



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

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Thursday, January 29, 2009

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Teleconference

**ATTENDEES:** Tobias Wolf, Melisa Caric-Lee, Blanca Quintero, Russell Mercer,  
Lan Nelson, Tim Craig

1. Website Update –

- a. Tobias and Russell have been in discussions with Tim Sutherland at SANDAG, where our website is currently hosted. Tobias explained that SANDAG originally was asked to be our host because it was very difficult for SoCal URISA to control in the past. Tim would like to continue to offer support of our website, however So Cal URISA expressed their decision to research possible other options.
- b. Russell Mercer has taken the lead in researching options for future maintenance/hosting of our website. Russell has recommended moving our site from SANDAG to GoDaddy.com. GoDaddy is inexpensive and allows for the space we need, offers a month to month contract, 5% discount for an annual contract, with e-mail addresses/forwarding, and opportunity for using different web programming languages. The Board concurs with Russell's recommendation. The target date for implementation is mid to late February 2009.
- c. Tobias thanked SANDAG for their past partnership and a free corporate sponsorship for the upcoming year has also been extended.

2. 2008/2009 Programs:

- a. Holiday Party Recap: This year's membership drive/holiday party was held at East Village Tavern and Bowl in downtown San Diego. Members and guests had an enjoyable evening with complimentary food, socializing, and bowling; it was an altogether fun time! Pictures and comments will be posted to the website and included in our next newsletter. Thank you Amy for coordinating this event.
- b. Workshop for February 2009: A workshop is in the planning stages for mid February.
  - i. Amy Story is coordinating with Makram Murad from ESRI, to present a half-day workshop on *Basic Principles of Cartographic Design*. City of Carlsbad has agreed to host this event.
  - ii. Tentative dates are Thursday, February 26, or Friday, February 27.
  - iii. We are still looking for another presenter to compliment the cartographic workshop, or maybe present a current project they are working on. Tim Craig expressed that a good majority of people are interested in learning about how a company/agency makes use of GIS in their day-to-day functions to get real work completed. He mentioned that City of Carlsbad has recently purchased OnPoint that is assisting them with creating and maintaining web-based mapping, both internally and publically; they may be interested in giving a presentation on this topic.
  - iv. Sponsorship for this event is pending. Amy and Tobias will follow-up.
- c. Other ideas/locations

- i. GISP Certification
  - ii. SanGIS Data/Imagery
  - iii. Charity Events – SoCal URISA has agreed to participate in a charity walk for the Pacific South Coast Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The walk will be held in April 2009 at NTC Park at Liberty Station in San Diego.. Amy Storey is the lead in this event and will be managing a website for all interested members to register under “TEAM SoCal URISA”. Details will be sent to our members via e-mail and included in the upcoming newsletter.
  - iv. HAZUS Presentation
  - v. Workshops: We are looking for future workshop topics and possible locations. It was suggested that we rotate between the different counties and perhaps go with some of the certified workshops that URISA National offers.
    1. Lorenda has a contact at the City of Anaheim where we may be able to hold a workshop.
    2. Tobias will e-mail Wendy at URISA National to see what certified workshops are available.
    3. Blanca requested consideration of a presentation by Sweetwater Authority on their new Inframap field application. This system was newly implemented and works in conjunction with the Maximo Asset Management system for the maintenance of valves and fire hydrants.
3. Newsletter Update: :
  - a. Melisa, Blanca, Amy, and our new Newsletter Chair Lan Nelson, will be meeting via teleconference this month to continue working together as a committee in support of the newsletter. Lan will take the lead in preparation for an upcoming February edition. Melisa and Blanca will brief Lan on past procedures and forward any relative correspondence.
  - b. Items of interest for the February edition include recapping of the Holiday Bowling Party with pictures (from Lorenda), upcoming workshops, URISA National news, MS Walk, etc.
4. Membership Renewal –
  - a. How can we automate the reminders/renewals? Yuying was not present to comment. Will follow-up at next board meeting.
5. Board Members:
  - a. Advisory Members – (2) positions still open.
6. Open Discussion:
  - a. Russel met with Tobias and Lorenda to officially turn over the Treasurer’s responsibilities, and switch signatures on bank account.
7. NEXT MEETING DATE
  - a. TBD for February. Tobias will facilitate.
8. ADJOURNMENT
  - a. 5:00pm