



# MAGIP 2010-2011 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## Introduction

MAGIP was founded to facilitate communication among GIS professionals and users in Montana, to promote education and professional development, and to advance best practices and standards in GIS data development. This document presents an overview of what the Board of Directors and its committees accomplished during the 2010-2011 Board term.

## Board of Directors Accomplishments

- The Board of Directors held their second annual board retreat. The board retreat allowed the board to review past accomplishments and member input to identify and prioritize MAGIP needs for the following year.
- The Board of Directors published the 2010-2011 Work Plan and the 2009-2010 Accomplishments Report.
- The Board of Directors adopted a set of five Directives to help frame the big picture for the organization and guide Board and committee goals.
- The Board of Directors purchased a Liability Insurance policy to cover Board activities.
- The Board of Directors created a shared electronic calendar to track and share events and timelines for Board-related tasks.
- The Board of Directors worked to streamline operations and identify tasks that could be handled by committees, allowing the Board to focus on policy issues for the Association.
- MAGIP sent five letters in support for GISP applications for members.
- MAGIP provided monetary support for one Regional User Group Meeting.

## Technical Committee Accomplishments

- The Technical Committee planned and hosted a highly successful Fall Technical Session in Kalispell, MT.
- The Technical Committee compiled the Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure Framework Theme Review (2009) and disseminated it at the Technical Session.
- The Technical Committee increased the use of the Forums on the MAGIP web site as a mechanism for communication about technical issues, best practices, and MSDI framework data.
- The Technical Committee compiled documentation for planning the annual Technical Session.
- The Technical Committee worked with the Professional Development Committee to identify audiences and workshop content for future events.
- The Technical Committee formulated plans for furthering the promotion of MSDI stewardship and framework data content.
- The Technical Committee evaluated screen-capture software for future use in creating web-based training materials.

## Professional Development Committee Accomplishments

- The Professional Development Committee planned and hosted a successful Spring Meeting in Lewiston, MT.
- The Professional Development Committee developed an Awards procedure document that was approved by the Board.
- The Professional Development Committee administered a Professional Development Survey to the Association's members and the public.
- The Professional Development Committee identified chairs for and convened the Conference Subcommittee for the 2012 Intermountain GIS Conference.
- The Conference Subcommittee set a timeline, budget, and tasks for the planning process.
- The Conference Subcommittee procured a venue for the 2012 Intermountain GIS Conference to be held in Kalispell, MT.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee populated a GIS Training Resources and Opportunities web page on the MAGIP web site.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee created and published instructions for the use of discussion forums on the MAGIP web site.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee offered a session at the 2010 Fall Technical Session entitled "Lost in the Vector: Finding Help, Finding Data".
- The Mentoring Subcommittee completed documentation to support a Mentoring Program.
- The Mentoring Subcommittee engaged in a prototype phase of a Mentoring Program.

## Education Committee Accomplishments

- The Education Committee facilitated the award of one K-12 Curriculum Grant in 2011. The recipient was Katie Alvin of The Jack Creek Preserve Foundation in cooperation with Lone Peak High School, Big Sky MT.
- The Education Committee facilitated the award of one Higher Education Scholarship in 2011. The recipient was Joe Milbrath of the University of Montana, Missoula.
- The Education Committee facilitated two judges and an award for Montana State University's Earth Sciences Colloquium. The winner of the "GIS Award" was Mort Larsen.

## Operations and Business Committee Accomplishments

- The Operations and Business Committee oversaw the success of the 2011 elections.
- The Marketing Subcommittee purchased MAGIP swag including pint glasses, pens and sticky notes that were distributed to the members attending the 2010 Fall Technical Session and other MAGIP events.
- The Web Subcommittee maintained, updated, and leveraged the MAGIP web site by creating new web pages, discussion forums, and new content throughout the site.
- The Web Subcommittee developed a Policies and Procedures document to guide content creation and maintenance of the MAGIP web site.
- The Web Subcommittee evaluated options for MAGIP's list serve and recommended that the Association subscribe to the State of Montana's list serve and pay for usage of the service according to the cost recovery fee schedule set by the state.