



PAMAGIC – PAGIS Meeting Minutes: 6-9-2011

Attendees:

Mike Bialousz	Tom Denton
Eric Jespersen	Nikki Ernst
Laura Simonetti	Glenn Mohler
Dave Gilbert	Kathryn Reed
Brady Stroh	

Welcome Tom Denton to the Board.

* **GIS Conference Review**

- o **Feedback received;** most responses were positive – some were focused on the venue and possible change in location. There could be a potential for hosting a technical conference in a separate location like Lancaster and continue to hold the main GIS conference in the central part of the state. Last year in Johnstown the attendance was under 200 and this year was 265 (potentially due to location near Harrisburg). Glenn McNichol sent invoice for award to SEDA-COG.
- o **Overall assessment of Conference**
- o **Any remaining logistics to take care of?**

- **Input into this year's initiatives.**
 - o Electronic surveys (will be discussed at retreat)
 - o Work with PAMAPPS as we did last year on the new House Bill to establish a coordinating council.

* **Membership**

Eric has membership forms from the PAGIS conference. We may need to maintain our own membership database – there were issues in the past with people not getting the listserve emails etc. Members are not necessarily on the listserve – they need to be added. Membership applications should include additional questions for:

1. If they want to be on the listserv
2. Use something like Constant Contact?
3. Should we have a student level for membership (this can be a question in the survey)

Sharepoint can support email postings in the form of discussion forums. Laura checked with CCAP and they are still testing this feature.

* **Website Update**

PAGIS conference events need to be posted: Poster, excellence award, sponsors, InfoSWAP, and post conference activities etc.

Is the historical data now available? (unknown – Eric was going to check into this now that the conference is over). This info is located on an older server.

* **Retreat Planning**

Friday at 10am we can bring in other people to discuss specific topics such as the new efforts in legislation.

- The Friday invitation for other people to attend would be a good time to focus on a single topic like the new House Bill approach. PAMAPPS and PABAR may be invited to discuss strategy. Glenn will make invitation for them to come at 11am on Friday
- Committee participation: Like PHD initiative
- * **General Business -none**
- * **Next Meeting – At Retreat on June 23-24**

Additional topics for Board retreat:

Membership - Brady suggested student membership level and sponsorship.

Membership list: needs to be revised and updated

Administration activities: Should there be a new home for admin? How would this be funded?

NHD: Committee on NHD may wish to have info added to the PAMAGIC web site.

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.