



PAMAGIC: Board Meeting Minutes 02.28.2014

Attendees:

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

Agenda

Initiative quick updates

- water data and modeling
- membership
- Map portal//open geospatial data??
- GeoAdvisory
- Land Records

Conference

- mentoring setup?
- infoswap
- elections
- sessions
- PSLS
- water data

President's letter

Strategic Plan

1. *Identify / Assemble the void statewide layers that are not currently available - "Official data"*
2. *Contribute more to AGOL for map info that is not already being served by others. (PA titles, land records, flood)*
3. *Increase membership pointed to youth*
4. *Membership benefits - 2 training courses per year*
5. *Continue communication with Blog and newsletters, social media include state reps in meetings*

Initiatives

Water and Modeling

Eric and Mike met to revise the three year plan. Mid-March anticipated for draft. There is a need to engage DEP. Looking to do a data discovery in mid-summer. DCNR conservation group may have funding. Will categorize any data that may connect to stream features. Looking for 1 HUC10 in each region as examples.

Land / Survey

Surveyors are conducting geodetic collect in each region. This may also help the water and modeling effort. The National Geodetic Survey is looking to improve gravity model across PA. Mid-March will have surveyors occupy a patchwork of control points across the state.

Peirce and Nikki are organizing a meeting with the PAMAGIC and Land Surveyors to HACC

Map Portal

<http://bit.ly/NxxPGD>

A mentoring map - where have you been active?
Peirce will send along information for mapping as well
PAFPM is still interested in having several maps posted through PAMAGIC AGOL.

Council

This week Eric found that staffers were asking why the State Police were not on the council. There is an idea the bill will move forward again in June – possibly done by June. Therefore the first meeting may take place 60 days thereafter. PAMAGIC will develop a running list of issues (and descriptions of) that would be top priorities. PAMAGIC will need to determine the method of collecting, filtering and making decisions on the topics that the council has. County Pros is also seeing they need to be ready once the council forms of their positions on topics.

One of CCAPs priorities this year is to focus on GIS at the County level.

Action item: Develop method of membership feedback capture. Develop protocol for synthesizing topics and positions. Develop way to determine the voting position on each topic at the council.

PAGIS Keynote speakers are changing again.

InfoSwap

Send checks to Tom

Elections

Nikki, Laura and Tom's terms are expiring.

Excellence Award / Officer Elections

Excellence Award: Nominations to be sent to Dave.

Officer Elections:

Tom Nominates – Noemi Mendez

Eric Nominates Tom. (accepted)

Laura nominates Eric. (accepted)

Eric will request nominations in the President's letter. Criteria to be listed in the letter.
Especially seeking representatives from western PA

President's Letter Discussion

See draft below

Next meeting **March 14th @ 2pm** (Dave cannot host)

Presidents Letter Draft

February 25, 2014

Dear PaMAGIC Members and Friends,
PaMAGIC is turning 18 years old this Summer! That is the age of adulthood and reason in our society, and maturity comes from experience. It is also an age at which one looks forward to what life has to offer and where one figures how to contribute to the society they live in. PaMAGIC's life experience includes:

Data Standards

Best Practices – 1999-2000
PA Geospatial Data Sharing Standards (PGDSS) - 2002-2008
Pipeline and Water Data Advocacy 2010-2013

Communications

Statewide and Regional Meetings 1996-2014
Newsletters/Yahoo Listserv 2005-2013
Presidents Letters 1999-2014
Website 1998-2014
PAGIS Conference 1996-2014
InfoSwap 1999-2014
Plenary Sessions 1996-2010
Technical Sessions 1997-2014

Coordination

PAGIC Membership 1998-2007
NSGIC Membership 1998-2008
PAMAP Support 2000-2010
FEMA Map Mod Support 2005-2010
Geo-Council Advocacy 1998-2014

The best experiences and maturity came from those activities where more people interacted and more people contributed, and we expect that to be the case in the future as well, even as the interactions become more virtual. The current initiatives and ideas we have for engaging the most people are:

AGOL/Unique Map Portal – You can share your information and knowledge with others in the PaMAGIC portal to ArcGIS Online. You can have some fun, promote mapping and GIS in PA, and learn from others. The first few maps in the gallery are at: <http://bit.ly/NxxPGD>

Leaders – Dave Gilbert and Laura Simonetti

Geo-Council – After about 16 years of advocacy and recent years of tough budgets and limited vertical coordination, Senate Bill 771 seems viable in creating a Geospatial Advisory Board. PaMAGIC will have a seat and you will have a voice in the goals and direction of GIS in PA. This has taken joint effort with many organizations;

<http://www.pamagic.org/initiatives/Pages/default.aspx>

Leaders – Glenn Mohler and Eric Jespersen

Land Records – One of the foundational data sets for decision support is the least developed on a statewide basis. Current issues to address in this area include: 3-dimensional parcel data and mineral rights mapping, role of the Surveyor in GIS, historic cadaster and records preservation, possible effects of property tax reform on parcel data maintenance.

