

**AGENDA**  
**GIS/LIS Consortium Board**  
**Friday April 27, 2007**  
**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting**  
**Location – Ewald**  
**1000 Westgate Dr**  
**St. Paul, MN 55114**

To: 2007 GIS/LIS Consortium Board Members:

**Board Directors**

Steve Benson - State Government  
Kari Geurts - Conference Chair Elect  
Mark Packard - Private Sector  
Tim Loesch - Treasurer  
Sally Wakefield - Chair Elect  
Jane Mueller - Local Government  
Rebecca Foster - Conference Chair  
Steve Kloiber - At Large  
Sarah Schrader - Secretary  
Chad Martini - Chair  
Fei Yuan - Higher Education

**Ex-Officio Members**

Annette Theroux - Past Chair  
Will Craig - Governor's Council  
Nancy Rader - LMIC

**Committee Chairs**

Banette Kritzky - Scholarship/Database  
Jane Mueller - Professional Development  
Don Yaeger - Newsletter

From: Chad Martini , Chair

If you are unable to attend or will be late to this meeting, please call Chad @ 320-240-0040, or cell phone 763-242-8392 or send an e-mail to: [cmartini@geo-comm.com](mailto:cmartini@geo-comm.com)

**AGENDA**

Approval of Agenda / Additions to Agenda  
Secretary's Report Approval of Minutes  
Treasurer's Report Approval of Report

Martini  
Schrader  
Loesch

**Action Items\New Business**

- Spring Workshops
- Scholarship Endowment
- Favicon
- Redesign for consortium brochure
- Ewald Contract

Mueller  
Kritzky  
Craig  
Rader  
Martini

## Committee Summary Reports

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|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| • Professional Development Committee | Mueller   |
| • Education Committee                | Wakefield |
| • Scholarship Committee              | Kritzky   |
| • Database Committee                 | Kritzky   |
| • Newsletter Committee               | Rader     |
| • Web Committee                      | Martini   |
| • Governor's Council                 | Craig     |
| • LMIC Update                        | Rader     |

### \*\*\* REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS \*\*\*

Committee reports are 5 minutes in length, and are intended as a **summary only**. If you have more than a summary (i.e. this is going to take more than 5 minutes), please let me know and I will add it under Action Items/New Business. If you are planning to call for an action item, or just a long discussion, it should be done prior to the summary reports

Dial in instructions:

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## Awards

1) No nominations received for either Polaris or Lifetime. Deadline is June 30. Reminders will appear in summer (May) newsletter and June e-announcement. We will give 3 Polaris awards; if necessary, the Awards committee will recruit nominations.

2) Committee members are: Will Craig, Steve Benson, Joella Givens, Lonnie Meinke and Dan Ross. Current board members are welcome to join the effort.

## Governor's Council

1) Regional Solutions. The May meeting of the Council will be in St. Cloud. The focus will be on various regional efforts around the state, to explore the range models in use. These range from local user groups, to ARDC, to GIS user groups. Results will be documented and shared widely.

2) Strategic Planning. This meeting, by invitation only, has been rescheduled to June 25. It will include legislators and agency executives in addition to technically oriented leaders.

3) Imagery for the Nation. IFTN continues to be pushed by NSGIC. Craig represented Minnesota. He met with staff from Colin Peterson's office, chair of the House Agriculture Committee. Cost Benefit study results are due in June.

4) Favicon. The Council is looking at adding a favicon to its website. This is the small icon that appears in the location bar of a browser; eg W for Wikipedia, M for University of Minnesota. Ours will probably be our compass icon. For definition, see <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Favicon>

## Conference Committee Report

- The conference committee met on Thursday, April 12th.
- The Workshop Committee is currently doing the second round of surveying our members for workshop topics.
- The "Call for Presentations" has been mailed and the abstract submission link on the website is active.
- The Communications Committee is doing a great job of reaching out to IA, IL, and WI GIS Users.
- The "Exhibitor's Brochure" has been mailed.
- Keynote Speaker: Keith Clarke from UC Santa Barbara will be speaking on "America's Secret Eyes in the Sky: Implications of the First Real Decade of Remote Sensing"
- Closing Speaker: Ken Hoetmer from Crimson Media will be speaking on "GIS 2.0? Google, Mashups and the Social Mapping Movement"
- We've received four groups wanting to participate in a "Call for Birds of a Feathers Sessions" to be held in hotel meeting rooms on Thursday.
- I'm happy that the conference will be in Rochester, because of the short trip to the Mayo Clinic in case I go into labor early, since I'll be nine months pregnant during the conference.

