

# SoCal URISA Board Meeting

## March 2012

### Meeting Minutes




**Date:** Wednesday, March 14, 2012  
**Time:** 10:30am-11:30pm  
**Place:** Tele-conference  
**Conference # - (213) 406-8580**  
**Access Code – 416-4056**


**Attendees:**

Melisa Caric Lee  
Steve  
Tim Craig  
Russell Mercer  
Yuying Li  
Marcos  
Dave Jacobus  
Annalisa  
Doug R

- 1. Bowling re-cap**
  - a. Only Board, no members attended. The Board discussed the reasons for non-participation. We all agree the Chapter needs to more consistent with events to draw a regular crowd. Great time had by all as usual!
- 2. Workshop details, 3/31/12**
  - a. Registration- 30 registered so far, should be a great event. Board members attending: Steve, Melisa, Russell, Dave, Yuying.
  - b. Banner- Lan to order a new banner. We should have it by the CalGIS conference for our booth. Yuying had a great idea to insert a map of our coverage area on the banner.
  - c. Lunch- Melisa to order sandwiches from a local shop. She will also pick up drinks and morning snacks.
  - d. Materials- Steve will coordinate with Jeni at Urisa to get training materials & certificates and get them printed prior to workshop.
  - e. Reminders- Russell will make sure the reminders are set up in Wild Apricot for this event.
  - f. Instructor- Sara encourages attendess to bring laptops. Steve will set up some tables in the back and wi-fi is open at the facility.
- 3. CalGIS 2012, Sacramento**
  - a. \$250 sponsorship- all agreed to participate by sponsoring the Thursday night social with the other CA chapters. We have done so for the past 3 years or so. Funds will go toward food and drinks offered during the Exhibit hall reception.

- b. Registration- need to make a big push this last month for member registration. Counts are at about 130 so far. Any Board member attending needs to register & book hotel room asap. Board members attending: Melisa, Russell, Patrick, Dave, Tim.
  - c. Email reminders – Russell to verify the automatic email reminders are set up in Wild Apricot.
- 4. URISA membership (National)**
- a. Blanca noted (in our last Board meeting) that all Board Officers need to also be URISA members: Melisa, Russell, Patrick, and Lan. All agreed that the cost for membership will be re-imbursed by SoCal URISA.
- 5. GIS Amicus Letter (Sierra Club vs. Orange County)- results**
- a. Russell summarized the case and shared that 20 members responded to our survey: 16/20 voted in favor of endorsing the Letter. The Executive officers then voted to endorse and sent a signed statement to Bruce Joffe.
- 6. SoCal URISA scholarship**
- a. During a recent CalGIS committee call, Melisa took note of the other CA chapters offering scholarships to members. SoCal Board agreed that we also want to offer a scholarship, but have to iron out the details first. Steve, having been in the educational industry for many years and offered the following advice:
    - Undergrad AND Grad students together, or offer two separate scholarships
    - We need to compile a list of ALL SoCal Colleges offering GIS programs
    - Send out the invitation in early Fall/ have the deadline by end of December/ then award the scholarship for the Spring semester.
  - b. Melisa to research how the other Chapters have organized this. Russell or Patrick will review our Notebooks to see how it was run in the past.
- 7. Board Nominations**
- a. Blanca helped tremendously by reading through our by-laws and previous Nomination cycles and highlighted the procedures.
  - b. Melisa to send out an invitation for Nominations to all members giving them 2 weeks to respond. The following week the Executive Board will vote to determine the new Board.
  - c. After reviewing the by-laws, several Board members commented that they have not been updated in some years and could be clearer. Melisa will spend time updating the document and then share with the Board for further comments and approval.

 \_\_\_\_\_ has reviewed and accepted SoCal URISA Meeting Minutes  
Melisa Caric Lee – Southern California Chapter of URISA  
Dated: 3/21/2012

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Lan Nelson – Secretary of the Board  
Dated: 3/21/2012