

# WAURISA

## WASHINGTON STATE CHAPTER OF THE URBAN & REGIONAL INFORMATION SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION

### Board of Directors' Meeting Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** October 14, 2008  
**Meeting Venue:** Via Conference Call (Courtesy ESRI)

**Recorded by:** Greg Babinski, November 1, 2008  
**Approved:** November 13, 2008

#### Attendees:

##### Board Members:

- Angela Johnson, President
- Steve Schunzel, Treasurer
- Don Burdick
- Amanda Taub
- Donna Wendt
- Greg Babinski, Secretary

##### Volunteers:

- Matt Stull
- Neil Berry
- Bob Wendt

##### Regrets

#### Agenda Items:

##### **1. Introductions**

The meeting commenced at approximately 12:03 pm. The meeting was called to order and roll call was taken, as reflected in the list of attendees, above. A quorum was present.

##### **2. Acceptance of Minutes from Previous Meeting (Greg Babinski):**

There were no comments or corrections to the September BOD Meeting Minutes.

- *The September BOD Meeting Minutes were approved as revised by voice vote.*

##### **3. Treasurer's Report (Steve Schunzel):**

Steve reviewed the Treasurers Report as posted to the Bulletin Board.

##### **4. Committee Reports:**

###### **a. Education (Lead: Don Burdick)**

Don outlined preparations for the URISA Certified 'Best Practices for Geographic Information System Model' workshop to be offered on November 17 at the Issaquah Hilton. After discussion of workshop budget, the consensus of the Board was to charge a \$125 registration fee for WAURISA members and \$140 for non-members.

###### **b. Conference (Lead: Neil Berry)**

Neil reported that he has been negotiating with the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue as the 2009 GIS Conference Venue. The dates will be May 4-6, 2009. A visit to Meydenbauer is

planned for October 24. One issue with the facility will be parking costs in downtown Bellevue.

**c. Membership (Angela Johnson)**

Angela had nothing to report.

**d. Technology (Lead: Matt Stull)**

Matt provided the following report:

- Cleaned out the files from our old hosting service (OneWorldHosting.com) and we cancelled this account
- Added the visitor tracking map application from FeedJIT to the bottom the main website page
- Updated the Workshop page with some of our past workshops. I still need a couple more workshops than happened in the 2002-2004 timeframe. Steve is helping me find the dates on those.
- Updated the Sponsors page
- Need to update the Events page

**e. Finance/Scholarship (Lead: Steve Schunzel)**

Steve had nothing new to report other than the treasurer's report. The finance committee will start working on the 2009 budget next month.

**f. Marketing (Lead: Greg Babinski)**

Greg reviewed the planned Summit articles for the next issue:

- Seattle – Whats up by Fred Rowley
- GRCC GIS program by Sabbah Jabbouri
- Mike Onzay Interview by Whitney Bowerman
- WaTrans Update by Eadie Kaltenbacher
- KCGIS Imagery Update by Greg Stought and Mike Leathers
- Pierce County article by Linda Gerull
- URISA Early Seattle History article

Greg outlined what he had learned about having 'Challenge Coins' struck for WAURISA – possibly as an annual conference souvenir.

**g. Nominating Committee (Lead: Rick Lortz)**

Rick was not present.

**h. Outreach Committee (Lead: Amanda Taub)**

Amanda reported on a recent Outreach Committee conference call. She is in process of drafting minutes. Topics discussed during the conference call included the Dick Thomas Competition recap article, the possibility of student sections on campuses, possible support to local GIS user groups, and a possible 'introduction to GIS' presentation.'

**5. Old Business:**

None discussed.

**6. New Business:**

Greg Babinski report on the URISA 2008 Annual Conference in New Orleans (Note: the meeting had to adjourn before this report could be given, so Greg agreed to write the report into the minutes):

- Attendance at the conference was down due to the economy but it was a very well run event with about 380 enthusiastic attendees
- The Chapter Leaders Forum was thankful for the refreshments provided by WAURISA (WAURISA was acknowledged in the program)
- Greg was a co-presenter of the URISA GIS Program Management workshop. He is now an authorized instructor.
- Greg is now the URISA Treasurer
- Several attendees at the AC expressed an interest in forming a Texas Chapter.
- There was a lot of discussion of the 'New Strategic Direction' that the URISA Board has announced. Possible outcomes might be:
  - URISA will be re-branded as 'URISA – The Association for Geospatial Professionals.'
  - There will be much better coordination with chapters
  - The Annual Conference might have fewer tracks – with management, technology, and best of the best applications tracks
  - Specialty conferences have been very successful – 2009 will add a GIS for Transit conference
- URISA is participating actively in COGO – the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations – Cy Smith, former URISA Board member will be the first COGO Chair. URISA will try to have COGO focus on three key issues:
  - Support for GIS Certification
  - Clarifying in the FLAIR act support for the NCEES model rules for surveyors which limits overlap with GIS
  - Promoting more geography and GIS in K12 curriculums with the Federal government

**Next Meeting**

Face to face meeting on Thursday, November 13, from 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm, unless announced otherwise.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.