



PAMAGIC - Teleconference Meeting Minutes: 2-17-2011

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1. House Bill: Con Sweeney

UPERRA – Arnie Kogan

Results from meetings in Harrisburg, the representative will be sure other reps were not already in the process of going forward with the legislation. If none are, Cutler will go forward with it himself. They were looking for a list of reps from Con from the last time. Con will forward. Each proposed bill will stand on its own. But the connection between the UPI and our PA GIS bill are so interconnected that people will see the value of each. The UPI act will make it more consistent between counties for the process of recording. It will focus on electronic format, security and fraud issues. The UPI is moving toward the tract information system. Combining this with GIS will enhance its capability.

Uniform Commission has been in support of this act for some time. Commerce between states is affected by the UPI and uniform standards.

The geographic identifier has been around since the 80's. But this GPIN was not accepted at that time over floodplain issue. Now it is more accepted. A GIS council would have a strong connection to the issue of UPI.

Next steps: Co-sponsor memo will be sent out and signatures will be needed (using last year's list will help speed up the process). Then once the minimum number is achieved, it will be introduced. The intent is to have a possible companion bill: House and Senate. Doing this companion process can fast-track the process. The key is to keep the language the same. This is done when there is no opposition. We should urge this but it is up to the legislators. The only reason the bill didn't pass last year was that they just ran out of time. The UPI bill also had some potential (incorrect) issues with potential costs. The GIS coordination Council should also watch for the realistic costs. There is a need to have public participation and the means for doing this should be managed for cost.

2. PAGIS Conference

'Enhancing our Digital Infrastructure'.

- www.pagisconference.org

- **InfoSwap:** corporate sponsors will be invited in the Pres Letter. Kathryn / Eric to organize. Logos will need to be collected soon enough to print banner and for conference handouts. This should be organized with Kristen.
- **Board Member Elections-** nominations should be collected by the end of February. There is a need to collect nominations and prepare voting ballots. Laura will be in charge of this and needs to be sure they are paid members and actually interested.
- **Workshops** for remote sensing: PAMAP may have a problem presenting this the day after the conference and may need to move it to a time slot during the conference. If this happens, there may be funds available. (\$2,000.00?). The reason this may switch is due to funding and format.

Tom: PAMAP has decided to do a PAMAP workshop and will be held at PAMAP office the day after the conference. Topic is unknown but may be about hydro.

The Call for Papers for PAGIS may not have gone out yet. Magic Matters could send this out and link to the conference site.

General Business:

Nominations for Board Members: will go out in Magic Matters: (Eric, Laura and Glenn McNichol would leave this year)

Dave Nominated Eric. Eric accepted.

Eric nominated Laura. Laura accepted.

Some people need to have an invoice to pay for expenses of membership. To post the invoice on the website would allow people to print it and have it accepted.

Committees: Next year, the opportunity to have general membership more active as committees, activity leads should be promoted more. The need to promote general membership should occur as well. Committees for State of GIS report, website, House Bill, County PROS connection and other topics can be lead. People can be approached at PAGIS to be potential committee leads. Doing this will affect our outreach and network capabilities. This effort for committees can be promoted at InfoSWAP or town hall meetings.

3. State of GIS 2010 (End of the year report)

Next Year's report may include more survey results of the actual status of GIS. This could be part of a student project for survey (counties, agencies, and education facilities). This would be similar to the CCAP inventory done a few years ago. Recent county surveys had good response (only 5 counties were missing) – this was concerning questions on availability of Parks data. A mash-up of the results will be presented. Executive Summary is done. The full report will be available by the end of the month.

4. Membership Mailing: President's letter, membership application and end of year report (exec summary) can be sent out early February. Nominations for new board members can also be mentioned at this time. This should be mailed ASAP.

Eric will contact SEDA-COG again to be sure they will be willing to take the roll of membership collection. Eric reviewed the membership list to be sure contact information was up to date. Laura will also look it over.

Membership IDs can be set based on the current membership table.

5. Website Update

- Need to add Facebook link to PAMAGIC web site.
- Older file data will be posted soon.
- Standards need to be re-added to the site as well.
- Possible posting of membership invoice

*******Next call March 3rd at 11AM*******