



## **PAMAGIC: Board Meeting Minutes 12.13.2013**

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### **Attendees:**

*Mike Bialousz, Nichole Ernst, Peirce Eichelberger, Glenn Mohler, Laura Simonetti, Eric Jespersen, Dave Gilbert, Tom Denton, Mary K. Seville*

### **Agenda**

#### **2-2:30 Team Reports**

Council Initiative - Glenn and Eric

- Good progress and positive feedback, delay to January...

PSLS/Land Records - Peirce and Mary K

- Discuss Elevation Certificates for flood insurance

Mapping Portal - Dave and Laura

- Access to FEMA DB?

Membership - Tom and Nikki

- Tom is not mysterious anymore...

Water Data - Mike and Eric

- Legislative Forum results from 1/9

#### **2:30-3 President's Letter Discussion**

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### **Council**

Sessions going into January will be unlike past years where we can continue from where we left off instead of starting over. It would be good to reconnect with some senators to refresh them on the legislation. Glenn and Eric will contact staffers to see what the best approach is. The bill seems very close and would benefit from some event (perhaps with the surveyors or whole coalition) to get it to pass. This would make sense if nothing happens in January. Surveyors got the language they wanted in there. Moving forward we need to go with the bill that includes them as a voting member.

### **PSLS**

Surveyor activities nation-wide have a lot happening. It would be best for PAMAGIC to work directly with them. The PSLS presentation title at HACC was 'Is it surveying?' and emphasized the need for GIS to be surveyed or have a surveyor involved. The only layer that you need a surveyor for in PA now is boundary surveys. PAGIS should have a session on this issue. Registration law has not been updated in 20-30 years. A panel debate would draw out some of the issues. We cannot even identify on a layer by layer basis which GIS data should be surveyed because the end user's needs are vastly different. It would be cost prohibitive even if we identified just a few county layers like Parcels for example. More counties are setting up monuments for control but the use of metadata by the general public is still a mystery.

### **Mapping Portal**

Two apps were posted on AGOL including a revised membership map and a GIS Conferences in PA web app. PAFPM mapping and technical committee will meet in January and potentially have additional map applications to post. Another potential map app would be showing the variety of data available for the

same feature – such as water in PA. The County Pros provided the contact info to Laura and we will post a map application for this as well.

FEMA flood background data application would be a good map to show and can be discussed at our next PAFPM meeting.

If there are map applications we post and find to be too difficult to maintain then we should contact PASDA and see if they are willing to take it on.

Nikki will post a map of GIS Higher Ed throughout the state.

### **Membership**

For the Water Initiative, Eric looked at documents from 1920 and 1985 time frames. At a presentation last week Eric got some feed-back on chain of events that took place in history and there appears to be a need to capture this knowledge before it is lost. There is a need to share this info with the younger GIS generation. A mentoring program may be needed. (Maybe develop a map of mentors in your area). Meet-Up may be a mechanism for doing this.

PAFPM recently did their strategic plan and one of the goals was that in 5 years there should not be a single person on the board who is there now. That may be something to consider for PAMAGIC as well.

### **President's Letter Discussion**

Topics to include

1. Want new membership (students get first year free with their ID)
2. What we achieved last year - increased to 116 members this year, projects initiated last year: AGOL maps, Water etc.
3. Goals for 2014: Meet-Ups, InfoSwap, promote the council, blog, PAGIS
4. There is a need for information exchange – would seek content for bi-monthly (or quarterly) editions for the newsletter. (One way to do this is to have re-occurring articles on content like 'water' or other projects we are doing. The newsletter should be connected to the blog to encourage content).

*Next meeting January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10 AM – 3 PM (topic may be strategic planning - at HACC)*