

Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals

Awards Guidance

January 17st, 2012

The Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP) and our predecessor organization (MTGIS), provides biennial awards to recognize individuals who have made a significant contribution to the organization, the profession and community in the areas of Distinguished Service and Professional Livability.

Nominations for the two awards detailed below are **due by March 1, 2012**, submitted to Duane Lund, Committee Chair for the 2012 awards, dlund@mt.gov, Montana State Library, Geographic Information, PO BOX 201800, Helena MT 59620-1800.

1) The **Distinguished Service Award** is presented for long-term service and leadership to the Montana GIS community and the profession. An individual's record of contribution to the advancement of GIS in Montana through creative thinking, vision, inspiring leadership, perseverance, and service; resulting in a better and stronger direction for the GIS community in Montana. Candidates for this esteemed award have displayed continued years of dedicated service and have worked on significant projects giving unselfishly of their time and energy to advance the GIS profession, community and organizations that support this profession. Their purposeful commitment has made a definitive and positive impact over many years to our GIS community in Montana. In evaluating the nominations, MAGIP seeks to identify individuals that meet most or all of the criteria. This award is not given as a retirement award or to document the end of a job or a move out of the GIS profession. It is intended to recognize years of professional service with the expectations that the individual will continue to contribute to the GIS community in Montana. As this award honors service to the profession it is only awarded once per individual.

Applicants for the Distinguished Service Award must (Criteria for applicants),

- Have substantial years of service (10+) in or supporting the Montana GIS Community and a desire to continue to serve
- Displays exemplary accomplishments as a GIS Professional, selfless service to the profession and participation in committees, workgroups, and organizations that support the Montana geospatial community
- Has an impact within and / or external to the realm of the member's workplace
- Undertakes and leads activities that benefit the GIS Community outside of regular job responsibilities
- Demonstrates initiative, resourcefulness and creativity and is willing to seek out and pursue new challenges that benefit the Montana GIS Profession
- Acknowledged by his / her peers for leadership and substantial service to the profession and community

2) The **GIS Professional Livability Award** is an award that recognizes an individual for a measurable contribution to the application of GIS thus improving the quality of life within their respective

community, city, or state. The GIS architecture has touched so many lives, in such a global way that awarding a Livability Award truly represents the dedication and advancements to these technologies that symbolizes the spirit of livability within the GIS community. In evaluating the nominations, MAGIP seeks to identify the individual from within the State of Montana that meets most or all of these criteria. Due to the nature of the GIS Professional Livability Award this award may be awarded subsequent times to the same individual.

Applicants for the Livability Award must (Criteria for applicants),

- Demonstrate a measurable contribution to the education, communication, coordination, and application of GIS technologies that have been a major influence to the growth and use of GIS in creating a more livable community.
- Express exemplary dedication with focus to the development and implementation of GIS technologies which enhance individual and community life and promote the efficient use of community resources.
- Acknowledged by his \ her peers for perseverance with belief and purpose; tasking themselves with the growth, as well as the challenges of GIS development for them and for their neighbor...sometimes in the face of discouragement.

3). Nomination Requirements and Procedures

- a. Nominees for an award may include any person who meets the award criteria. The MAGIP Awards Committee evaluates the nominee based on the nomination materials as well as the personal and professional reputation of the nominee.
- b. Recommended nomination documents include the following:
 - I. A one page letter of nomination, 12 pt font size, MS Word or .PDF format
 - II. Names and contact information of two references, not including the nominator
 - III. Optional – up to 2 pieces of supporting documentation, 2MB file size limit.
- c. Nominations and supporting materials will be submitted to the MAGIP Awards Committee Chair. The Awards Committee reviews the nominations and makes recommendations to the MAGIP Board.

4). Award / Recognition

Award recipients will be formally recognized at the Intermountain GIS Conference April 16 – 20, 2012 in Kalispell.

Previous Award Recipients:

GIS in Education (2000 – 2006 discontinued)

2000 Kris Larson
2002 Gretchen Baldus
2004 Margie Lubinski
2006 Paul Wilson

Generally Cool (2000 – 2006 discontinued)

2000 - Mike Sweet
2002 - Gerry Daumiller
2004 – Duane Anderson
2006 – Bryant Ralston

Distinguished Service (2008 – Present)

2008 - Stu Kirkpatrick
2010 – Duane Lund

Professional Livability (2008 – Present)

2008 - Ken Wall
2010 - Annette Cabrera