Leaders – Peirce Eichelberger and Mary K. Seville

Water Data and Modeling – PaMAGIC is promoting the development of a comprehensive and consistent surface water database spatially compatible with PAMAP Imagery and LiDAR, and

which includes stormwater features. The data would support integrated modelling and State Water Plan objectives; <http://www.pamagic.org/initiatives/Pages/WaterData.aspx>
Leaders – Eric Jespersen and Mike Bialousz

Membership – This is the key, with an ever-changing mix of ages and interests we will collectively remember the past so that we keep moving forward and with fresh ideas flowing. PaMAGIC is offering free membership to students, and opening a mentoring program by the PAGIS Conference. We extend our membership every time we collaborate with other organizations, and sharing maps and ideas on AGOL will be infectious!
Leaders – Tom Denton and Nicole Ernst

A little more detail on membership and what that means. Your dues only cover a little bit of administration and what we really want is your mind and your energy. We are instituting a new section in the member database that documents where you engage – meetings you attend, reports reviewed, maps posted, phone calls made, mentoring gigs, other memberships, etc. These are all likely to be small things that add up to a positive contribution, and we'll help you keep track of that.

Opportunities to engage right now are:

1. Contact the leaders of any of the initiatives and see where you fit in. Pick something that looks fun. A place where they need ideas right away is in the mentoring program, and we know you have something unique to map Online.
2. Sponsor the InfoSwap at the GIS Conference. That is surely a documentable contribution.
<http://www.pamagic.org/PAGISConference/Pages/Sponsors.aspx>
3. Nominate someone or yourself for a PaMAGIC Board position.
<http://www.pamagic.org/aboutus/Pages/BoardofDirectors.aspx>
4. Tell us what the first topics for action by a GeoAdvisory Board should be.
5. Send this letter and a membership form/link to a friend.
<http://www.pamagic.org/aboutus/Pages/JoinUs.aspx>
6. Tell us what other groups you are engaged with so we can see the networks.

We have frankly been in a period of reduced expectations as a Commonwealth and of changing priorities, and that has not been fun. Help us see forward and create opportunities for us all to engage with others more often for our mutual benefit and for the common wealth. The PaMAGIC Board members are listed in this letter and we'd like to hear from you.

Sincerely,

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President 2013-14

2013 – 14 PaMAGIC Board

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Infoswap

PaMAGIC's 14th Annual "Info Swap" is again being held at the Pennsylvania GIS Conference (<http://www.pagisconference.org/Pages/default.aspx>). The Info Swap will occur on the evening of **May 6th** from 5pm to 7pm at **The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, PA**. Previous Info Swaps have been well attended and include food, refreshments, entertainment, and most of all, provide a great venue for all in the Commonwealth's Geospatial Community to interact, exchange, and debate

issues, policy and technology in a relaxed setting. Your organization can show its support for our Community by helping to offset the expenses of this “don’t miss” event. Sponsorship opportunities are being offered at multiple levels in order to better fit your organization’s strategic goals and budgets. In exchange for your sponsorship PaMAGIC has developed a scalable “benefits” package based on the level of sponsorship. Sponsorship levels, benefits and cost are discussed below:

- Bronze- \$100 per organization. Your organization will be recognized and thanked by our PaMAGIC President in his opening remarks at the Info Swap and your organization’s banner/sign/logo will be displayed at the event.
- Silver- \$250 per organization. Same as the Bronze level as well as recognition (until next year’s info swap) on PaMAGIC’s web site (<http://www.pamagic.org>) including the posting your organizations name, logo and URL.
- Gold- \$500. Same as Silver as well the broadcast of individual e-mails to all PaMAGIC Yahoo Group Members (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PaMAGIC/>) identifying your organization’s sponsorship support. Each message will also include your contact information and URL.

We are currently taking reservations for a limited number of sponsorships. These will be awarded on a “first come, first serve” basis. To reserve your sponsorship today, please complete the following form and return with a check made out to “PaMAGIC” to:

PaMAGIC
PO Box 916
Havertown PA 19083

Please e-mail a digital copy of your organizations logo (minimum of 300DPI) to us for use at the Info Swap; send it to Eric Jespersen at ecj@epix.net . Call Eric at 717-475-7869 with any questions.

Name of Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-Mail: _____

Sponsorship Level: _____

Check Amount: _____

Membership

2014 Dues Notice and Membership Database Update

Please mail this form and a \$25.00 payment to:

Member Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ *State:* _____ *Zip:* _____

Telephone: _____ *Email:* _____

GISP Certified _____ *(year)*

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Make a payment through paypal:

or <http://www.pamagic.org/aboutus/Pages/JoinUs.aspx>

Please explain how and if you have been active with PAMAGIC in the last year: (attach xtra pages)

Would you like to be a mentor? _____

Would you like to contribute to the Newsletter? _____

Would you like to contribute to the ArcGIS Online? _____

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