



Dear PaMAGIC Members and Friends:

2011 will be a very good year for GIS in Pennsylvania. How do I know? When I look back at the accomplishments of many individuals and organizations across the state I am impressed by what all of you have done with limited budgets and reduced staffing. So I am thinking that harnessing this ability to do more with less to an economy that looks to be in the beginning stages of a recovery, will yield an environment for high productivity.

With this year's letter, we are attaching an Executive Summary of our "State of PA GIS 2010". This report is a synopsis of GIS achievements and events in Pennsylvania during the last year. It represents a sampling of activities from a variety of organizations across the state. Although this document was compiled by PaMAGIC, it attempts to recognize the efforts of Pennsylvania's diverse geospatial community and not solely those of PaMAGIC. Look for a full length version on our website around the end of February.

As you can see in this report, a lot of effort was expended in support of House Bill 2300. Even though the bill never made it out of the House and we have to restart the legislative process, I've heard from many who are undeterred and will not rest until we have a Council. The good news is that talks have already begun with legislators to introduce a new bill in the new session. Keep watching for list-serve notices, Magic Matters newsletters, or check our website (<http://www.pamagic.org>) for updates on how you can be involved.

Another significant accomplishment was the development of a transition paper that was delivered to members of Governor Corbett's transition team. This document was the work of many people, and I am very impressed with what they were able to pull together in such short order. These connections with the new administration will certainly bear fruit, but it will also be a valuable document for making the case for a Council in other settings.

During the past year PaMAGIC organized, hosted or played a significant role in 7 different events. Although these events all had a specific agenda or purpose, they also served to further unify the geospatial community in Pennsylvania, despite our varied interests and differences. This collective energy will be very useful in the coming year, as we still have a lot more work to do.

Throughout the next year, we hope to see you at many of the events that we will be planning and hosting. Your valued membership will help us be able to organize and



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fund these activities. Please follow the Magic Matters newsletter and/or the PaMAGIC website for the 2011 schedule, so you don't miss out.

We plan to increase our networking and use of social media throughout the coming year. We have established a Facebook page and would be happy to entertain ideas and gather active participants moving forward. This is a simple way for members to be more involved without travel or leadership commitments!

I will take this opportunity to make our first call for nominations to the PaMAGIC board. Every year at the PA GIS conference, we elect or re-elect 3 board members. We are always looking for people with an enthusiasm for advancing GIS in Pennsylvania. If that describes someone you know, send your nomination to Laura Simonetti at lsimonetti@co.mifflin.pa.us.

And so I return to where I started, 2011 will be a very good year for GIS in Pennsylvania. I hope you join us as we work together to accomplish some great things.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn Mohler", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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