

MAGIP SUMMIT MEMBER MEETING

April 18, 2024, 8:30 AM

Meetings are being recorded: <https://www.youtube.com/MAGIPMT>

Board Members Present:

Jeff Sprock	Erich Schreier	Andrew Stickney
Gail Jorgenson	Mike Eidum	Hilary Kauth
Mike Powell	Rob Ahl	Nate Wold
Tessa Switzer	Michelle Quinn	Eric Spangenberg

Reports

- Opening Remarks - (Jeff Sprock)
 - Review of meeting schedule and board member introductions
 - Board Accomplishments
 - Developed and approved annual budget, certified 2023 election, renewed FullScope contract through 2025, updated MGIAC of MAGIP events at quarterly meetings, advocated membership engagement through GIS day mapathon, assisted with earth science colloquium, amended MAGIP bylaw and constitution, CD investments
 - Strategic Planning Session SOAR highlights
 - Strengths: professional development, community engagement, fiscal responsibility. social media presence
 - Opportunities: Collaboration and partnerships (MARLS conference)
 - Aspirations – outreach, mentorships, developing standards, training opportunities
- Member Satisfaction Survey – (Mike Eidum)
 - High average member satisfaction
 - Improvements: more meetups, social media posts are good, community and knowledge sharing, entry-level GIS training, non-Esri conference content, tribal board member, holding the conference at a tribal location
 - SIGs: Lidar SIG, Open Source SIG, Young Professionals SIG, website accessibility, publicly available meeting recordings
 - Membership stays informed through MAGIP listserv, wild apricot email, and linkedin
 - Ideas to increase membership – reach out to private sector, membership spotlights, strengthen natural resource connections (FWP, DNRC), student engagement/internships, neighboring state GIS groups, tribal liaison, participate in the National Tribal GIS conference
 - Providing Resources – increase training, scholarships, internships, highlighting Montana programs and projects
- Project Updates and Discussions
 - Website Update – (Mike Powell & Meghan Burns)
 - Website committee: Mike, Meghan, Curtis, Hilary & Tessa
 - Reformatting the website, new theme, fresh look
 - Completed by May/June
 - MLIAC to MGIAC (Eric Spangenberg)

- The council allocates funds generated from recording fees towards grants (planning, nexgen 911, geoenabled elections, etc)
 - Formerly known as MLIAC council - following the passing of the land information act
 - Name has changed to MGIAC, geospatial advisory council, to avoid confusion. Council membership was also reduced.
 - Eric Spangenberg was appointed as both the GIS professional for the MGIA council and MAGIP board representative to create continuity between the two organizations
 - More information is available on [the website](#)
 - GIS Day Mapathon Event (Gail Jorgenson & Hilary Kauth)
 - Mapping powerlines across the state with the primary objective of forest management at at-risk locations.
 - Increased community engagement with hosted events across the state and extended the event through a mapping competition with two submissions
 - 37 participants from 7 different regions in Montana
 - MAGIP will host another mapathon next year and encourages ideas and participation from the membership
 - Scholarships & Grants (Rob Ahl)
 - The goals of scholarships are to promote or support geospatial projects and encourage membership engagement through active conference participation
 - This year we had great presentations from Sara Taber with Belgrade High School on the MAGIP funded weed mapping project
 - Award granted to create a high school aeronautics lab
 - Active award at Frenchtown – presenting next year
 - We've seen past recipients actively involved in the conference
 - Anna Moser continues to win awards this year
 - Communicating with 40 different organizations, communicating through membership and word of mouth
 - Plans to increase support, advertisements and networking for students
 - We supported 12 students to come to the conference this year
 - Developing a survey to solicitate information from students about how to reach them more directly
 - Change timing of scholarship submission due date – fall timeline
- Board Election Nominations (Mike Powell)
 - Nomination Process
 - Complete your nominations by Monday, April 22nd and Mike will follow-up to confirm interest
 - Please ensure that your supervisors/work place are supportive and aware of the time commitment involved for volunteer activities/travel
 - Open Positions
 - Membership Development
 - Web Administrator
 - Conference Chair

- VP/President/Past President
- Closing Remarks (Gail Jorgenson)
 - Goals for next year
 - Analyzing satisfaction survey results,
 - Implementing new ideas
 - Increasing tribal involvement
 - Increasing student engagement
 - Modifying the budget to support students
 - Creating sponsorship levels for student conference scholarships/recruiting
 - Encouragement for active participation and engagement from members
 - Thank everyone for their contributions and support

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