

AGENDA
MN GIS/LIS Consortium Board
Friday, April 17th, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Board Meeting
Location –Ewald

To: 2009 GIS/LIS Consortium Board Members:

Board Directors

Steve Benson - Board Chair Elect
Carla Coates - Treasurer
Rebecca Foster - Board Chair
Heidi Gaedy - Private Sector
Kari Geurts - State Government
Leanne Knott - At-Large
Ben Richason - Higher Education
Sarah Schrader - Secretary
Stacey Stark - Conference Chair Elect
Jeff Storlie - Conference Chair
Jennifer Wittkopf, Local Government

Ex-Officio Members

Josh Gumm - Governor's Council
Nancy Rader - LMIC
Sally Wakefield - Past Chair

Committee Chairs (Non Board Members)

Dan Ross - Awards
Chad Martini - Scholarship/Database

Gerry Sjerven - Web Administrator

From: Rebecca Foster, Chair

If you are unable to attend or will be late to this meeting, please call Rebecca @ 952-826-0447, or cell phone 612-203-0825 or send an e-mail to: RFoster@ci.edina.mn.us

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

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Action Items\New Business

- **2009 Consortium Budget - Update**
- **Transfer \$10,000 to Reserve Fund**
- **Job Center**
- **Policy Manual**
- **Approval 2009 Ewald Contract (Due April 1st)**

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Sjerven
Wakefield
Foster

Committee Summary Reports

- **Awards Committee** Ross
- **Conference Committee** Storlie
- **Education Committee** Richason
- **Membership Services Committee** Foster
 - 1. **Database\Web Committee** Guerts
 - 2. **Newsletter Committee** Rader
 - 3. **Outreach Committee** Schrader
 - 4. **Salary Survey** Wittkopf
- **Professional Development Committee** Wakefield
- **Scholarship Committee** Martini
- **Governor's Council** Gumm
- **LMIC Update** Rader

Conference Call Instructions:

Dial: 1-866-394-4146

Participant code: 11191230#

Board Chair: 11172589#



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Committee Reports – April 2009

Awards

- No Report this month

Conference Committee Report

- Workshop results are in. Hands-on workshops being considered to be hosted at UMD.
- Conference budget is being worked on. Board approval on May 15th.
- Call for Presentations are being printed and mailed shortly.
- Exhibit brochure is in final review.
- Friday luncheon proposed schedule changes. Annual business meeting, scholarship awards, speaker, door prizes.
- All conference committee members are invited to visit Duluth at the DECC, July 16th at 11:00 am.

Education

- No Report this month

Governor's Council

- The Council approved the following two standards that are now state GIS standards:
 1. Codes Identifying Cities, Townships and Unorganized Territories (CTUs) in Minnesota
 2. United States National Grid

For links to the standards and to additional resources, see:

http://www.gis.state.mn.us/committee/stand/standards_adopded_devel.htm

- There's a lot of great info in the committee reports too:
http://www.gis.state.mn.us/Minutes/committee_reports/GCGI_committee_reports_09mar.pdf

LMIC Report

Red River Flood Response

- **State Emergency Operation Center:** LMIC staff have provided a significant amount of GIS staff support for the SEOC during the recent flooding, along with the Go-Team organized by the Governor's Council Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- **Maps and GIS Data:** A new webpage provides links to interactive maps, maps for responders, WMS services, and other geographic information related to the flood:
http://www.gis.state.mn.us/committee/emprep/response_events/red_river_flood_2009/index.html

The page was created by the Emergency Preparedness Committee with support from LMIC.

Enterprise GIS Project Update

- Legislation to create a Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MGIO) has been introduced in both the Minnesota House and Senate. To keep informed about the status of these bills (Senate File 1867 and House File 1981), sign up for email notification via the MyBills feature on the Legislature's website.
- Agency interviews that provide a detailed snapshot of state agency GIS activities are now posted on the project website.

For more information, see: <http://www.gis.state.mn.us/committee/MSDI/dte.htm>

Membership Services

Database\Website

- The committee met with Ewald and reviewed what fields were currently being collected in our database so that we could decide on what reports we wanted to run or what data needed to be added to verify GISP requirements. Membroshia is basically an Access database, so we received a dump of our database and will have a "work meeting" on April 30 to clean up the database more than what's already occurred with the Member postcard mailing. We also received the Relationship table within Membroshia to see how the data is being linked together between the fields. We also discovered that if we want a special report ran within Membroshia Ewald has to send the query request out to a consultant to write it. The committee is planning on writing the queries within Access to receive our reports. After our working meeting hopefully we can develop definitions and a policy on Active\Inactive Members for Ewald.
- The committee is reviewing the Candidate Center & Recruiter Center web pages. The link 'GIS Jobs' would go to a page that would describe these two links. We are thinking about separating the Internships into another link too.
- Ewald gave us examples of Advertising term length & price rotating that other clients have implemented. Gerry is following up with Affiniscape to see if we are going to have them or Ewald create our Ad space. We are planning on writing a letter soon to a few Vendors asking them if they'd like to test the Ad space for a reduced cost to get all of the bugs worked out.

Newsletter

- The Spring issue is online:
<http://www.mngis.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=439>
- The deadline for the Summer issue is May 1.
- Al Laumeier (Goodhue County GIS) has volunteered to convert the early paper issues (#1-20) of the newsletter to PDF format for posting on the Consortium's website. Thanks Al!

Outreach

- A Facebook page for the Consortium website is currently under construction.

Salary Survey

- We have tested the draft (1) survey in Affiniscape and the preliminary results in Excel seem to be workable. Will is still working with Gerry to modify the format of some of the results. The group's goals are to finalize the survey and the results format, run the survey draft (2) with the Board, and make sure it is finalized and ready to go on-line by the May Board Meeting

Professional Development Committee

- The Spring Workshop committee has met 3 times and is near having a full slate of workshops confirmed for Thursday, May 21st. The group is trying to expand the number of hand-on options by investigating wireless access for "bring your own" laptop classes in one of the

lecture style rooms. Registration is expected to be open by the end of April. Likely topics include:

Lecture -

1. Geodatabase - Tools, Benefits, Overview & Differences
2. Geodatabase Replication
3. Spatial Database Mgmt Systems
4. Pictometry
5. Web 2.0/ Mashups /Geo Wikki/ KML

Hands - On

1. LIDAR (2)
2. ArcPad
3. Effective GeoCoding
4. Quantum GIS – free OS desktop GIS
5. Expanding Model Functionality
6. Building Mash-Ups
7. Open Source WebMapping

Scholarship

- ① The scholarship committee is planning to meet the week of April 20 to discuss day to day activities, fundraising, and the endowment fund.
- ① James Brown from Wells Fargo provided some investment options based on the endowment fund remaining under the umbrella of the current GIS/LIS articles of incorporation. The Consortium would not have to worry about penalties for withdrawing money to pay out in the form of scholarships, but each year there will be tax considerations because of the GIS/LIS status of non-profit.
- ① The board will need to discuss risk opportunities. To move forward with an investment account of any kind, the board will have to make a decision regarding how aggressive it wants to be. James Brown thought a good starting point with the current market might be municipal bonds. The rate of growth right now is around 3-4%, but once the market stabilizes, the board could move into something a bit more aggressive if it chooses. The common theme seems to be the relationship between risk and reward. To invest aggressively means there is more risk, however, investing conservatively often sacrifices larger profits.
- ① All of the schools who were invited to participate in the 2009 scholarship program have accepted and met qualifications.
- ① The request for student nominations for each school's Outstanding Student Representative has gone out. The deadline for schools to name students is May 8.