

UCGIS 2006 Winter Meeting

BOARD MEETING

Bolton Room, Capitol Hill Club

February 8, 2006

7 PM to 9.00 PM

Present:

Nina Lam (President), John Wilson (President-Elect), Lynn Usery (Past President)

Sean Ahearn, May Yuan, David Tulloch, Scott Mackay, Greg Elmes, Meipo Kwan (Board Members)

Tim Nyerges, David DiBiase, John Shuler, Jane Read, Tom Cova (Committee Chairs)

Jack Sanders (Executive Director), Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Secretary), Doug Richardson (Treasurer)

Guests: Will Craig (University of Minnesota, representing NSGIC)

Meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions

President Lam welcomed the group, introduced Will Craig, past President of UCGIS and currently on the Board of National States Geographic Information Council.

2. Revisions of Items to the Agenda

None

3. Acceptance of all Board Packet Reports

Minutes from previous meetings were accepted after minor corrections were made on spelling of last names of Board members MacKay and Read

Tulloch moved to accept, MacKay seconded, approved unanimously

Committee reports were accepted, with minor amendments to the membership numbers (84 total members, up from 74 when Larson took over membership committee chair three years ago).

Usery moved to accept, Yuan seconded, approved unanimously

4. Old Business

Internship

Ahearn provided an update on the development of internship program. A survey of membership was conducted to better understand the needs and expectations of member institutions. The internship idea is still viable; the details need to be worked out. Upto this point, Ahearn has not charged UCGIS anything.

Indirect Cost Rate

Sanders reported that the background work on the ICR calculation has been completed. The AAG accounting audit raised some concerns because the rate was calculated on the basis of 2004 figures but this has been resolved.

Visualization Workshop

Based on notes from Wilson and Yuan, the budget has been set at \$92,000.

Administrative Costs \$5000, ICR \$8000

Federal Membership Fee

Usery noted that it was unlikely that USGS would pay \$50,000 for 2006 membership.

Richardson noted that AG's fee structure could serve as a model

This item scheduled to for Friday Board meeting discussion

Delinquent Members

Membership committee needs to deal with this issue. This item also scheduled for Friday Board meeting discussion

5. External Relationships

GISCI

UCGIS is a member of GISCI. We have two representatives on GISCI Board

National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC)

Craig explained role of NSGIC. NSGIC is developing a proposal to create Imagery for the Nation (http://www.nsgic.org/hottopics/imagery_forthe_nation.pdf). Craig seeks UCGIS endorsement and support for this proposal. Typically such requests for letters of support will go before the P&L committee, which will discuss and vote on it, and then make a recommendation to the Board. Vote scheduled for Friday's Feb 10th Board meeting.

USGIF

Curriculum under development. Scheduled roll out Summer 2006.

Faculty from Penn State and University of Wyoming involved in advisory capacity.

GIScience Society/ASPRS

Wilson researched opportunities to develop a community of practice. Discussion postponed.

Center for Spatial Information Science (CSIS) at U. Tokyo

UCGIS decided not to pursue a cooperative agreement with U of Tokyo

CaGIS

UCGIS summer meeting held co-located and held immediately after AutoCarto 2006.

AGILE

Elmes initiated a follow-up with Mauro Salvemini regarding renewal of MOU. We are waiting for information from AGILE.

GSDI

Should UCGIS renew membership in GSDI?

Discussion scheduled for Friday Feb 10th board meeting

Nick Chrisman's International GEOIDE conference

From Wednesday May 31 to Friday June 2, 2006

AGS – Jerry Dobson

AGS wants to withdraw from UCGIS membership. Discussion scheduled for Friday Feb 10th board meeting (membership fees)

6. Strategic Issues

Funding and Grants: FEMA-GEOID Centers

Proposal targeted towards DHS under development. Discussion focused on timing based on funding availability and also how to engage participation of UCGIS member institutions. Discussion was postponed to Friday Feb 10th Board meeting

Research

Research Committee seeks to focus on Grand Challenges Initiatives in conjunction with Education and P&L committees in order to move the UCGIS research agenda forward. Focus for the next couple of months will be on organizing Summer Assembly, working collaboratively with President and Board.

Education

BoK has been developed. It will be published by the AAG. Next step is to use the BoK and use it as a framework to organize different types of training programs for different audiences.

Wilson proposed appointed DiBiase as the point person to plan for the development of such training programs. MacKay second, motion passed unanimously.

Policy and Legislation

Preparations for Winter Meeting complete.

Presentations have been rehearsed and tweaked – they are succinct and engaging.

Membership

No new membership applications in Fall 2005. We have a problem with delinquent members. We are owed quite a bit of money. 6-8 institutions have not paid for over two years.

Communication and Outreach

Several suggestions received from committee members about how to improve website and newsletter. Some suggestions are already in the process of being implemented. Dick Campbell is supportive and helpful in this regard. Send your comments and feedback about website to Jane Read.

7. Outgoing Board and Committee Recognition

President acknowledged work of Board, Committee Chairs and other officers, and thanked outgoing board members (Kwan and Ahern), and Past-President (Usery) for their service.

8. Other Business

None

Tulloch moved to adjourn, Elmes seconded.

Meeting adjourned around 9 PM

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