



PAMAGIC: Minutes – 2011 Annual Retreat

6/24/11

Organizational Structure

a. Treasurer's Report

Checking balance: \$ 7,393.90

Income:

InfoSWAP net: +\$100.00

Membership (90 – 100 annual) @ \$850.00

Expenses:

SEDA COG expense \$ (not billed yet) 2,000.00

Retreat: \$60.00

Discussion topic: Move accounting from SEDA-COG – if we switch to another controller the state would need to be notified of the 501C(3) status. SEDA-COG has suggested PAMAGIC find another controller. Alternative to SEDA-COG may be PSATS. CCAP may be too expensive. A paid PAMAGIC member may be an alternative.

The job responsibility would be to control the database, mailings, and billings. The change from SEDA-COG could also encourage a change to the way the database is managed: on line access to membership accounts. Eric will contact the NYS user group organization to see if we can expand from theirs. The other alternative may be to stay with SEDA-COG but switch to another person like Kathy Hanniford to manage. Glenn will look into PA Association Organization (PASAE) to see if they can be the controller. Eric will ask the PMAA. There is a need to change controllers before December 31, 2011. Additional controller function may also include possible web app.

Question on Insurance: Directors and Operators Insurance may be required if we become more vocal in the Council etc. Brady will see what the cost may be.

b. Board Meetings

i. Frequency: biweekly

ii. Day and time: Thursdays at 11:00, next meeting July 7th (Mike will set up this meeting)

c. Existing committees/updates

i. Floodplain Managers: Annual Conference is set for Oct 19th in Johnstown.

ii. NHD: The Pilot project is expected within one year. There is a request of PAMAGIC to be the holder/controller of funds for this initiative. A grant will be submitted to USGS for part of this Pilot. Dave Terrell is leading this effort. There is a need to make PAMAGIC aware of the PHD initiative. The NHD committee also has requested to have a web page off PAMAGIC web site.

iii. Communication: Web site / List serve / (Board Function- Laura Simonetti Lead) Laura has updated the membership application, waiting on CCAP for the historic data. Eric will follow up to get the

historic data from the old site to load to the new one. In the future Google sites may be an alternative to the sharepoint service. County PROS are looking at discussion boards and asked what the alternatives are – but CCAP wants to maintain everything in the same framework and is reluctant to approach new functionality that incorporates other applications. There is also discussion about Yahoo Groups to have members receive the Magic Matters listserve.

- iv. Social Networking Committee -Facebook: (Dave Gilbert and Mike Bialousz): There is an interest by one member to start a Twitter page. Board makes a motion to suggest Steve Valvano make a PAMAGIC twitter account and manage it. There is a need to determine the protocol for administrators, content, etc. Board will contact Tom Denton to assist Steve Valvano in the set up. They will report to the Board with the plan before initiation. Dave will add Nicole as a Facebook Admin and delete Tom Mueller.
- v. Geospatial Council / Geospatial Strategic Plan Update: (Board Function - Glenn Mohler) HB 1701 is being introduced. PAMAGICs name needs to be updated (Page 3 line 16 to include "Information"). PAMAGIC and PAMAPPS should organize a Capital Event day once again and get the signatures needed to move the HB forward. Letters of Support should be sought as last year now that the HB has been released. Discussion with PABAR to determine action plan. Need to determine who the Chair of the Committee is – who the person is in the Senate who will carry it forward. A definition of the needs of PABAR should be set. A definitive timeline should be identified.
- vi. Standards Committee: Mike Bialousz – to develop schema and grants.
- vii. MAGIC Matters Newsletter: (Kathryn Reed Editor, to extend to other organizations including state government and regional offices) Laura will handle the June – July edition of Magic Matters.
- viii. INFO SWAP:
- ix. Membership Committee: Brady Stroh
- x. Regional User Group / Task Force Committee: Glenn Mohler

2010 - 2011 Initiatives:

Transition White Paper:

This year's white paper for the Corbett admin was a success. Since this paper was sent, GIS has been seen to elevate at the state level.

State of GIS Report:

PASDA requested a change be made: currently the document states "the state agencies stood up services....." when in fact PASDA did. This change will be noted. A correction notice will be made. In general the acceptance of the document was good and the effort should continue next year. A chapter could be added to describe the willingness of how data is shared. The report can also include reasons for any shortcomings and problems along with the accomplishments in the future.

The report at the end of 2011 should be more of a collaborative effort of contributors. The process for doing this should begin now. The organizations that could participate

should include the endorser's list for the council. The board member to take the lead on the organization of this will be Glenn Mohler.

On – line Surveys:

PAMAGIC will be sending out a survey shortly to gather information. This can be an update to the survey Markle and Stroh did a few years ago.

Themes for future surveys to be determined: Mike will put several surveys together this year.

What type of training opportunities would you like, and would you be willing to pay for them?

Have you seen many Right to Know requests at your organization?

Where would you like the next PAGIS conference to be?

Specific topics on NHD, data exchange, Council.

GIS Day: HACC – connecting with other statewide events. Potential for a flash mob in Harrisburg. There will be high school sessions, GIS professional portion of the event, networking mix. Harrisburg University may want to get involved.

A potential for a PAMAGIC Town Hall could be planned for the day. PAMAGIC should look to promote other activities around the state. Town Hall meetings should piggy back off regional meetings: NW PAGIS, SW CalU GIS Day, Mid Atlantic MUG, etc. Other conferences such as County Commissioners meetings may be a better approach for Town Hall meetings – do not call it GIS.

Gov Proclamation a potential idea for GIS Day.

Membership - Brady suggested student membership level and sponsorship.

Membership list: needs to be revised and updated. Member IDS to be set.

Web site: still need to bring historic data over from old site. Should promote Poster session winner and Excellence Award (Brady) on site. InfoSWAP can be added.

PABAR: Arnie Kogan and Steve Loux: The PABAR is divided into sections or committees. If a section is interested in some legislation they endorse and it becomes policy of the PABAR.

The last bill made great progress last time and the PABAR is actively pushing HB 1701. The connection to the Uniform Parcel Identifier is also strong.

The problem with the bill is it is not sexy enough to move through. What would be useful for HB 1701 is to prepare the action for the September voting session. (assume the bill is not going to run next week before they break).

The Bill is currently in the Veterans Affairs. It does not appear to need a sponsor from the Senate at this time. Once the bill is out of committee, we will need action by PAMAGIC and PAMAPPs to gain support.

Letters of endorsement should be prepared in advance. Key points:

Reduce redundancy, save money. (...and will support the UPI).

This bill is non-controversial. The idea that this is 'just another committee' or that it may involve additional cost may be brought up.

Actions moving forward:

- Determine what the other states are doing, what are cost savings they have seen?
- A meeting with Rick O'Leary would be good to have between PABAR and PAMAGIC.
- Reach out to Civil Engineers for their interest / Land Surveyors too
- Contact the Local Government Associations for support (cities, associations of Borough, Townships, CCAP)
- Show value in connection to Marcellus
- Connection to PA Builders and Developers Association. Real-Estate etc.

If deeds are recorded electronically, the quality control of the parcel records would improve accuracy, streamline the process, etc.

PAMAGIC needs to provide background material that describes the need. (...including parcels, mineral rights, aging existing data, safety and environmental concerns).

This needs to be tied to a list of other states that have done this.

The PAMAGIC mis-spelling on the bill should be brought up to Cutler. PAMAGIC should email Steve.

The council needs to indicate there will be costs but the costs could come down with the use of technology to meet on line etc.

PAMAGIC should also be available if the Committee has questions before the bill comes up.