



MAGIC

Memphis Area Geographic Information Council

Board Meeting: 2/18/2009

Location: Memphis Central Library

Time: 3:00 PM

Prepared by Peter Pace

MINUTES

Board Members present: Esra Ozdenerol, Peter Pace, Rick Stieg, Rick Wery, Matt Hanks, Tom Lawrence, Jim Milford, Jim Butcher, Marie Holyfield, Randy Russell, and Kevin Bingham

Esra Ozdenerol handed out the proposed contract with Harrah's casino and Peter Pace handed out copies of the agenda and last meeting's minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Dr. Esra Ozdenerol at 3:00pm.

2. Approval of 1/21/09 Board Meeting Minutes – a motion to approve 01/21/09 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Tom Lawrence and seconded by Jim Milford and Matt Hanks.

3. Treasurer's Report – Tom Lawrence reported that last meeting he gave the final balance for 2008 prematurely. Upon a complete review, the balance was correct: \$5,319.06.

Need to complete not-for-profit application; until MAGIC gains that status we will have to pay tax. 501(c)(3) had been applied for in the past but did not qualify at the time. Tom Lawrence will investigate what it will take to qualify.

Esra Ozdenerol completed the Corporation Annual Report and Tom Lawrence wrote a check for the \$100 fee.

Tom reported that there are 30 paid memberships so far with approximately 10 students expected to join. Tom motioned that after the March 31st deadline for early membership payment that the fee increase to \$50, which will include GIS Day fees. Rick Wery seconded the motion and the motion carried.

4. Committee Reports

Conference – The proposed contract for the Tri-State GIS Conference in Tunica was scheduled for November 2009. Also, the contract due date is early March. There was confusion whether the conference is to be in 2009 or 2010. Therefore Jim Milford made a motion to reject the proposed contract and it was seconded by Jim Butcher. The motion carried. Rick Stieg pointed out that having the next MAGIC Conference in Germantown will be discussed at the next general meeting.

Communication / Public Relations – Jim Milford researched moving the public site to a commercial host: GoDaddy. There are three plans available. In brief: Economy: \$4.74 per

month with 10GB of space/ DeLuxe: \$6.64 per month with 150 GB of space / Unlimited: \$14.24 per month with unlimited space. All options come with extras such as blogs, forums and e-mail accounts.

GoDaddy will require electronic payment. To use MAGIC's debit card, the signatory needs to be updated. Jim Milford will report the details at next meeting in March.

Membership / Development – Rick Stieg volunteered to be the Committee Chair

Training / Education – It was agreed that the Northwest Mississippi Community College GIS course offerings list will be sent to the general membership via e-mail. Esra will contract Ryan Hanson and Joyce B regarding obtaining the list of members.

Nominations Committee – no report

5. Old Business

Zach Lane/ESRI will be speaking at the next general meeting and will be given the entire meeting if desired.

Upcoming regional GIS conferences were noted.

Looking for speakers for future meetings. Marie thought she may be able to persuade someone to speak on value change analyses at the assessor's office. Rick Wery volunteered to speak on Google Earth/KML.

At the next meeting, GIS panel sessions at the University of Memphis will be discussed.

6. New Business

Rick Stieg made a motion to honor our friend Jim Milford for his 28 years of GIS service. It was seconded by Peter Pace.

A motion was presented by Jim Milford to adjourn, seconded by Rick Stieg; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.