



To our Membership,

It is that time of year when our great state gathers all their elected officials together at the state capitol for the 68th Legislative Session. MAGIP wants to make sure that our members are aware of the GIS-related activities in this Legislative Session, which can involve a wide scope of things. In fact, SB 60, is a bill that is already being planned for submission in the next few days, and MAGIP has been asked to provide support for its passing. Due to the timing of this submission the MAGIP Board of Directors had a special meeting to discuss the purpose of this bill and, as your elected officials, agreed that provisions of SB 60 are in the long-term interest of Montana citizens and the GIS community specifically. With that in mind, we intend to support this piece of legislation in the coming days. Without going into details, this bill will help to improve our ground control network and enhance spatial accuracies for a wide range of products and processes. For more information on this bill, and others being submitted, please refer to the [Legislative website](#) to further inform yourself. Individuals are free to participate in the legislative process, and those opposed to the passing of this bill are encouraged to submit their testimony in person, online, or in writing.

In general, we like to poll the membership about important action items and legislative support, but the content of this particular bill and the timing of its submission forced us to act quickly on this matter. In this case, we collectively decided to lend our organization's support to this bill. Going forward, MAGIP will continue to keep its members informed of future bills that influence GIS in the state of Montana. We will be using social media as well as our list-serv to accomplish this, and we encourage you to stay active on those platforms. Our main goal at MAGIP is to represent the membership and keep you informed of all things pertaining to GIS.

The MAGIP Board Members