



Memphis Area Geographic Information Council

Board Meeting: 3/23/2016
Memphis Central Library
3030 Poplar Ave, Memphis TN 38111
Time: 2:00 pm
Prepared by Andrew McColgan

MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order and Establish Quorum

Meeting was called to order at 2:12 PM by President Lauren Patterson.

Board Members Present: Scott Trapolino, Tom Lawrence, Keith Reasons, Shawn Anderson, Lindsay Barrios, Ed Hawkins, Justin Abart, Andrew McColgan, Marie Holyfield, Lauren Patterson, Zinnia Ron-Ferguson

Approval of January Board Meeting Minutes

Motion presented by: Tom

Seconded by: Justin

Discussion: Motion passed unanimously

Approval of February Board Meeting Minutes

Motion presented by: Shawn

Seconded by: Marie

Discussion: Motion passed unanimously

Additions & Deletions to the Agenda

None

Treasurer's Report

Balance: \$6755.53

No outstanding charges.

Motion presented by: Lindsay

Seconded by: Justin

Discussion: Motion passed unanimously

Old Business

Membership/Development: 1 new member...paid for 2017.

Student Director: If anyone knows anyone then let your voice be heard. Tom suggested sending a letter to the head of the Earth Sciences department at U of M. There were also suggestions to send email to Drs. Antipova, Ozdenerol, Waldron, and Boyle for nominations. Tom suggested giving the student director free membership as an incentive. The question was raised: What happens if we get nominations from multiple schools?

Training/Education: Justin suggested a preparatory GISP discussion/class. Scott mentioned that it would be nice if the GISP organization had a sample test/questions.

Lauren suggested that we put together a program to visit High schools, Middle Schools, etc. Some people do this on their own but there was general discussion about doing this through MAGIC. ESRI has several educational outreach programs. ConnectED has a program that gives schools an ArcGIS Online for Organizations account.

Lauren asked if there was any interest in external paid training, either through MAGIC or through for-profit organizations. Justin brought up the training through Mississippi State. Scott suggested that he can request that training when needed. There are currently QGIS classes being taught through this program. Scott can be contacted for details.

There was a general discussion about Continuing Ed. classes and whether the organization needs accreditation. Anyone can offer continuing ed credits but it is up to the organization that approves credits as to whether they will be accepted.

Lauren suggested that Brad Montgomery of MemPy is interested in teaching a python class.

Shawn suggested that we do a 'Doctor is in' or 'Tips and Tricks' session outside of the conference and Scott suggested that Lunch could be served. The Library may be a possible location.

Sponsor Committee: Shawn distributed an updated version of the Sponsor Packet. There was a general discussion about speaking sessions and what each sponsorship level should receive. Tom brought up that Gold and Silver are close and people tend to go Silver but we don't want to price people out. Last year we had...2 platinum, 1 gold, several silver. Shawn suggested that we could combine gold and silver. There was a suggestion that we remove the stated price (\$1000) for the social event sponsor because the last couple of years it has been handled completely by the sponsor. It was agreed that we should add 'Non-profit' to the Public Sector and removing the '1 available' on Platinum. Any additional suggestions should be sent to Tom.

Venue Discussion: Lauren stated that the Agricenter is available. Price is somewhere around \$2000. Marie wondered if we could get a discount if REGIS was a sponsor. The U of M UC is also an option...they will only hold the space up to 6 weeks in advance unless it is sponsored by a school entity (CEASAR). Lauren and Scott have contacted the Great Hall to see that if the City of Germantown sponsored if there could be a price break. In previous years the Great Hall was very easy and helpful. Botanic Gardens might also be available at the beginning of the week.

Keynote: We will communicate via email about Keynote.

New Business

None

Adjournment

Motion presented by: Marie

Seconded by: Shawn

Discussion: Motion passes unanimously

Time: 3:02