



MAGIC

Memphis Area Geographic Information Council

Board Meeting: 01/18/2006

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Board Members Present: Della Adams (former President), Rick Wery, President, Jim Butcher, Secretary, Rick Stieg, David Walker, Tom Lawrence, Ronny Blackburn, Jim Milford.

Board Members Not Present: Fardosht Amirpanahi, Shawn Anderson, Mickey Rainey

Meeting Location: 600 Jefferson, Urban Child Institute, University of Memphis

Meeting Started: 3:00PM

Agenda:

- 1) Election Plan
- 2) Welcome Back
- 3) 2005 in Review
- 4) Goal Setting – 2006
- 5) New items to consider.

1. Election

1. Five (5) Board positions are open for 2006.
2. Secretary will prepare ballots for election.
3. Election will take place during the January 25th membership meeting.
4. Rolling off the Board from 2005:
 1. Kevin Bingham
 2. Cindy Martin
 3. Jim Milford
 4. Janiece Riggins
 5. Vic Young
5. Candidates for open Board positions:
 1. Jim Milford
 2. Ryan Hansen
 3. Nolan Rhem
 4. Joyce Brasell
 5. Todd Graves
 6. Mark Underwood

2. Welcome Back

1. Della to be interim Treasurer
2. Motion by Jim Milford to adhere to Roberts Rules of Order in both Board and Membership meetings.
3. Membership dues will be due at the first membership meeting on January 25, 2006.
4. Talbot Brooks will be the speaker for the January meeting.

3. 2005 in Review

1. The Good:

1. MAGIC Web Site
2. Expanding the GIS Day Conference to include pre-conference seminars.
3. The GIS Day Conference itself. A total of 215 attended. A 10% increase over last year.
4. Kept schedule for bi-monthly membership meetings.
5. The format of the membership meetings
6. Establishing committees.

2. The Bad:

1. Attendance problems for both membership and board meetings.
2. Failed to emphasize the advantage of MAGIC membership
3. Didn't meet in early December 2005
4. No reports from either the Treasurer or the President at the membership meetings
5. Not policing, or holding the Committees accountable for their lack of performance.
6. Failure to promote the organization
7. Failure to reach out to other regional groups.
8. Failure to reach out to neighboring counties.

3. Advantages of Membership:

1. Opportunity to run for a board position.
2. Discount or free access to GIS Day Conference
3. Discount on ESRI Classes/Training
4. Membership Directory/Contact list of area GIS professionals.

4. MAGIC Committees (Committee Chair):

1. Training (Fardosht Amirpanahi)
2. Conference Committees (Chair to appointed, Della to advise)
3. Communications/Public Relations (Jim Milford)
4. Development/Membership (Rick Stieg)

4. Goal Setting – 2006

1. Networking with other GIS groups, i.e. MARIS, GITA, CAST, etc.
2. Promote the organization more.
 1. Motion to put aside money for mail outs and promotions.
3. Start planning GIS Day conference earlier.
 1. Secure keynote speaker early.
4. Education
 1. Encourage participation of regional High School geography teachers and others in the school systems.
 2. Plan educational events
 3. Provide discounted instructor led courses.
5. Committees
 1. Committee head should issue report to Board.
 2. Committees need to meet at least on alternate months from the membership meeting. Chair will have discretion if committee needs to meet more often.

6. Maintain and expand web site.
 1. Need calendar of events.
 2. Board & meeting minutes.
 3. Relevant GIS and event links.
7. Establish local version of GISCorp.
8. Purchase of MAGIC laptop to use for presentations, training, and to assist fellow GIS professionals in the field.
9. Maintain a library of presentations and datasets on laptop and website.
10. Rent P.O. Box to accept mail and membership payments.
 1. Della will go to either WhiteStation or Park Post Offices to rent Box.
 2. Keys will be held by the Treasurer and President.

5. Items for new board to consider:

1. Consider doing pre- conference for 2006 GIS Day Conference
2. Reserve \$8000 as a planning number for GIS day activities
3. Kim is available at \$10.00 per hour for web page updates (\$120/yr approx.)
4. Accessing web site via ftp for updates.

Meeting ended: 4:36PM

Total Time: 1 hour 36 minutes