

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF URISA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, October 29, 2003 – 3:30 to 5:30PM
Los Angeles City Hall East – Room 1402
Recorded by Lorenda Lee

In attendance:

Kim Mathis
Mike Calandra
Lorenda Lee
Dan Henderson
Tobias Wolfe
Laszlo Mariahazy
David Gadish

ITEM 1: WELCOME**ITEM 2: INTERNATIONAL URISA CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Our own Lisa Lubeley, GIS Manager, City of Escondido, California, was installed as a National URISA board member. Lisa was elected by the URISA membership to serve a three-year term on the URISA Board, beginning in October 2003. Also elected were:
 - Kathrine Cargo, GIS/Mapping Coordinator, Orleans Parish Communication District, New Orleans, Louisiana
 - Steve Kinzy, Regional Manager for ESRI, St. Louis, Missouri

ITEM 3: GIS CERTIFICATION

- The State of Georgia was the pilot area, certifying 28 of the 29 who applied. The 29th is pending.
- Requirements are four years of experience, an education in a related field, and community service or sharing of professional skills.
- A short-term grandfather clause will allow those without a degree in a specific GIS field to get a certification based on experience.
- The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI, www.gisci.org) will manage the certification process, which will “go live” January 1, 2004. At that time, professionals will be able to download application materials and begin preparations for submitting their qualifications for recognition as Certified GIS Professionals and earn the designation, “GISP”.
- Since California has a strong GIS community we should take the lead in encouraging our GIS communities to submit their applications. One of our workshops this year will be on certification.

ITEM 4: 2004 CALGIS CONFERENCE UPDATE

- Early registration is due by Friday November 14, 2003.

ITEM 5: MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- Evaluation form for the “Managing GIS Implementation” workshop will be sent out via email, and should be returned to Dr. David Gadish promptly.
- Ways we could improve the workshop include allocating more time for networking. In this case, the venue and time constraints inhibited networking.
- We will probably have two workshops a year at most. We will get sponsors for printing the workbooks. Lorenda volunteered to get sponsors. David volunteered to help if necessary.
- The 2004 meetings will rotate around Southern California as follows:
 - March 2004 - Meeting/Presentation: San Diego the topic will be GIS Certification. Dan will take the lead on deciding the date and venue.
 - June 2004 – URISA Certified Workshop will be in Orange.
 - July/August 2004 - Meeting will be in San Diego at the ESRI conference.
 - October 2004 – URISA Certified Workshop will be in LA. David will attempt to reserve the Tom Bradley Ballroom at the top of the Los Angeles City Hall.
 - December 2004 - Holiday party in Orange.
- David will find speakers for future workshops.
- Future topics include:
 - GIS Certification
 - Data Quality- David will present this one
 - Strategic Planning, which is a URISA certified Workshop
- Christmas Party: We will try to get sponsors or contributions to defray the costs, and all board members should try to think of ways to recoup the costs of the party. The Chapter will still provide the food.
- Current workshop: Kim will send Liza Lowery and James Gaston a thank you letter.

ITEM 6: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

- Eighteen new members signed up at the workshop
- Tobias has cleaned up the database of duplicates.
- Membership renewals: Membership is on a fiscal year schedule. Invoices will be sent out in May or June. Initially, those who signed up late in the year will get bonus months.
- David proposed efforts to increase college source of membership by systematically advertising by distributing flyers. Dan suggested the listserve at UCSD. Dan will send the database of university contacts to Laszlo by 10/31. Laszlo will create the flyer and deliver it to Kim by 12/2. The flyer should explain the benefits of membership, which are posted on the website. The flyer will be distributed via email and posted on the web. Board members should talk to people and encourage membership.

ITEM 7: NEWSLETTER UPDATE – SUZANN LEININGER

- Full discussion of this item has been postponed for the next meeting due to the absence of the newsletter chair.
- The newsletter should just go out as a PDF.

- Suggestion: The newsletter should be emailed as the body of the email instead of an attachment.

ITEM 8: TREASURER REPORT – MIKE CALANDRA

- Chapter treasury is over budget after National Conference.
- We should reevaluate the travel policy. Place this issue as an item in the next agenda.

ITEM 9: SOCIAL SCHOLARSHIP – LASZLO MARIAHAZY

- There are changes and points to emphasize in the scholarship rules.
 - Only one scholarship will be awarded.
 - \$1000 is awarded, plus \$500 to assist in conference attendance, only awarded if they attend CalGIS.
 - Each applicant MUST be a member.
- Laszlo will produce an electronic version of the application and attach a membership application to it.
- David emphasizes marketing, getting students involved, and suggests we roll the scholarship into systematic marketing of URISA membership.

ITEM 10: SOCIAL AWARDS

- Postponed until the next meeting

ITEM 11: NEW BUSINESS

- Board Member Nominations
 - Laszlo will take over the Presidency at the close of CalGIS 2004, with Lorenda as Vice President.
 - Mike will conclude his term as Treasurer at the same time
 - Open board positions: Secretary and Treasurer
 - Nominations are due by the holiday party.
 - New advisory board positions will also be open.
- New board members will be chosen and announced in January 2004.

ITEM 11: NEXT MEETING

- Travel budget & support
- Newsletter
- Board Member awards

NEXT MEETING DATE-

- January 14, 2004 1:30 to 3:30 pm, OCTA conference room. Lunch at the Chili Pepper at noon.

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