

Southern California URISA Chapter Board Meeting March 27, 2002

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Board Members Present Absent

President

Ingrid Bruce (formely Inland Empire)

Vice President

Dave Hobbs (Los Angeles)

Treasurer

Mike Calandra (San Diego)

Secretary

Vacant

Membership Chairperson

Bob Amos (Kern)

Chapter Advisor

Lisa Lubeley (San Diego)

State Conference Chair

Dan Henderson (San Diego)

Conference Liaison

Vacant

Tax Advisor

Eric Baumann (Orange)

Others in Attendance:

Kim Mathes - San Diego Section Advisor

Tony De La Sota - Los Angeles Section President

Ziad Mazboudhi - Orange Section President

Laszlo Mariahazy - GITA Chapter President (CA/NV)

Business Items:

Item

Lisa Lubeley gave an update on the 2002 California GIS Conference.

Conclusion

She reported on the success of the 2002 California GIS Conference. It was well attended (~500 professionals) by both public & private folks. The 2003 Conference Committee members from San Diego were there to help out with any last minute details. The keynote speakers were good, especially Assemblywoman Debra Bowen who gave an enlightened speech on the importance of access to good GIS data. The Executive Director of URISA National gave an update on the GIS Certification Proposal.

Item

Dan Henderson is the new 2003 California GIS Conference Chair and he gave an update on the Committee's progress.

Conclusion

He introduced himself and listed his Conference Committee Chairpersons for 2003. The date is set for Feb. 26-28 at the Palm Springs Convention Center at the Wyndham Hotel. The Conference committee has met once at the City of Escondido to begin planning for the event. They prepared a flyer that was included in the 2002 Conference final program....so the word is out. They will hold their next planning meeting on April 5th at the City of Escondido.

Item

Mike Calandra gave a Treasury Report.

Conclusion

He reported that we the Chapter had received their 2002 Conference Seed Money back from the event. They also received their share of the Conference funds raised from registrations and vendor exhibits.

Item

Eric Baumann gave an update on the IRS process.

Conclusion

He indicated that we had filed for an inappropriate tax status of 501(c6) and that we need to reapply for 501(c3) status. The IRS will apply our original tax status application fee to the reapplication at no additional cost. He informed us that we will reapply in April of this year. He also needs some information regarding the scholarship program and the original chapter charter.

Item

Ingrid Bruce and Lisa Lubeley reported on the URISA Certified Workshops.

Conclusion

Ingrid informed the group about the Certified Workshop Program and that the Chapter would like to sponsor a free workshop the each section of the Chapter. Lisa shared that the San Diego workshop on Internet GIS was a great success with over 60 attendees. The workshop was taught by a professor from

Wisconsin University and a GIS Database Specialist from MIT. The overall feedback was good. Ingrid suggested that Kern, LA and Orange sections should figure out which workshops they would like and work with her to schedule them.

Item

Ingrid Bruce reported on the Proposed Chapter Scholarships.

Conclusion

She led a discussion on the revival of the scholarship program and used Kern as an example. In Kern they contacted the local colleges and offered the scholarship money. The schools handle all the details of the scholarship award program. That idea was discussed for the So Cal Chapter and the Board and they quickly realized that there were too many schools to deal with them all. So Dan Henderson volunteered to be Chair for the Scholarship Program and he will work on some ideas.

Item

Ingrid Bruce discussed New Board Nominations.

Conclusion

She mentioned that Dave Hobbs of the LA Section needed to step down from his position because of new business commitments. Therefore, Kim Mathes of the San Diego Section was nominated for the Vice President Position until the next turn over of the Board. Ingrid will remain on as President until the Board gets the IRS situation under control, hopefully in early summer.

Item

Ingrid Bruce and Tony De La Sota discussed a few New Business issues.

Conclusion

Tony expressed that the LA Section was starting to experience some pressure from other competing interest groups for members and attendance. It was noted that a similar situation happened in the Inland Empire Section ultimately resulting in a folding of the section. It was agreed that the Board did not want that to happen again. It was also mentioned that we may need to centralize those sectional activities to the Chapter level such as registration, web pages, others. Tony & Laszlo agreed to come back to the next meeting with some ideas on how to jump start the LA Section. The Board agreed to discuss this further at our next meeting.

Item

Lisa brought up the 2005 Conference in Kern for discussion.

Conclusion

She expressed the issues relating to the last state conference in Kern and the way the proceeds were split between BAAMA, So Cal URISA and Kern Section. She noted that the agreement was made in light of Kern getting Chapter status. Since that did not occur, the Board wants to know what the Kern Section intentions are related to the proceeds for the proposed 2005 conference to be held in Kern.

Next Meeting is set for May 22, 2002, at OCTA in Orange County.

