

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Subject: Board of Directors Meeting

Board Members Present: Mickey Dietrich, Andy Mendola, Rick Reichert, Larry Spraker

Committee Chairs and Officers Present: Michelle Debyah

Not Present: Colin Reilly, Tao Tang, Pete Walsemann, Christa Hay

Minutes: The meeting began at 12:03 PM.

Secretary's Report: Michelle Debyah, Secretary

A motion was made by Mickey to approve the minutes from the February Board of Directors meeting. Motion was seconded by Rick. Motion carried unanimously.

The items on the task list for March are to approve the GeoSpatial Summit venue 18 months prior to event date (Board), ship Association table material to GIS/SIG Conference (Treasurer), and recommend a venue (GeoSpatial Summit Committee). The items on the task list for April are to send a letter to the membership thanking Sustaining Businesses and Institutions (President), renew liability insurance (Treasurer), and hold webinar (Professional Development).

Treasurer's Report: Christa Hay, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Report dated March 16, 2017 was reviewed. The current balance is \$51,770.08. There were no expenses since the last report. Membership has not been updated as there is a problem with the membership database that is currently being fixed.

Christa does not see the need to outsource membership.

Mickey asked if we should determine an annual budget reserve amount so the surplus could be spent back to the membership. He suggested the NYGeoCon and GeoSpatial Summit Committees give a worst-case lost scenario to help determine that amount, perhaps \$25,000.00. The surplus could be spent on webinars or at NYGeoCon or the Summit so the planning committees are not completely restricted to registration fees.

A motion was made by Mickey to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion was seconded by Rick. Motion carried unanimously.

GeoSpatial Summit 2018

Kate will be gathering a group to begin planning soon.

NYGeoCon 2017

There will not be a shuttle bus, though there may be a ride sharing app to help people carpool. The call for abstracts will go out the end of May or beginning of June. Dr. Sophia Liu from USGS has been confirmed as the keynote.

President Reports

Colin and Mickey discussed Mickey serving as co-chair of the Legislative Committee. A motion was made by Rick to confirm Mickey as Legislative Committee Co-Chair. Motion was seconded by Larry. Motion carried unanimously.

Garvis is aware that Mickey will be stepping down as co-chair of the Professional Development Committee to focus on the Legislative Committee.

As Bev is the only member, she recommends changing the External Development Committee from a committee to an individual "role", decommissioning the committee, or merging it with another committee.

Mickey made a motion to decommission the External Development Committee. Motion was seconded by Rick. Motion carried unanimously.

Mickey will contact Bev and let her know that the committee has been decommissioned and suggest she join another committee.

Mickey had wanted to discuss committee reorganization, specifically merging the Education and Professional Development Committees. However most members felt they should remain separate committees.

During the February Conference Call, Alan expressed that it was premature to raise membership rates without showing members an increase in benefits. Mickey said Razy and the Membership Committee are exploring software and will report at a future Board Meeting. Mickey feels this could go along with the discussion regarding spending budget surpluses over an established reserve amount on the membership.

The deadline for Legislative Map Day submissions is this Friday. The Legislative Committee will meet late next week to review the submissions.

Larry wanted to be sure the Board had started thinking about elections. Michelle mentioned that elections are on the task list, starting with appointment of the Nominating Committee in June.

A motion was made by Mickey to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Rick. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 PM.

Action Item List

1. Mickey will send resolutions related to actions or policies to Communications for the website.
 2. The Membership Committee will explore the possibility of raising the membership fee.
 3. Mickey will send a letter of appreciation to Committee Members.
 4. Committee Chairs will review and confirm roster on website.
 5. Communications will update Committee rosters on website.
 6. Committee Chairs will submit budget requests for year.
 7. Committee Chairs will submit plan/goals for the year.
 8. The Audit Committee will perform a financial review of previous fiscal year.
 9. Colin will get pictures taken at the Summit to Carol for the website.
 10. Christa will pay the Westchester User Group Meeting sponsorships.
 11. Mickey will take the 2017 Legislative Agenda back to the Legislative Committee for more information on the GIS revolving fund pool.
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12. The GeoSpatial Summit Committee will recommend a venue 18 months prior to event date.
 13. The Board will approve the GeoSpatial Summit venue 18 months prior to event date.
 14. Christa will ship Association table material to GIS/SIG Conference.
 15. Colin will look closely at H.R.482 and S.103 Local Zoning Decisions Protection Act of 2017 in its original form and draft a non-political letter of response.
 16. Christa will renew liability insurance.

