



***Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Board Meeting
Ewald Consulting Meeting Room***

1000 Westgate Drive, Ste. 252

St. Paul, MN 55114-1067

Thursday June 15th, 2006

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Board Directors

Steve Benson - State Government
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Sally Wakefield - Conference Chair
Fei Yuan - Higher Education

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Joella Givens - Past Chair
Will Craig - Governor's Council
Nancy Rader - LMIC

Committee Chairs

Banette Kritzkzy - Scholarship/Database
Don Yaeger - Newsletter

From: Annette Theroux , Chair

If you are unable to attend or will be late to this meeting, please call Annette@ 218-547-3374, ext. 108 or cell phone 218-556-4554 or send an e-mail to: atheroux@prowestgis.com

AGENDA

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

Theroux
Schrader
Loesch
Committee Chairs

Action Items\New Business

- LMIC request for Consortium Mailing List
- Affiniscape progress
- Event Grant request for GLO Running Notes
- Spring Workshop progress reports

Craig
Sjerven
Theroux/Mueller
Yuan/Theroux/Craig

***** REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS *****

Committee reports are distributed prior to the meeting and then included in the meeting minutes following the meeting. If you have more than a written summary that you would like to present, time is reserved under the Agenda of each meeting, or an item can be added under the Action Items if you need discussion.



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Committee Reports**

Awards Committee

Committee Chair: Will Craig

- There is still only one application for the Polaris Award and no applications for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Board members are requested to submit nominations for the Polaris Award by June 30th, 2006.

Conference Committee Report

Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield

- No report

Database Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- Banette will look at the database during the latter part of this month, or early next month.
- She received some GISC information and wants to review the database.
- She is not sure if the last 2 years conference information has been updated in our database and will look into that. (She may have a student who could help with this also.)
- She wants to review the methodology to ensure that that information does get posted.
- Once Gerry's finished with Affiniscap, she is hopeful he and she can discuss how she might get this automated with the new technology.

Education Committee Report

Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield

- No report

Newsletter Committee

Committee Chair: Don Yaeger

- The Summer Newsletter should be available May 31st. All Board members are asked to contribute a newsletter article for the Fall newsletter in regard to the GIS professionals they represent on the Board. The deadline for Fall newsletter submittals is August 1st.

Nominations Committee

Committee Chair: Annette Theroux

- No report.

Policy Manual Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- Banette has not had a chance to look at the Policy Manual.
- She requests that if anyone else has had a chance to review, please let her know your thoughts. She reports that bits and pieces are getting updated, periodically, as they become important (like the yearly calendar); but the Policy Manual should really be a constantly evolving document to include any Motions that have been passed that may reflect on changes to our policies.

Professional Development Committee

Committee Chair: Jane Mueller

- The “Overview of ArcGIS 9.x” workshop was held at Bemidji State University on May 17th.
 - Number of participants 17 (2 free in exchange for a reduced price on the GeoCenter lab)
 - Members of the Workshop Committee included:
 - Jane Mueller, Beltrami County
 - Darryl Holman, USDA Forest Service
 - Tony Mayer, Headwaters Regional Development Committee
 - Annette Theroux, Pro-West & Associates, Inc.
 - Brett Case, City of Bemidji
 - Jim Lindstrom, City of Bemidji
 - The net profit from the workshop was: \$1376.25
- The “Overview of ArcGIS 9.x” workshop was held at Minnesota State University, Mankato on June 9th.
 - Number of participants 19
 - Members of the Workshop Committee included:
 - Dr. Fei Yuan
 - Dr. Changjoo Kim
 - The net profit from the workshop was: \$1540.00

- Report will be distributed during Board meeting for the workshop "Imagining Possibilities: The Next Frontier For Geographic Information".

Scholarship Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- All schools have submitted the names of their scholarship winners.
- She is waiting to receive bios and abstracts.
- She sent out an email to all schools to notify their winners that we've moved up the date to July 28 to receive the above info. Primarily, this will allow the info to be included in the Fall Newsletter, and give the students even more exposure!
- Otherwise, things are progressing as normal.

Web Committee

Committee Chair: Annette Theroux

- Gerry Sjerven is continuing to develop the web interface utilizing Affiniscape. He will be finishing the bulk of the work by the June 15th meeting and will demo the changes at the following meeting.
- The web site will be up and ready to receive conference registrations by the middle of July.
- A new logo has been created that will debut on the new web interface. The logo is in the final stages of approval and should be ready to add to the website by the June 15th meeting.

Minnesota Governor's Council on Geographic Information

Representative: Will Craig

- The Council held a meeting May 24th at the Blandin Foundation in Grand Rapids. Bill Befort (MnDNR) arranged a varied slate of presenters and topics:
 - Lee Westfield (Pro-West & Associates) talked about the niche market for custom air photo flights by describing a number of projects that had requirements that were not met by broader-based air photo programs.
 - Dave Bily and Jeff Braaten (Itasca County) discussed how their county parcel website has gotten information to the public and how they have used a variety of data layers to produce mailing labels for public notification.
 - Cheryl Adams (UPM Blandin) talked about the benefits of using GIS and air photos to plan and monitor timber sales.
 - Steve Benson (DNR) touched on numerous projects at the wildlife division including getting information on wildlife management areas to the public via an integrated website and web mapping service.
 - Bill Glesener (DNR) described the Firewise program and its use in school curricula.

- Itasca Community College contributed posters on student projects.

LMIC

Representative: Nancy Rader

NorthStar Mapper Website

LMIC has developed a new mapping website to help users quickly find and view key data layers for their area of interest in Minnesota. The public can browse air photos, land cover, topographic maps and a variety of place name, boundary and other GIS data layers.

With NorthStar Mapper, users can:

- Display a variety of map layers
- Navigate directly to a county, city, civil or PLS township
- View a customized attribute report on any spot they identify
- Find the elevation of any point
- Display full PLS labels for any township/range/section
- Define an area from which vector or raster data layer can be clipped, zipped and downloaded
- Bookmark and share URLs of particularly interesting views

The site uses both ArcIMS and WMS to display and deliver data.

The current release of NorthStar Mapper is intended to provide basic layers and functions of interest to a broad audience. Its design will allow LMIC to increase the number of data layers and provide advanced functions in the future. Since the site can draw upon data outside LMIC using map services, it can also be expanded to include layers shared by other organizations.

Find NorthStar Mapper at: www.lmic.state.mn.us/chouse/northstarmapper.html

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