



***Minnesota GIS/LIS Consortium Board Meeting
Ewald Consulting Meeting Room***

1000 Westgate Drive, Ste. 252

St. Paul, MN 55114-1067

***Friday April 28, 2006
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.***

Board Directors

Steve Benson - State Government
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Nancy Rader - LMIC

Committee Chairs

Banette Kritzkzy - Scholarship/Database
Don Yaeger - Newsletter

From: Annette Theroux , Chair

If you are unable to attend or will be late to this meeting, please call Annette@ 218-547-3374, ext. 108 or cell phone 218-556-4554 or send an e-mail to: atheroux@prowestgis.com

AGENDA

Approval of Agenda / Additions to Agenda
Secretary's Report Approval of Minutes
Treasurer's Report Approval of Report
Committee Reports

Theroux
Schrader
Loesch
Committee Chairs

Action Items\New Business

- Affiniscape progress
- Workshop progress
- Ewald contact for questions
- Complementary conference registration for workshop instructors
- Pine to Prairie Event Grant update

Sjerven
Mueller/Yuan/Craig
Wakefield
Yuan
Theroux

*** REMINDER TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS ***

Committee reports are distributed prior to the meeting and then included in the meeting minutes following the meeting. If you have more than a written summary that you would like to present, time is reserved under the Agenda of each meeting, or an item can be added under the Action Items if you need discussion.



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Committee Reports**

Awards Committee

Committee Chair: Will Craig

- The Awards Committee has one application for the Polaris Award and no applications for the Lifetime Achievement Award. Nominations are due by June 30th, 2006.

Conference Committee Report

Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield

- The Conference committee met at Ewald on April 12th. We have a full committee with all sub-committees represented. We have added a new volunteer, Tami Maddio, who has agreed to work on promoting our conference through related organization websites and direct contact with professional organizations that are within our target audience. She will need a lot of support and assistance to function effectively. Other sub-committees are moving forward as well (workshops, facilities, entertainment and sessions)
- The “Call for Presentations” brochure should be in the mail or already delivered by the time of this meeting. Deadline for abstracts is May 28th and we hope to have a broad assortment of topics submitted by this time so as not to have to extend the deadline.
 - Additional language has been added to both the brochure and e-announcement attempting to encourage all professional sectors to contribute to the conference. The more diverse program we can offer the more likely we will be able to draw attendees from related professions.
- Additionally, Rebecca and I had a “brainstorming” session with Ewald staff recently to discuss conference management and practices –how to “grow” the event into the future. We talked a lot about event promotion (many of the ideas noted above) and they recommended a few things such as flashier products (programs, exhibitor packet, etc) and ways to advertise speakers. They strongly recommend that we either hold or support events throughout the year (workshops, lectures, user groups, etc) to keep our name out there and project an active and thriving organization (keep the buzz going!)

- They have agreed to assist us as we move forward and (Editorial Note :) I believe that it is crucial that Ewald take an “active” role in helping us promote and present our event.
- The committee will meet again on Tuesday May 16th.

Database Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- No report.

Education Committee Report

Committee Chair: Sally Wakefield

- The Education Committee will coordinate the Firewise closing presentation at the conference. No other action will be taken until the new website is up and functional.

Newsletter Committee

Committee Chair: Don Yaeger

- The deadline for the Summer Newsletter is May 1st. All Board members are expected to contribute a newsletter article for each newsletter in regard to the GIS professionals they represent on the Board.

Nominations Committee

Committee Chair: Annette Theroux

- No report.

Policy Manual Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- No report.

Professional Development Committee

Committee Chair: Jane Mueller

- The “Overview of ArcGIS 9.x” workshop is scheduled at Bemidji State University for May 17th.
 - Jane has set up catering and BSU has offered two of computer labs.
 - Members of the Workshop Committee include:
 - Jane Mueller, Beltrami County
 - Darryl Holman, USDA Forest Service
 - Tony Mayer, Headwaters Regional Development Committee
 - Annette Theroux, Pro-West & Associates, Inc.
 - Brett Case, City of Bemidji
 - Jim Lindstrom, City of Bemidji
 - If anybody else would like to be on the Committee, contact Jane Mueller.
- The “Overview of ArcGIS 9.x” workshop is scheduled at Minnesota State University, Mankato for June 9th.
 - Fei Yuan is working out the logistics for the workshop.
- MetroGIS is co-sponsoring a day-long forum on Thursday, June 1, 2006, entitled "Imagining Possibilities: The Next Frontier For Geographic Information". Information is on linked to the www.mngisliis.org website.

Scholarship Committee

Committee Chair: Banette Kritzky

- No report.

Web Committee

Committee Chair: Annette Theroux

- Gerry Sjerven has been working on implementing Affiniscape and a report will be forthcoming before the Board meeting on April 28th.

Minnesota Governor’s Council on Geographic Information

Representative: Will Craig

- No report.

LMIC

Representative: Nancy Rader

- No report.