

UCGIS Council Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2005 Friday

Snow King Lodge

Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Submitted by Laxmi Ramasubramanian

1. Welcome, Introductions, and Presidents Report

Dr. Lam welcomed the gathering and presented the agenda (attached).

There were no revisions to the agenda presented.

The President presented her report since taking office at the 2004 winter meeting. The president thanked the Board, the Executive, and other committee officers for ably assisting her in her work.

In particular, she thanked Dr. Larson for helping coordinate the summer meeting schedule and location in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; Dr. Nyerges for his efforts in managing the technical program and schedule of the Summer Meeting; and Mr. Sanders for providing logistical support where needed.

Dr. Lam described briefly, the various initiatives that UCGIS was involved in, in partnership with URISA in the area of GIS certification with the newly created GIS Certification Institute, and with USGIF in the area of curriculum development, certification and training for intelligence professionals. The efforts undertaken by UCGIS board members to develop projects and activities beneficial to all its members were also discussed (e.g., SPACE workshops, the Visualization Workshop, USGS Post-doc, and a proposal for UCGIS to coordinate internships at federal agencies) She also discussed the strategic development strategy of the organization in its efforts to position itself as a voice for policies and legislation supportive of GIScience and its efforts to raise funding to support UCGIS activities.

2. Vote on New Members

The first item on the agenda was the vote of new members.

The membership committee chair Dr. Larson presented Temple University's application for membership in UCGIS. She briefly reviewed the university's profile and stated that the UCGIS board (in its meeting on June 28th) had recommended acceptance of the membership. Jeremy Mennis represented the university at the meeting.

The council voted unanimously to accept Temple University's membership into UCGIS.

3. Approval of minutes of February 11, 2005 council meeting in Washington, DC

Approved unanimously.

4. Executive report

5. Financial Report

Jack Sanders presented his report and the financial report on behalf of Dr. Doug Richardson.

In his Executive Director's report, Mr. Sanders congratulated the membership for their dedicated work as volunteers and thanked the board and committee officers for their support. He described the day-to-day business of UCGIS, i.e., his role and his relationship to the Board.

Reviewing the financial report for the year, Mr. Sanders reported that the organization was in relatively good financial shape. There was some concern expressed about non-paying/late-paying members, although it was pointed out that it was more a problem of identifying the person responsible for signing the checks, rather than an indicator of unwillingness to pay. He indicated that the board had made a recommendation to the UCGIS council to increase the membership dues from \$1000 to \$1500 per year (next item on agenda)

6. Dues proposal from Board

The UCGIS proposed that the membership fees for (regular) university members be increased from \$1000 to \$1500 (yearly) starting immediately.

The membership voted unanimously to approve the dues increase.

8. Committee reports

Brief Reports were received from:

Policy and Legislation Committee (Shuler),

Education (DiBiase)

Membership (Larson)

Communications (Read)

9. Recognitions/Presentation of Awards

The Researcher Award was presented to Dr. Meipo Kwan. She was not present at the meeting because of an ankle injury. Her acceptance statement was read.

The Educator Award was presented to Dr. David DiBiase. In his acceptance speech, he thanked the team working on the GIST BOK document and his colleagues.

The Intergraph Young Scholar Award was presented to Dr. Kevin Curtin.

The ESRI Young Scholar Award was presented to Dr. Steve Manson.

Several travel awards and research paper awards were presented.