## Professional Development Committee:

Spring workshops are set for May 24th at the St. Paul U of MN campus, and June 7th at Bemidji State University. Ryan Kirk will be teaching Python Programming at both locations for us. Each workshop is scheduled as a full-day workshop (9am - 3:30pm). Registration online has been implemented by Ewald and is available from our website. Menus have been finalized for both events and a final count needs to go to the caterers the Monday before each event.

Projected costs and net profits for each are as follows:

St. Paul:

\$250 Lab Fee

\$600 Honorarium

\$461 Food (morning break, box lunch, afternoon break)

\$1311 Total Expenses

30 students x \$175/student = \$5250 - \$1311 = \$3939 Net Profit

Bemidji:

\$200 Lab Fee

\$600 Honorarium

\$ 80 One night lodging for instructor

\$283 Food (morning break, box lunch, afternoon break)

\$1163 Total Expenses

25 students X \$175/student = \$4375 - \$1163 = \$3212 Net Profit

Overall projected net profit from both events: \$7151

Chad Martini and Fei Yuan have volunteered to assist at the St. Paul workshop and Annette Theroux and Steve Benson volunteered to assist with at the Bemidji workshop.

Remote sensing workshop: It is scheduled for June 5 at the Earle Brown Heritage Center and registration is open: <http://www.mngislis.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=200> The keynotes are confirmed, and planning for the individual sessions continues.

## Education and Outreach Committee

2007 Draft Action Plan

**Mission:** The mission of the E&O committee is to enhance public understanding and appreciation of the value of geography and GIS.

**Objectives:** The main objective for 2007 is to develop a speaker's bureau program that can serve as a vehicle to communicate information about GIS technology and applications to appropriate public groups.

**Tasks:**

1. Develop a mechanism for recruiting and tracking speakers from MN GIS/LIS membership - The MN GIS/LIS Consortium (the Consortium) web site will be modified to include a brief description of the speaker's bureau program along with an e-mail link for volunteering to be in the speaker's bureau. Additional efforts to recruit potential speakers will be made by direct announcements and the annual conference. (It would be nice to track potential speakers through our member services database if possible, otherwise a simple spreadsheet or access database maintained by the speaker's bureau coordinator would be sufficient).

2. Develop a mechanism for accepting and processing requests for speakers – The Consortium web site will be modified to include a brief description of the speaker's bureau program along with an e-mail link for requesting speakers. The e-mail link should be directed to the coordinator for the speaker's bureau. The coordinator can then refer to the speaker database and forward the request to the appropriate potential speakers.
3. Develop presentation packages - At least two presentation packages will be developed; one aimed at an adult audience and one at a K-12 audience. Future efforts will expand upon these first two presentation packages. These presentation packages will include, as appropriate, PowerPoint presentations, speakers notes, handouts, demonstration instructions, and equipment. Electronic components of presentation packages can be posted online at the Consortium website.
  - a. Adult
    - i. GIS for Natural Resources Management
      1. PowerPoint Slides
      2. Speaker's Notes
      3. Handouts/Brochures
  - b. K-12
    - i. TBD

## **Database**

Meeting with Ewald on Friday morning to review status of membership database as well as online membership updating process.

## **Scholarship**

Discussions on setting up Scholarship Endowment Fund, scholarship budget line items. Committee will probably have a Motion to the Board on Friday and need to be added to the Agenda. Deadline for winner names is fast approaching - 3 names have been submitted to date.

## **LMIC**

LMIC's budget: The House and Senate have passed bills to restore LMIC's funding. The next step is the conference committee, then the Governor's office, so the process is not over. Constituent letters have made a huge difference.