

SoCal URISA Meeting Minutes

July 2009



Date: 07/15/2009
Time: 12:00-1:00
Place: RAMA restaurant
327 Fourth Avenue
San Diego, CA 92101

In attendance: T. Wolf, M. Caric-Lee, R. Mercer, B. Quintero, L. Lee, L. Nelson

1. **CalGIS 2010 Update** – Next CalGIS Planning Meeting scheduled for 8/20/09 @ noon. Meeting place TBD. Contract has been finalized and will be signed in next few weeks. SoCal URISA suggested that we need to advertise much more and stressed that we focus on student attendance at the low fee of only \$75 with full registration benefits!
2. **Geography Showcase Update/Awards Ceremony** – Melisa reported that the judges were excellent and Map entries were outstanding too! Board concurred that next year we set the time so as not to conflict with lunch or other sessions (ex. Tues. 4pm-5pm). Also need to reserve meeting room at a more accessible location. Improvements for ceremony to include more promotion of URISA; showcase past events and workshops and highlight accomplishments; regional user group announcements; request map entrants to present on their mapping projects; focus on student registration.
 - a. Suggested that Geography showcase announcements come from ESRI, with clarification on requirements, categories and deadlines; San Diego Maps entered in ESRI Map Gallery should also be in the SD Geography showcase. (Two chances to win!)
 - b. Advertise on ESRI website and encourage more students to participate.
3. **Website Update** – Board agreed to add a GIS Resources and Education Section on our website; list of schools, links, and contact information for schools that offer GIS classes, certification and degrees.
 - a. Need to e-mail all members to announce the new website, passwords, and updating their membership/contact information if necessary.
 - b. Check with Tim Craig to see if he will continue as Webmaster.
 - c. Russell will contact corporate sponsors for permission to use their company logos on website.
 - d. Melissa to schedule a WebEx session for Board members to walk through the new Wild Apricot site with Russell's guidance. Russell will demonstrate how to update the website, search for member database, send e-mails on behalf of SoCal URISA, and schedule events/registration (i.e. August Membership/Social @ La Jolla Shores) etc.

4. **URISA Bank Account Update** – Russell has completed the SDCCU account transactions and has obtained the Debit Card for now. It was agreed that we would acquire a Visa Card in the near future which is more secure.
 - a. Russell is developing and documenting a notebook with the Treasurer’s duties and past records of tasks completed.

5. **Newsletter Update** - Lan is almost finished with the newsletter. She will incorporate a recap of the ESRI Conference, Geography showcase winners and the summer membership drive/social @ La Jolla Shores in August.

6. **SoCal URISA Chapter documentation** – Tobias is still working on this and will report back to the Board members.

7. **Upcoming Programs** –
 - a. Workshops
 - i. Agreed to hold another GISP workshop sometime in September in San Diego. Need to finalize date & venue. Sangis might be a possible location on September 1st with Tobias and Diana Henderson presenting.
 - ii. Melisa checked with URISA National, and they do not require any \$\$\$\$ if we use URISA certified workshop. We do however have to give them \$\$\$\$ credit.
 - iii. We would like to have a GISP reviewer present to describe the review process in addition to the ethics policies.
 - iv. Would like to hold in LA and Orange in future
 - b. Board agreed to host a Membership Drive/Social/Family BBQ @ La Jolla Shores in early August. Amy and Blanca will take the lead. Lan to check on permit for propane BBQ’s and limit on attendance and will create a banner with the SoCal URISA Logo. Amy to find sponsor. Blanca has completed a flier for posting on the new website asap.

8. **Monthly Minutes** – Need Signature line at bottom

9. Other Items

10. **Adjournment:** With no further business before the board, President Tobias Wolf adjourned the meeting at Approx. 1:30pm.

Accepted:

Tobias Wolf, President – Southern California Chapter of URISA



Attest: _____
Blanca Quintero, Secretary of the Board