

**WAURISA**  
Washington State Chapter of the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association  
Board of Directors' Meeting

*DRAFT MEETING MINUTES*

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, December 8, 2009  
Meeting Venue: Via conference call  
Recorded by: Karl Johansen, WAURISA Secretary  
Approved: TBD

Attendees:

(Board Members)

- Don Burdick, President
- Greg Babinski, Vice President
- Steve Schunzel, Treasurer
- Neil Berry
- Cort Daniel
- Heather Glock
- Amanda Taub
- Donna Wendt
- Karl Johansen, Secretary

(Volunteers)

- Daryn Brown
- Holly Glaser
- Tony Hartrich
- Bob Wendt

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Introductions and Roll Call**

At Don's request since he was delayed in joining the teleconference, Greg called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. and roll call was taken (see above). A quorum was present.

**2. Acceptance of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes from the November 10 Board meeting.

**3. Committee Reports**

a. Conference (Neil Berry)

Neil led a discussion on how to finalize tracks for the spring conference, a priority item since the call for papers, as well as vendor solicitation, needs to happen soon. Heather G. suggested adding a vendor track as in the past, and for all papers generally follow (National) URISA

guidelines: GIS as applied to a particular project, case study, or business need. It was noted that Open Source has been a highly popular subject area in the past also, which merits its own track or other prominent billing. Neil agreed that OS should either be a workshop or within a web-mapping track to take advantage of this interest, and said that Monday, December 14 would be a committee meeting to resolve remaining issues on the conference tracks subject. There was further discussion on vendor sponsorships, such as refreshments for coffee breaks and the evening social, also to be discussed in the 12/14 committee conference call. Greg noted that it is highly desirable to get these items finalized and advertised in the upcoming (January) issue of *The Summit*.

b. Education (Greg Babinski for Don Burdick)

Greg reported that the November 16 Cartography Workshop in Edmonds went well, and with attendance at 40 came close to breaking even.

c. Finance (Steve Schunzel)

The treasurer's report has been posted on the chapter website ([waurisa.org\phpBB3](http://waurisa.org/phpBB3)). The total cash/bank account balance is \$32,174.49, with total assets/liabilities at \$48,190.81. Steve has submitted a draft 2010 chapter budget to the Finance Committee, and will finalize before forwarding to the BOD.

d. Marketing (Greg Babinski)

Greg reported on planning the upcoming (January) issue of *The Summit*, potentially a 30-page publication. Some of the highlights are:

- An Angela Johnson profile
- An article by Amanda Taub
- A Michelle Lortz interview with Marty Balikov
- A "blockbuster" treatise by Tim Leach (stay tuned)
- Information on new USGS topographic data for Washington
- A Whitney Bowerman article on desktop GIS tools and training
- A "People On The Move" column
- A "People Looking For Work" column with a link to the bulletin board
- And more...

e. Membership (no report)

f. Nominating (no report)

g. Outreach (Amanda Taub)

Amanda has not yet received a copy of the 2010 conference logo for her use in outreach materials. Tony agreed to send her a .jpg copy. Amanda will make it a priority to schedule a committee meeting soon. She is revising the call for papers guidelines for the Dick Thomas award, and would like to get this distributed soon to take maximum advantage of the upcoming academic term in terms of faculty involvement. The proposed new award amounts are:

First place:	\$1500
Second place:	\$1000

Third place: \$ 500

The faculty advisor for the first place winner would also receive \$500.

h. Technology/Website (Cort Daniel)

Cort reported that he has been updating the website, such as moving the November 16 Cartography Workshop to “past workshops.” He has again been contacted by Lunarpages to renew the website subscription (39 months for \$178). Cort believes this is good value and will review soon since the current subscription expires March 2010. Tony asked that Thriva be set up soon for vendor access in connection with the 2010 spring conference. There was some discussion on the subject of social networking sites (LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter) now in use by National URISA and certain chapter sites, and that it may help WAURISA conference advertising to do the same here. Amanda and Heather G. will pursue and report back next month.

i. Education (Greg Babinski for Don Burdick)

Holly described some of her research into various organizations’ GIS outreach activities in regard to K-12 education, in which she is greatly interested. She believes it would enhance the spring conference to encourage some of these individuals to participate, and moreover to showcase a map gallery and “Meet The Mapmaker” session, at a separate venue if necessary. Holly will submit her ideas in writing to the committee for further discussion and consideration. Amanda supported Holly’s proposal and similar efforts such as ESRI’s GeoMentor program that connect GIS professionals with interested individuals in primary/secondary education.

**4. Old Business**

In regard to legislative advocacy, a previously-discussed WAURISA role, Greg noted that Bob Poole of Clark County is actively promoting his site’s recording fee initiative to assist in funding the county’s GIS program.

**5. New Business**

(no new business was reported)

**6. Announcements**

Greg reported that he had been approached by the Aboriginal Mapping Network (<http://www.nativemaps.org/>) who are interested in putting on a conference; Greg may facilitate.

Next Meetings

- Next BOD Meeting: Tuesday, January 12 , 2010, 12:00 noon

Adjournment: Greg adjourned the meeting at approximately 1 p.m.