



PAMAGIC: Annual Retreat Board Meeting Minutes 06.26.2015

Attendees:

Mike Bialousz, Patrick McKinney, Glenn Mohler, Eric Jespersen, Dave Gilbert, Tom Denton, Wade Gobrecht, Tom Edinger, Noemi Mendez Guest – Laura Simonetti

The Board Needs:

- To Make PAMAGIC awareness to members more apparent through meetings, webinars, and events.
- Host Technical and non-technical meetings to show why data is important to support applications.
- Get the average member involved and aware of how they can get involved.
- Need have four meetings each year immediately following board meetings to let people know the issues being discussed

Business Meeting

Bi-weekly Conference Calls on Friday afternoon ok. Calendar for remainder 2015 is as follows:

8/7, 8/21, 9/11, 9/25, 10/9, 10/23, 11/6, 11/18, 12/4

Event calendar:

7/7	Communicating with GeoBoard; HACC
9/8-10	Census in Pittsburgh/Networking??
9/15 – 16	PAFPM Annual Meeting; Harrisburg
10/15-16	NW PA GIS Conference
11/18	GIS Day
5/15-16, 2016	PA GIS Conference

PA MAGIC Status:

- 56 paying members now (down from over 100 in years past)
- ~ \$8,000 in accounts

Officers:

- President – Eric Jespersen
- Vice President – Patrick McKinney
- Treasurer – Tom Denton
- Secretary – Mike Bialousz

GeoBoard Designee – Dave Gilbert

Initiatives:

- Water Data
 - Mike and Eric plus Bob Wilson
 - Funding for \$30,000 USGS grant; Eric doing \$20K of work for \$10K → publicize on Blog etc. (do same for Dauphin County)
 - July 10th – next meeting
 - Digital Permit Data integrated
 - need to publicize grant (*Wait for an official notice from USGS!*), but make sure we have more of the MS4 and Natural Flowpath meeting notes on the website.
 - Eric and Laura will review the organization of the web info.
- AGOL
 - PAFPM → funding half of AGOL Organization
 - Potentially use for pushing out votes relative to GeoBoard
 - Goal: Member only and public content
 - Training events information
 - Create a Group and allow users to be members
 - Public Gallery
 - Look at a map of GeoBoard reps...
 - Map of regional task forces - Glenn
- Training
 - Survey to gather training ideas - Patrick
 - Technical at GIS Day, State Conference and NW GIS Conference
 - Census training in September in Pittsburgh
 - Develop a pool of “trainers” for membership trainings
 - Consider holding trainings for non-members to increase “value” of PAMAGIC
- Communications
 - Website updates
 - Members only portion
 - Meet ups and surveys to examine ideas/priorities
 - Task forces for specific topics/initiatives/technologies etc.
 - Need to define what the results of task forces should be (summary, position, etc.)
 - Communication with Board to decide on a position (needs defined)
 - How does this relate to members?
 - Need a chairman for each to reach out inside or outside organization
 - Need a place to collaborate – paid portion of blog?
 - AGOL Local Gov’t – public comment app
 - Identify regional spaces for meetings or events to piggyback onto (i.e. NW GIS Conference)
 - Declaration to State CIO – letter by July 7th meeting
- Member Engagement
 - Email a reminder to members that have not renewed membership, if it is possible to query them out of database.

- Consider getting members to attend Career Days or other events in schools (k-12) to promote GIS profession and PAMAGIC as an organization
 - Look at blog (or other solutions) options that have unlimited push notifications, better polling and survey tools to enhance communication with membership. Evaluate costs and benefits – Glenn. Have members contribute too.
 - Consider reaching out to higher education institutions to get a representative (professor, most likely) to promote PAMAGIC student memberships across the state
 - Contact membership re: making contributions to AGOL
 - Add new board members as authors on existing blog – Glenn
 - Add post regarding Pierce’s SALDO Draft for GSCB – Glenn
 - Dauphin County blog post (Does anybody have the details on this?)
 - Add Lancaster County GIS Day Event to Calendar of PA GIS Events. Friday Nov. 20, 9:00 to 12:00, 150 N. Queen St., Lancaster PA. Although this is not a PaMAGIC Event, it is open to the Pa. GIS Community.
- GeoBoard Priorities

The GeoSpatial Advisory Issues PAMAGIC takes to the board must state how each topic would support the original intent of the Board: Transparency, Cost effectiveness.

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Eric idea is that Task Forces (TF) can report facts directly to the GeoBoard along with the questions we think the Board should answer

PaMAGIC Member Chair for each TF; modest financial support from PaMAGIC

Need to establish a list of meeting venues statewide; low or no cost; e.g. – HACC Rm 206
 -conferencing a bonus
 -Different from meetup sites

Post-Retreat Idea – Is it possible to do a cost/benefit calculation on PAMAP imagery and topo from 2006-2008 to validate the concept moving forward?

Voting:

- Find and utilize a secure, trackable polling solution for gauging membership priorities for state Geo Board
- Spell out the procedure for how our representative votes at the state Geo Board

- Develop templates for inter-governmental data sharing agreements, with the intent to reduce the amount of time it takes to clear the legal obstacles to sharing data with State and Federal Government.
- Work with Pennsylvania Society of Land Surveyors (PSLS) profession regarding GIS geospatial issues, such as cadastral (how property boundaries are dealt with etc.)
- Develop standard list of GIS job titles and job descriptions that would be used consistently for local, state, federal and private businesses. URISA has done good work in this area.
- Develop better regional GIS hydrography data set including best of NHD and county GIS layers.
- Develop better standards for MS4 stormwater GIS capture and reporting.
- Continue to develop regional approach to capture of digital orthophotography and topography across state to provide high accuracy and quality deliverables to counties and regional agencies, and at same reduce cost to taxpayers.
- Provide mechanism for counties and regional agencies to share data to public or partners for little or no cost, and discuss pros/cons of such action.

- **Meet-ups**

- Identify spaces and contacts for regional meet-ups