

AGENDA
MN GIS/LIS Consortium Board
Friday, May 15th, 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

Foster
Schrader
Coates

Action Items\New Business

- 2009 Spring Workshop Budget
- 2009 Conference Budget
- Salary Survey
- Project Portal File Structure
- 2009 Consortium Goals

Wakefield
Storlie
Wittkopf\Sjerven
Gaedy
All

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 – May 2009

Awards

- No Report this month

Conference Committee Report

- Approve conference budget.
- Affordable workshop laptops has been an issue.
- All workshops at the DECC.
- Session/workshops deadline is May 15th.
- DECC walk through on July 16th.
- Raffle for scholarship fund being proposed.

Education

- No Report this month

Governor's Council

- The next full council meeting will be in Duluth on May 20, hosted by the Natural Resources Research Institute. Gerry Sjerven has arranged for a number of presentations highlighting collaborative GIS efforts in the Arrowhead region. For more info, see the council's homepage: <http://www.gis.state.mn.us/>

LMIC Report

- **Enterprise GIS Project Update:** Legislation to create a Minnesota Geospatial Information Office (MGIO) has been moving through the legislative process in both the Minnesota House and Senate. For more information on the proposed MGIO, see: <http://www.gis.state.mn.us/committee/MSDI/dte.htm>
- **ESRI Enterprise License Agreement (ELA):** Negotiations to create a single four-year agreement to license ESRI software products for Minnesota state agencies are complete. Seven state agencies have dedicated funds to initiate the agreement and final signatures between ESRI and the State are expected May 12 or 13. All state agencies are eligible to participate. For more information, contact David Arbeit; 651-201-2460. (Note: In parallel fashion, but unrelated to the state ELA, ESRI offers the opportunity for counties to establish ELAs for their organizations.)
- **First-stop for Geology Information:** LMIC's first-stop webpage for geology data, maps, and educational material is now online: <http://www.lmic.state.mn.us/chouse/geology/index.html>
The data and maps are organized by scope: county/regional; statewide; national/international. This theme joins previously available themes listed on the Clearinghouse Data page: <http://www.lmic.state.mn.us/chouse/data.html> The next two themes in progress are Ground Water and Elevation.
- **WMS webpage:** Instructions for adding WMS services to Google Earth, ArcGIS Explorer, and AutoCAD Civil 3D and Map 3D have been added to: http://www.lmic.state.mn.us/chouse/wms/wms_image_server_description.html
- **Emerald Ash Borer:** The MN Department of Agriculture hosts a web mapping application showing efforts to monitor the potential spread of the emerald ash borer. The borer is an

invasive beetle that attacks and kills ash trees -- it has been found only a mile from the state's southeast border. See: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eabdetection.htm>

- **Broadband Maps:** The MN Department of Commerce has produced a series of maps showing broadband availability across the state. The maps were developed by Connected Nations, a non-profit organization, and are available online at: <http://www.connectmn.org>

Membership Services

Database\Website

- The Candidate Center & Recruiter Center web pages implementation has been discontinued, because Affiniscape is no longer supporting them.
- Looking into how to create a Site Search button for the website.
- After the "work meeting" on April 30th we discovered that we need to formulate a concise and prioritized goal list before starting the actual process of any database clean-up. Here's a temp goal list:

Database, address and e-mail list clean-up:

- Look at folks with missing contact information (e-mail or address)
- Briefly look at standardizing /querying) org. information

Implement Active/Inactive membership guidelines and send related correspondence; (related to mdb clean-up)

- May or may not correlate with membership dues conversation (which will impact goals)

Reporting/Improvements/Enhancements:

- Identify existing fields to populate via online profile moving forward (Certification, Training?)
- Identify existing fields to update (import data) for historical reference (Committees, Awards etc.)
- Identify non-existing fields to possibly add (example: record created date field for tracking GIS/LIS membership years)
- Briefly look at ease of combining historic "Education" tab info with current "Events" tab info.
- Briefly look at membership company vs. Org Type
- Query/count of current membership breakdown (org type/company type/specialties)

Newsletter

- The Summer issue is being edited and will be sent to Gerry for website formatting on May 15. Thanks to all the new volunteers who've joined the newsletter team!
- The early paper issues (#1-20) of the newsletter are now in PDF format and will be posted on the Consortium's website.

Outreach

- The Committee is busy preparing a paragraph about the Consortium's History to have posted on our homepage.

Salary Survey

- The group has put together the revised survey and hopes to display it on-line to the Board at the meeting Friday 5/15, with the intent of receiving final approval. Then after a trial run by the Board members, the survey will be opened to the public.

Professional Development Committee

- The Spring Workshop Committee has been steadily working toward organizing and promoting a slate of workshops as planned for May 21st, 2009. We have 13 offerings lined up and to date have 91 people registered. A budget will be presented at the next full board meeting. We've had a few glitches with internet access for lecture rooms and offering a "bring your own laptop" requirement for some modified hands-on offerings, but we've been able to overcome

those concerns and are moving full steam ahead. The following workshops are being offered this year:

Morning Workshops

- Intelligent Oblique Imagery Solution: Deployment, Benefits and GIS Integration (Pictometry) – **LECTURE**
- Geodatabase: Features and Benefits – **LECTURE**
- Expanding Model Functionality – **HANDS-ON**
- Introduction to Quantum GIS – **HANDS-ON**
- From LAS to Contours - Working with LiDAR Data – **HANDS-ON**
- Mashups, Web Services & KML: Beginning to Explore and Use the GeoWeb – **MODIFIED HANDS-ON (student provided laptop required)**

Afternoon Workshops

- Building the Geoweb: GIS and Web 2.0 – **LECTURE**
- Geodatabase Replication and Historical Archiving – **LECTURE**
- Practical Applications of the U.S. National Grid in Minnesota – **LECTURE**
- Effective Geocoding with ArcGIS – **HANDS-ON**
- Introduction to Quantum GIS – **HANDS-ON**
- From LAS to Contours - Working with LiDAR Data – **HANDS-ON**
- Web-based GIS data collaboration: A hands-on exploration of open source tools – **MODIFIED HANDS-ON (student provided laptop required)**

Scholarship

- ① The scholarship committee met and recommends that a separate entity to oversee endowment funds is not necessary. The committee believes a separate investment account overseen by the board is sufficient. The committee is moving forward with Wells Fargo to create a list of investment options. We had hoped to be able to include investment details in this report, but we are waiting for information from Wells Fargo.
- ① The committee will hold a raffle at the fall conference for the purpose of fundraising. It was agreed that a raffle would be the most efficient fundraising option while the committee focuses on facilitating the scholarship competition. The committee plans to re-address fundraising after the endowment investment decisions have been made.
- ① All but two schools have submitted their representatives for the GIS/LIS Scholarship program.
- ① Student representative criteria were modified to allow Itasca to nominate a student from their certificate program. Because the student had a full academic background and the fact that the committee didn't want to see a competition with only one community college participating. Fond du Lac was consulted and had no complaints, so the student nomination was accepted. The committee plans to address certificate programs after the 2009 competition.