



## **PAMAGIC: Board Meeting Minutes 03.20.2015**

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### **Attendees:**

***Mike Bialousz, Patrick McKinney, Peirce Eichelberger, Glenn Mohler, Eric Jespersen, Dave Gilbert, Tom Denton, Mary K. Seville, Noemi Mendez***

### **GISCI Discussion**

- Tom Denton had lengthy discussion with Bill Hodge of GISCI:
  - 1. I asked how we could keep track of the CEU's for our members and what qualifies as active. He said that they have a trust in professional self-reporting. We can supply an email of attendance or receipt of membership. Anything more would be more work than necessary.
  - 2. I think he said that the renewal of the GISP is the fee and very light documentation. They are presuming that professional ethics are being upheld.
  - 3. We talked about hosting events/webinars. He said that pretty much anything that we host can be counted as a ceu type of material.
  - 4. I asked if we could get the contact info for GISP's in PA. He said that he is tentatively willing to blast out PAMAGIC's membership information to the GISP's in Pennsylvania. But, they hold onto the addresses and all.
  - 5. He said that they are reevaluating how they work with State-wide organizations. There may be opportunity down the road to become a cosponsoring or member group to GISCI.
  - 6. I am going to compile PA resources to be added to the Pennsylvania resources page.
  - 7. I did tell him that PA has recently passed the legislation to have the geospatial coordinating board/council, yet they have not started to meet. He said that is a great move in the right direction.
  - 8. He would like more information about the organization and the geography of who we serve etc. I told him we will send him links to the web site and more info down the road.
  - 9. I did tell him that I think it would be smart that we talk with them on a regular basis to hopefully have an understanding at what might be going on at a national level and bring to the State meetings. He agreed.
  - 10. I asked him what else we could do at this point. He said that if we start to compile and do the above items and action points that should be good to get it started.
- Dave/Tom to update PA Resources list on GISCI website
- Offer space at the PA GIS Conference for GISCI information
- Inquire about GISCI sponsoring InfoSwap

### **Webinar/Training**

- Census Webinar – 16 people signed up thus far for 3/26 session
- Similar to past seminars but more geared toward GIS users
- Future trainings do not have to be GIS-based only – i.e. presentation skills, promoting coordination (tied to our Mission)
- If we solicit Webinars from others we should always preview the content even before advertising

### **President's Letter**

- Finalizing now and will bring to Western PA Meetup (along with one pager question sheets)

### **GeoAdvisory**

- Eric developed one-pager question sheets for delivery to the state; had assist from GIS Pro's with graphics
- Board to offer more ideas for these as appropriate
- Eric delivered modified version of transition briefing for Wolf Administration; made a first page oriented to the Legislature and delivered to Senator Gordner, Representative Cutler
- Need to get back to a priority list of topics, ideas, initiatives that represents the membership (not just the Board)

### **Western PA Meetup**

- 3/26 at OTB Bicycle in Pittsburgh; 3-6 PM
- Organized by Christine Iksic of URISA CAC
- 35 signed up so far
- 3 short presentations planned, including Water Data Initiative
  - Eric representing PaMAGIC

### **Other Business**

- ArcGIS Online – 7 months free and then \$1000 annually after
  - Adding Groups – can invite in other members from existing Organizations
    - Can be issues with doing this depending on account access level
  - Swapping out Nikki and Laura for Tom and Patrick

*Next meeting*     **April 3, 2015 @ 2pm**