

Southern California Chapter of URISA

Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 2005 12:00 Noon

San Diego, California

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
 - a. Introduction, Roll - Present at meeting - L. Mariahazy, L. Lubeley, T. Craig, T. Wolfe, B. Quintero, M. Cope, and special guest Wendy Francis/Executive Director - URISA Int'l
 - b. ESRI 25
 - a. Geography Showcase: awards/placards/photos @ UG. – Judging went smooth; City of Escondido won Geography Showcase. ESRI provided all prizes – 4 virtual campus course and one copy of Arciew (individual seat). Suggestion made to identify all prizes as they are given out. Placards were not clear – need a way to determine who should be the contact and who is the author in case of multiple authors. Title and Agency name also a must. Can PDF's be submitted so they can be included on a PowerPoint at awards gathering? Some concerns about User Group Meeting at ESRI Conference – hard to coordinate passes. If no passes are issued how do they attend since not a SoCal URISA Meeting?
2. URISA Int'l matters
 - a. Annual 43rd: 10/9-12/05 - Kansas, City, MO: Board Go/no go#? Three confirmed attendance: L. Mariahazy, L. Lee and L. Lubeley
 - b. CA Chapter Social – host or co-op? Coordinate with Bruce Joffe – BAAMA for meeting – 4 chapters to meet at Conference in Kansas. Need a monetary donation from each. Wendy Francis clarified that the \$\$\$ is for beverages and refreshments.
 - c. I. Bruce: CRC \$ request – Approval of \$100 - \$200 (L. Mariahazy, L. Lee motioned approval)
 - d. Lisa/Ingrid/other Nat'l/HQ comment – Lisa is Conference Chair for Kansas City URISA Conference. L. Mariahazy suggested we incorporate a news article in the next newsletter highlighting “Former SoCal President becomes Conference Chair for URISA International – Kansas City Conference”.
3. CALGIS 2006
 - a. Santa Barbara! Cards/theme – Postcards passed out to all Board members for distribution. L. Mariahazy reported that this conference will be a sell out. Don't wait till last minute to register and get your accommodations secured.
 - b. Program development – Leann Garcia/Mary Cook – Lorenda Lee is PC – Other CalGIS support: Christy (former ESRI Rep) and Steve Paladino w/Ventura College.
 - c. Chapter Board Gp/no go#? – Lorenda Lee is Program Chair for CalGIS2006. She will need support from Board members. Miriam Cope suggested that an educational tract be developed for CSU, local government, contracts, and internships. First time suggested on state level. Miriam to provide list to Lorenda. Contact Lead is Deborah Dewire (ck spelling) and Bob Seboli (ck spelling) of Fresno. Possibly include information in newsletter. Last year SoCal coordinated last minute social. L. Mariahazy to take lead in coordination of meeting at 2006 conference to include all four chapters. Laszlo Mariahazy agreed to moderate and will coordinate with Lorenda.
4. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Finance Committee meeting: 6/2 w/TW/LL/LM – budget issues resolved, still assembling files, protocol will be defined. Funding requests for travel, etc. for upcoming year discussed. Justifications to be submitted in written form – what is the need, and benefit for chapter?

- b. GISCorps stipend – enacted, recognized. Modify? Last year \$250.00 was donated. Proposed \$500.00 for this years donation and for consecutive years as funds permit.
 - c. Tax filing completed
 - d. Mtng stipend w/attendance? L. Mariahazy stressed the importance of attendance at scheduled board meetings. A \$50.00 stipend proposed for Board members per qtly. Meeting. Tobias to investigate if there are any tax issues and if this would be defined as “travel reimbursement” or? Useful for justification to employers.
5. Webmaster Report
- a. A BIG 10Q2TC (also 4 GeoShowcase organization & prizes) – Congratulations to Tim Craig once again for outstanding maintenance of the website!! L. Mariahazy to write letter of commendation.
6. Membership Report
- a. Number s for Chapter filing *by8/5) – Needs to be filed with National. Numbers are needed from Melisa.
 - b. “Membership Drive for 2005”, flyer draft-BQ? Students (10\$)/new counties-Sept. go. – T. Craig to put information from newsletter on the website. We will concentrate on students and emphasize low cost of only \$10.00. Renewals expired July 1st. New letter to be developed and flier for renewals and new membership i.e. corporate membership – 10 members for \$20.00 each and local chapter networking vs. International level and support. Suggestion made to post on bulleting boards and in classrooms before school starts in September.
 - c. Program Report(s) – Chapter Territory/Program Chairs: definition, identification. David Gadesh - LA/Riverside Chair unable to continue his duties, President and VP will take over. Christy Noonan joins as new Programs Chair for Ventura/Santa Barbara areas. Imperial Valley added to SD/Orange County area.
7. Next Board Meeting (October in Kansas City?) – Conference call to coordinate at Conference.
- a. Chapter meetings: defined – meet 6-8 x year already w/1/4 BM. Territory/travel/commitments – chg to Quarterly? Motioned approved to move bi-monthly meetings to quarterly meetings due to frequency of conferences, annual membership meetings, and user group meetings such as GITA and APWA. Miriam Cope suggested SoCal URISA meet on Nov. 16 during GIS Day. L. Mariahazy volunteered to present 3-D visualization at Cal Poly Pomona instead since this date is too close to Holiday Party.
 - b. Site/tour alternatives? Workshop? OCS D – a placeholder in NL-possible March calendar – need 3 dates): L. Mariahazy confirmed OCS D tour not until March.
 - c. Holiday Social – Oceanside OK again/other? Last year BAAMA/N. California arranged party train ride. Tim Craig suggested we broadcast to members and let them vote for top 3 places to hold holiday party.
8. Advisors Comments – None present.
9. Open Forum – Tobias Wolf introduced Brian Sovik from Phoenix, AZ who will be forming new Chapter in that area. He was previously a Florida chapter board member and has extensive experience and is also a certified workshop instructor and GIS certified. SoCal URISA has agreed to support Brian and his leaders with advice concerning programs, newsletters, coordinating events, membership & membership drives, renewals, finances, taxes and any other concerns associated with administration and chapter activity. Laszlo’s final words of wisdom – *“Find a few champions . . . let them waive the flag for your chapter . . . and continue to encourage them.”*
10. Adjourn – 2pm