



MAGIC

Memphis Area Geographic Information Council
Board Meeting 4/16//2008
Location: Memphis Central Library, Meeting Room B
Time: 3:00 PM
Minutes prepared by Joyce Brasell, Secretary

Minutes

Board members present: Shawn Anderson, Peter Pace, Todd Graves, Rick Stieg, Glen McDaniel, Janiece Riggins, Jim Milford, Rick Wery, Kevin Bingham, Joyce Brasell.

Board members absent: Ryan Hanson, Vic Young, Nancy Thompson, Tom Lawrence, Robert Jackson.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Rick Stieg.

1. **Minutes of the 3-19-08 Board meeting were approved as corrected.** Under 'New Business,' question marks were removed and the sentence will read, 'MAGIC has been re-registered with the State of Tennessee.' Jim Milford moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Rick Wery seconded.

A sign-in Sheet was passed.

2. Treasurer's Report

Rick Stieg will check the MAGIC mail box for membership applications. There was no financial update.

3. Committee Reports

Nominations- Names of Board members ending their 3-year terms in December of 2008 will be submitted to the Board in August and to the general membership at the September meeting. The floor will be opened for nominations for five Board members to hold three-year terms beginning January 2009. Names will be presented for election at the November GIS Conference.

Conference- Since the Holiday Inn at the University of Memphis is not available for both days of the annual GIS conference tentatively scheduled on November 13 and 14, 2008, President Rick Stieg will check the availability for alternative dates. Alternate dates will be posted on the MAGIC website for the possibility of an internet vote on dates and locations.

Vic Young is the vendor coordinator. Provision of a vendor reception will be determined when the date and location of the conference is set.

There was discussion on using the Fogelman Center for EMA sessions on Thursday and serving box lunches to attendees, cost of parking which President Stieg will investigate, holding the conference for one day only, location for vendor displays, separate venues on Thursday and Friday, using PayPal or Reg-on-line for registration and payment, and topics for speakers.

Shawn Anderson distributed drafts of a brochure for Memphis Area Geographic Information Council's 8th Annual Mid-south GIS conference, a listing of vendor registration benefits and fees, a vendor registration form, and

a proposed lay-out of speaker sessions. Mr. Anderson offered to host conference registration. Rick Wery moved to accept Anderson's offer, Rick Stieg seconded, and the motion passed.

Jim Milford will work with Shawn Anderson on links to the conference registration. Kevin Bingham will help on the public side. The key-note speaker will receive complimentary room and transportation. Speakers have not been determined.

Conference attendees should have specified times to see and talk to vendors. There is a need for a vendor reception with possibly a cash bar and finger food provided by MAGIC.

Shawn Anderson proposed a vendor registration packet and will take care of printing the packets.

The platinum sponsor is offered 30 minutes to speak to the general audience.

There is a desire to hold the TNGIC conference in various locations around the state.

Communication / Public Relations- Jim Milford reported that the MAGIC structure is up and working with more out-linking and added buttons. There is still work to be done and the site needs content.

Todd Graves called for outreach to high schools. At the general meeting in May, President Stieg will ask for volunteers to go into high schools to speak to young people about GIS and career opportunities using the technology.

Membership / Development- Shawn Anderson will replace Lema Kebede on the MAGIC board until Mr. Kebede's term of office ends in December of 2009.

Janiece Riggins submitted her resignation effective immediately. She has retired as GIS analyst for the City of Germantown with 6 months remaining on her Board term. President Stieg will ask Matt Hanks from DeSoto County if he is interested in filling Riggins' term of office. President Stieg will also solicit nominations on the MAGIC website.

Rick Wery will write a motion for presentation at the May meeting of the Board and the general membership concerning extending terms for elected officers whose Board terms expire before date of elected office ends.

Training / Education- Joyce Brasell reported that Northwest Mississippi Community College will offer a Fall semester 3-hour credit course, 'Introduction to GIS,' at the NWCC DeSoto Center each Monday from 6:30 p.m.-9:15 p.m..

'Introduction to Geoprocessing Scripts using Python' is scheduled on May 15 and 16 and 'Introduction to Programming ArcObjects with Visual Basic Applications' is scheduled the week of June 2 at NWCC DeSoto Center. Both short courses are free to Mississippi government agency personnel. Others are invited to attend for the cost of the book, \$175 and \$300 respectively. There will be a link on the MAGIC site for DeSoto Center courses.

Bylaws- Rick Wery will post the MAGIC by-laws changes. Wery will write a proposal for the extension of Board member tenure for the vice-president and president elect if the 3-year Board member terms do not match dates of elected officer service.

4. Old Business

A representative for Homebase software, a graphical-based software used in facilities management, has asked to speak at the MAGIC general membership meeting on May 21. Shawn Anderson will also speak on HazUS MH.

Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Exempt Organizations has been submitted with no answer other than MAGIC is a state recognized entity.

5. **New Business**

REGIS Board meets at the Central Library.

Glen McDaniel moved to adjourn the meeting and Rick Wery seconded. The meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.