports that the newsletter is in Dan's hands and will go out today
- She is accepting articles for the next newsletter due for publication in January

### **Secretary's Report (2:53):**

- Dan has nothing to report

### **Members at large (2:53):**

- Patricia has nothing to report

### **Next Meeting (2:54):**

- 20 November 2014, 1:00 PM PST (2:00 PM MST)

### **Motion to Adjourn (2:55):**

Dan Narsavage ***moved to motion to adjourn*** at 2:55 PM MST, seconded by Jennifer Gilley, and ***passed*** unanimously by acclamation.