

PaMAGIC VISION

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April 1, 2016

Dear PaMAGIC Members and Friends,

It took twenty years, but Pennsylvania has a State Geospatial Coordinating Board (GeoBoard) that brings diverse interests together for concerted planning and action! PaMAGIC never wavered in making the case for a GeoBoard, working through six (6) Administrations, a few economic cycles, and massive technological change and growth. The PaMAGIC Vision (above), first defined in 1996, stands the test of time due to its simplicity. Actually getting to that Vision proved more difficult than we ever imagined – logic and efficiency have not been as compelling as we thought – and the GeoBoard is a tool we will have to learn to use. PaMAGIC has a seat on the Board, therefore, if you are a member you have a seat on the Board.

Over the coming year *we are making a few changes*

- Expand our network of organizations: Some existing regional groups already offer meetup opportunities – URISA CAC in the southwest and the Northwest Users Group are two great examples. We are actively discussing ways to incorporate those individual members working as *regional activity teams*.
- Enhance membership interaction: Broad member-to-member exchange has been limited in the recent past. We will roll out a *new membership database* this year which will make it easy to find individuals with similar interests to create more opportunities for exchange.
- Gather input from membership for the Geospatial Board: GeoBoard Task Forces will require timely information and ideas. We will constantly seek and implement ways to *include members in the GeoBoard actions*.
- Document instances of community service: One person's public service, no matter how seemingly small, is important. One-on-one mentoring, publishing a how-to video, organizing a regional meetup are all examples. When a Community encourages and aggregates those moments and acts of service they are amplified, and PaMAGIC encourages individual public service. The *member database will include self-managed "service tracking"* to facilitate, document and amplify public service within and from the GIS Community.
- Student Membership Opportunities: The prospects for GIS in PA have never been brighter, and we have much to teach each other. We will continue *free membership for college students* and expand opportunities for all members to grow and serve.

See you at the PAGIS Conference and the Annual InfoSwap!

This is a good time to renew or join for the first time. Help us help each other!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Jespersen".

Eric Jespersen, President 2013-2016

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The PaMAGIC Board of Directors represent a geographic and sectoral cross-section of the GIS Community of Pennsylvania. They are typically active members, serve three year terms, meet in conference call about every two weeks, and are also active in other professional associations. Those associations and diverse interests inform discussion and decision-making. *Contact them and see how you might contribute.*

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