SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER OF URISA BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, January 14, 2004 – 1:30 to 3:30PM
Escondido City Hall
Recorded by Lorenda Lee

In attendance:
Kim Mathis
Lisa Lubeley
Lorenda Lee
Dan Henderson
Tobias Wolf
Suzann Leininger
Miriam Cope
Blanca Quintero
Melissa Caric

ITEM 1: WELCOME

ITEM 2: 2004 CALGIS CONFERENCE UPDATE

- February 18 – 20, 2004, San Jose CA
- First Day: GIS immersion day
- Jack Dangermond is the Friday speaker
- Intergraph and Autodesk will also send a speaker
- Attending SoCal Board members will meet at conference- time TBA

ITEM 3: MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

   Next Workshop
- The next workshop topic will be "GIS Certification"
     - Location: Carlsbad
     - Date: March 17th, half day panel discussion
     - SoCal URISA to take the lead in promoting certification
     - Lisa and Dan to lead event.

   Background Information
- Culmination of a multi-year effort to define and provide nationwide credential credit for GIS Professionals. The State of Georgia was the pilot area, certifying 29.
- Since Southern California has a strong GIS community, SoCal URISA should take the lead in encouraging our GIS folks to submit their applications.
- The Geographic Information System Professional (GISP) will manage the certification process. This organization is separate from URISA.
     - URISA membership is not required
     - Cost is $250 for the certification application process
     - Certification to be renewed after five years
     - Genae Terry and Scott Grams have an FAQ, which is not online.
     - No test

- Requirements are 4 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 diploma in a specific GIS field to get certification based upon experience.
- Workshops will be held beginning January 2004 to assist URISA members in assembling their portfolio.
- A portfolio includes
    - Proof of conference attendance
    - Certificates from GIS workshops
    - Work history
    - Diploma/transcripts

2004 Meeting and Workshop Schedule

- March 17 – GIS Certification, Carlsbad (San Diego County)
- June 21 – Data Quality, Cal Poly Pomona (Riverside County)
- August 10 – ESRI Conference (San Diego County)
- October 13 – Los Angeles (LA County)
- December 9 – Holiday party (TBD – looking at Orange County)

ITEM 4: NEWSLETTER UPDATE - SUZANN LEININGER

- A draft was circulated for comments
- Blanca reported on ads
- The advertising order form was discussed
- A digital newsletter will be sent to the email list

ITEM 5: MEMBERSHIP UPDATE - TOBIAS

- The database is not as clean as Tobias would like. Before passing the database to Melisa, Tobias will add a Sponsorship and Advertisement worksheet to maintain company name, contact, and payment information. He will also add fields to the membership section that allow Melisa to determine when a membership expires, the date a membership was paid, the amount, and the corporate membership contact name.
- A special membership rate for 16 months will begin in February so everyone in database can get caught up in the fiscal year membership cycle. The February membership term is February 2004 to June 2005.
- Membership renewals: Invoices and letters will be sent out in **May 2004** to everyone in database via email by the president, excluding members that joined in February 2004 (2005 expiration date).
- Vote – Membership Chair and Treasurer duties (approved)
    - Combine Membership Chair and Database Chair duties
    - Database Chair position is dissolved
    - Treasurer will send out welcome letters
    - To expedite responses to members after joining the Chapter, the Membership Chair and Treasurer will work together to perform the following tasks:

Membership Chair will receive membership forms and checks, enter all data into database, and mail forms and checks at the end of each month to Treasurer.

Treasurer will deposit checks and send letter of welcome with receipt attached to members within two weeks of receiving checks. Keep membership forms.

ITEM 6: TREASURER REPORT – KIM MATHIS FOR MIKE CALANDRA

- Discussion - Revaluation of travel budget (vote at next Board meeting)
  - Send National Board member and President to National Conference
  - Send President to CalGIS
  - Subsequent decisions will be ad-hoc/discretionary
- Find sponsors for all events. Lorenda to take the lead in getting sponsors. (Though not present, Dr. David Gadish volunteered at the October 2003 Board meeting to take the sponsor lead in the northern areas.)

ITEM 7: SCOLARSHIP UPDATE – KIM MATHIS FOR LASZLO MARIAHAZY

- Due date: January 16, 2004
- Everyone encourage applicants
- Scholarship to be awarded at the Conference (if present)

ITEM 8: 2004 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Directors
- President: Laszlo Mariahazy
- Vice President: Lorenda Lee
- Secretary: Dan Henderson
- Treasurer: Tobias Wolfe
- Past President/Advisor: Kim Mathis

Advisory Board
- Membership Chair: Melissa Caric
- Program Chair (Riverside/San Diego): Blanca Quintero
- Program Chair (LA/Orange): David Gadish
- Newsletter Editor: Suzann Leininger
- Webmaster: Tim Craig
- Advisory members, such as Miriam Cope, are encouraged to attend Board meetings. We are looking for Advisory Board members from areas less represented, such as Los Angeles.

Discussion - Board terms revisited
  - Board of Directors are two year positions and change during the month of the CalGIS conference (last day of conference), usually February.
  - Advisory Board positions are for one year and change one year from acceptance of term. In 2004, the term for the Newsletter Editor and LA/Orange Program Chair ends in June.

ITEM 10: SOCAL CHAPTER AWARDS

- Kim distributed very nice plaques and certificates to board members in appreciation of service.

ITEM 11: NEW BUSINESS -

- National News: Lisa to report quarterly at SoCal Board meetings.

NEXT MEETING DATE-

- March 17, 2004 after the Certification Workshop in Carlsbad.

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