

Southern California Chapter of URISA

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2005 12:00 Noon

Bakersfield, California

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
 - Introductions, roll
 - Present : Tim Craig, Miriam Cope, Lorenda Lee, Laszlo Mariahazy, Dan Henderson
2. Old Business
 - Action Items – December wrap-up
 - a. Dinner/Meeting/Party – feedback : went well; need to post web notes; Board recognized Blanca for work done to prepare for this event.
 - b. Toys for Tots and Food Bank donations – all gifts were given to Marine Corps Toys for Tots program.
 - GISCorps stipend – generation – should we give \$250 per year to Corps? Vote was yes with a yearly review and vote.
 - Chapter Increase (3 Counties) – new Program Chairs – Dan, interim Imperial County, Miriam, LA/Riverside.
3. GISCI – Applications Working/Pending/Contemplated – Who’s certified (on SoCal URISA Board) so far? Dan H. Laszlo has completed paperwork and is submitting app. Goal is to have all Board members GISP-certified to properly promote it as a chapter.
4. Event Co-op (as in “GIS in the Rockies”, Carolinas GIS Conf, etc.)
 - How can we support co-events – would be better for sponsors to have a combined event; seems like a better way to combine all aspects of a truly Statewide GIS conference
 - New ‘realities’ of conference saturation – too many conferences; companies are beginning to focus attention on fewer larger regional or national conference. Budget constraints – less travel, etc.
5. CalGIS 2006 – Chair. Mary Cook-Hurley;
 - a. SoCal GIS Location – Ventura (or possibly Santa Barbara); Volunteers from our Chapter to serve on Conference committees is encouraged.
 - b. Committee interest should be strong since Southern California is hosting ’06 CalGIS.
6. Treasurer’s Report (if any)
 - a. Budget matters – policy enactment (inquiries/documentation/approvals) – many requests for travel money; some requests were not done to the entire board; board discussed making approvals based on formal requests from members; President is primary representative of the chapter and has priority for travel expenditures; other requests should be formalized and taken to the board for discussion and approval

- b. Budget Committee – Discussion was made to put expenditure procedures into the by-laws. This item will be discussed and finalized at the next board meeting. A financial/budget meeting will precede to determine best approach and disbursements.
7. Webmaster Report. We must remain (and appear) vendor neutral; post meetings from other organizations (Autodesk/Intergraph/GE, etc.).
8. Membership Report
 - Membership – recruiting – (“Chapter Drive for 2005”) – get students involved throughout the region; this is our best source of new membership; professional development is a key for our organization; Academic integration should also be a key component; Talk of a faculty institute for GIS education;
 - Summer Kick-off Campaign – Distribution/Co-event reps – Geography Awareness Week events were discussed. Utility management at OCSD; A focus on career, job skills, and networking; other events such as a 5k run were mentioned.
9. Program Report(s) – (L.A./Orange, San Diego/San Berdoe/Riverside/Imperial, Ventura/Santa Barbara
10. Next Board Meeting ~ June 2005
 - a. In conjunction with: Social Event / Educational Workshop / Other GIS Event – under review – ideas welcomed.
11. Advisor’s Comments
12. Open Forum – Focus on getting CalGIS 2006 rolling; as the board, we need to be the people that push the event forward; work on getting existing members involved.
13. Adjourn