

ORURISA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 08, 2016

12:01 PM

Meeting called by: Molly Vogt, President

Meeting type: ORURISA board meeting

Facilitator: Molly Vogt

Minutes prepared by Theresa Burcsu, Communications Director/Secretary with help from Cy Smith

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ORURISA BOARD MEETING AGENDA

12:01 pm	Welcome, agenda review – Molly
12:05 pm	Chapter updates and Board decisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Treasurer’s update – Keith• Payment of URISA dues for executive Board positions - Molly• GIA update – Keith<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Subsidizing student registration• PSU conference facility discount requirements• 2017 Board meetings - Molly
12:25 pm	SIG & Section Updates - Leaders, all <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reinvigorating the Southern Oregon Section – Keith, Karim• Data fair update – John B• Upcoming meetings – All• Other items – All
12:40 pm	Board Committee Updates – Molly, Rich, John S., John B.
12:55 pm	Adjourn with time to transition to your 1pm meetings

Attendees:

Alexa Todd
Colleen Miller
Cy Smith
David Percy
Dean Anderson
John Bragg
John Sharrard
Karim Naguib
Keith Massie
Leslie Hegewald
Molly Vogt
Robb Kirkman
Theresa Burcsu

Welcome, agenda review – Molly

Chapter updates and Board decisions

Treasurer's Report

ORURISA will have \$16,858 in its checking account after the repayment check from NWGIS is deposited.

Payment of URISA dues for ORURISA Executive Officer positions

Dean sent everyone a quote from the Chapter by-laws indicating that 5 executive officer positions exist and that all those positions are required to be URISA members. All are members currently except the Treasurer. Question was raised as to whether URISA by-laws require more than 3 Chapter officers to be URISA members. Cy will check URISA by-laws and let Molly know by email.

Student GIS in Action registration subsidies

There was some discussion and anecdotal evidence from a few Board members that the existing \$75 student registration fee is perceived as too high for many students. There is an option for students to volunteer 4 hours of their time to help at the conference in exchange for a free registration. Alexa suggested that, since the Young Professionals Special Interest Group hasn't expended any of their \$300 allocation from ORURISA this year, some could be used to subsidize student conference registration. Percy also suggested that if students are speakers at the conference, perhaps their 4 hour volunteer time could be reduced to 2 hours. Keith indicated that we should talk to the Volunteer Coordinator about the possible reduction of the volunteer time commitment, and that whatever we decide to do with subsidizing student registrations for GIA 2017, we need to do it outside the existing registration process because we're too close to the conference to make such changes in registration process now. Dean suggested that the YPs could put together a proposal to subsidize registrations with their ORURISA fund allocation for a certain number of students, and that it would be done outside the registration process so they would register normally as students and be reimbursed by the YPs, or some other similar process external to the registration process. Alexa will take the lead on such a proposal and Molly will assist.

GIA update - Keith

Subsidizing student registration

Dean - could offer financial aid via Young Professionals to students to speak. [would need to add up to under \$300]

Percy - could also offer reduced volunteering to students to speak.

Keith - can't offer a lower registration rate at this time.

PSU conference facility discount requirements

ORURISA is considered external client of PSU so will not get the discount from here on out. If anyone wants to take this up and work to regain the discount, please do so in the next 30 days because the contract has already been signed for the 2017 conference. Keith feels that asking for contract changes outside of that window will not be well-received.

Percy interprets the policy as requiring a tenure track faculty member to be the sponsor.

Molly noted that if we moved the conference due to cost, the policy would not benefit PSU.

John B noted that we might be able to make the case that the conference benefits students, but Cy noted that student involvement hasn't been that huge.

2017 Board meetings - Molly

Dean - chapter policy: chapter can defray costs of board member attendance at URISA board/officer meetings

Dean motioned that we fund Keith. Cy seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Next action:

Molly requested that everyone email her with conflicts for Thursday meetings.

TB and Molly will work together on efficient polling for regular meeting schedule changes and retreat date.

SIG & Section Updates - Leaders, all

Reinvigorating the Southern Oregon Section – Keith, Karim

Karim considering a UAM symposium to help reinvigorate the section. Has been challenged by time constraints.

John S. is starting to collect resources around the UAM topic and offered to present at a conference in the first half of February.

Molly - this sort of issue is one that is worth Board discussion. Should we remove the Umpqua SIG?

John B - there might be opportunities for regions/groups to work together to increase their member base.

Data fair update – John B

John B sent a doc to Molly to share with the Board. Visualizing an event in the ballroom with tables where agency providers can set up on Tuesday the 18th. Theme idea: Data for an uncertain future. Would focus on the coast because of the climate change issues. Interactive piece of the data fair could rely on a social networking tool called Slack. Maybe we could use some Smartboards for tool demos. Work to develop interactive conversation. May need help with some signage to distinguish the data fair from other things. May need help finding Smartboards/TVs from PSU. Separate registration from GIA regular registration.

Percy suggested that John B call the PSU help desk to find the equipment.

Keith and Theresa suggested lightening talks about the data fair's start to raise interest for individual tables.

Upcoming meetings – All

Other items – All

Board Committees - Molly

Molly - a lot of work has been accomplished so far. Board Business and Committee Sharing - looking for feedback from some ideas distributed. Please raise ideas so that they can be routed. All channels are open for raising ideas - board email list, individuals, individual committees, etc.

Meeting adjourned