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*Southern California chapter of the International Urban and Regional Information Systems Association*

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, October 22, 2008

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Doubletree Hotel - Mission Valley

**ATTENDEES:** Tobias Wolf, Lorenda Lee, Melisa Caric-Lee, Blanca Quintero, Russell Mercer, Amy Storey

### 1. Board Members

- a. Programs Chair for SD/Riverside Imperial: Amy Storey will transfer from her Advisory Position to assume this new role, with the assistance of subcommittees. B. Quintero suggested that we contact URISA National and review existing URISA Certified workshops as a first attempt for future workshops. She also suggested that we review requirements for certified workshop Instructors and the possibility for Board Members to become certified in order to get a workshop schedule underway. Amy will follow-up with URISA National.
  - a. B. Quintero suggested we equalize private/public representation by soliciting agencies such as SanGIS, Assessor's Office, or Cities, to fill open Board positions.
  - b. Tobias and Russell have yet to meet to transfer bank account names & related documents and material.
- b. Advisory Members: Two advisory positions remain open. We will solicit in upcoming newsletter.
- c. Newsletter Editor
  - a. Position remains open.

### 2. Conference Update:

- a. 2008 National URISA Report - New Orleans October 7-10: Tobias and Ingrid attended the Chapter Relations Committee meeting on Monday from 1pm – 5pm. Chapters gave 2 minute speech.
  - i. Chapter Maturity Assessment 2008: Tobias reported that he received this document and will review with Board in near future. The document contains consolidated Chapter information, including items such as membership fees, and community impacts.
- b. CalGIS 2009:
- c. The conference will be held in Sacramento, CA April 6 – 9. Mary Cook-Hurley is the Sponsorship Chair. Melisa has followed-up with Mary on timeframe for sending out e-mails to all SoCal Members, soliciting sponsorship at this event.
- d. CalGIS 2010: Lisa Lubeley with Dudek & Associates has been identified as the 2010 Chair. Chris from National URISA, will research venues and costs. 4 locations were suggested: Palm Springs, Long Beach, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara.

### 3. 2008/2009 Programs:

- a. GIS Day Update: Wed., Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Melisa will send email announcements to Yuying Li for distribution to members. We will ask for RSVP, presenters and panel members. Membership applications will be passed out along with the newsletter, and polo shirts will

be given out as prizes. Lorenda will give existing shirts to Blanca. Melisa will look into other giveaways.

- b. 2008 Christmas Party: Amy Storey will take the lead in coordinating this event. A bowling party downtown was suggested.
  - c. GISP Certification: Russell Mercer addressed the value of the GISP title? We need to be able to support the benefits of the Title of GIS Professional by showing some statistics. He will follow-up with URISA National.
  - d. Charity Events: We would like to begin volunteering our participation as a chapter in charity events. Amy expressed her experience with coordinating these types of functions and will follow-up with the Board with some ideas.
4. Newsletter Update:
    - a. Melisa, Blanca and Amy will continue to work together to support the newsletter until we fill the Editor slot. Our first quarterly Newsletter will be published and distributed prior to GIS day on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Website Update –Suggestions for future maintenance/hosting of our website was discussed. Russell will look into the options for moving our site to another server location. In addition, he will set up a Gmail account for group communication and calendar tools.
  6. Open Discussion: Tobias suggested that we create an annual calendar featuring the SD Map Gallery winner’s maps. This may be a product that we can sell, along with other items with the SoCal Graphic.
  7. NEXT MEETING DATE
    - a. Teleconference to be scheduled for December. Tobias will facilitate.
  8. ADJOURNMENT