

SoCal URISA Board Meeting

April 2011



Date: Wednesday, April 27, 2011

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

Place: Conference call
(916)263-0291

1. Re-cap

a. Bowling

Russell and Melisa showed up, understandable because the weather, location and time on Friday.

b. Geospatial Summit (LA)

Excellent turn out with 40+ people. Audience was very involved and speakers very knowledgeable. Lisa is looking to do another GSS in fall, any ideas or want to help plan let Melisa or Lisa know.

c. CalGIS 2011

Patrick, Tim and Blanca from our board went. Small workshops and more intimate setting said Blanca, Took tour of local Dam, talked about local agriculture. Tim liked the turnout. Planning for 2012 meeting soon, let Melisa know if you want to get involved and check in planning calls.

Patrick to create a writeup for CalGIS 2011 for newsletter.

2. Newsletter

a. Needs

Lan to send email out asking for articles, event recaps, upcoming events.

b. Deadline

Shoot for the end of May

3. Update from CRC (Blanca)

CRC is working on chapter leaders manual. Working on advocacy agenda and asking for volunteers from chapter leaders. Chapter Assessment will be produced and created to monitor and rate chapters on events held, involvement, support etc. The top chapter will receive a free pass to GIS Pro conference. The due date for the assessment to be filled out is sometime in July. Blanca to get back to Melisa about an exact date.

Other notes:

- URISA is expecting our assessment by June 30
- Working on chapter leaders manual
- Looking for participation to help write it
- Blanca will ask Wendy about CalGIS turnout, certified workshops, & CalGIS paragraph

4. Upcoming events

- a. ULA, June 13-17
- b. ESRI conf, July 11-15
Lan and Russell to possibly help out with the planning and coordinate on depending on if they are able to go to ESRI UC.
- c. APA Planning Van, Aug-Oct
- d. Navy Summer Workshop, July 26-28
SoCal URISA asked to help participate and talk about our contributions location: Point Loma Nazarene College July 26-28
- e. Fall GSS event with CGIA/ or user group (Mike)

5. Website

Talks of adding a map, links for events, links to agencies and sponsors. Layer of chapter extents for all California URISA chapters, Schools that offer GIS Programs. Need to think about where to add the map, make a new page? Or place under events?

Russell wants to add list of events with a link with a write up and then another section with event photos.

Regroup beginning of June, Melisa to send out meeting request

Attendees:

Mike

Melisa

Tim

Blanca

Russell

Lan

Mikes discusses the IE user group meetings:

- Usually 9am-noon
- Start coffee, muffins and networking at 8am
- Introductions, announcements (jobs, events, other)
- 2 user presentations
- Break
- 1 vendor presentation
- Hosted lunch by vendor (same or other; for networking or short presentation by vendor)
- Quarterly meeting
- Rotate host sites to different local agencies
- Topics have to be interesting to gather a crowd, but not necessarily themed; user projects

- Also somehow spotlight the area or venue (tour, geocache, etc.)
- Gets between 80-100 attendees
 - Attendees know what to expect & when
 - Keep it short; half day only
 - No fee
 - Great networking when times are tough & travelling and conferences are slim
 - No more than one vendor so not to be inundated by sales

Accepted:


_____ has reviewed and accepted SoCal URISA

Meeting Minutes

Melisa Caric Lee – Southern California Chapter of URISA

Dated: __2/17/2011__

Attest:  _____

Lan Nelson, Secretary of the Board

Dated: __2/17/2011__