OREGON & S.W. WASHINGTON URISA CHAPTER
MEETING RECORD
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DATE: **OCTOBER 22, 2009**

TO: URISA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: DICK BOLEN

RE: BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING – OCTOBER 22, 2009 (12:00 PM)

The following board members participated in the meeting:

- Dick Bolen, President;

- Keith Massie, Treasurer;

- Carol Hall, Secretary;

- Bob Pool, Co-President elect;

- Bob Haas, Co-President elect;

- Steve Barnett, Willamette Valley Section:

- Cy Smith, Member at Large;

- Eric Bohard, attending member

- Kelly Neumeier, Women in GIS

AGENDA

1. <u>Contracting with Wild Apricot for an integrated Web site</u>.

   Bob Haas and a volunteer helping him, Michael Hanson, reported on their experiences using the tools offered by the Wild Apricot service. Some of the features reported include:

   - Event management and fee collection.
   - Capable of hosting the sections' web sites within the chapters' web site
   - Forums and blogs
   - Membership management, including subsets specifying Section and Special Interest Group membership.
   - Generation of group email, with the inclusion of a link to a document.

   Discussion followed on the features sought and there was consensus that the Wild Apricot site fulfills the chapter's needs. Keith reported that the membership list he had a consultant develop using the members of each of the sections and special interest groups totaled

1,028 members. The annual fee For a membership of this size on Wild Apricots price list is $100 per month.

Carol Hall moved and Cy seconded to contract with Wild Apricot for the chapter's web services and vote was unanimous.

Steve Barnett moved that $1,000 be made available to Bob Haas to hire assistance toward building the chapter's new web site on Wild Apricot. Carol Hall seconded and the vote was unanimous. Bob said he would be using the help of Michael Hanson and Josh Gates to develop the site. Board members will be provided with the URL for review of the work.

2. <u>Abolishing the ORISA Special Interest Group</u>

   There was much discussion about whether to abolish the SIG. Steve Barnett said there is a need for county GIS administrators to have a forum for communication, but there has been little activity by this group. Bob Pool said since there is no leader of this group it should be desolved. Bob Haas made a motion to abolish ORISA as a SIG. Cy seconded the motion. Keith said he too saw a need for the group and it should be listed as inactive but not eliminated. Bob Haas amended his motion to list as inactive and cy seconded, with a unanimous vote.

3. <u>Create a new SIG for Open Source Developers</u>

   At the NW Users conference in Bend this month, Dean Anderson offered to head an open source group. The board consensus was that until this group gets formed and approaches the board seeking SIG status nothing should be done at this time.

4. <u>Organize a Winter Workshop</u>

   The idea of a winter workshop was well received and the possilbililty of putting on an Agile Development or LiDAR workshop were discussed. It was decided that the LiDAR workshop would be best presented at GIS in Action and this winter the chapter schedule an Agile Development workshop. Keith agreed to contact the consultants. No dates or location were discussed or decided.

5. <u>Next Board meeting scheduled for Dec 3rd at noon.</u>

Draft submitted October 22, 2009, by Dick Bolen