



Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 28, 2011

DRCOG

Denver, CO 80112

Action Items (* = outstanding from previous months)

Treasurer:

* Get John signing privileges for bank account.

Present

Tony Palizzi

Phyllis Thomas

Janie Pierre

John Shramek

Sue Pass

Robin Reilley

Absent

Imogene Bump

Steve Hoover

Barb Wolf

Elissa Adams

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:36.

The February meeting minutes were unanimously approved after a motion was made by Phyllis and seconded by Tony.

Treasurer's Report

We should have received a refund for web hosting from Verio. John will check with Imogene and Steve. All officers' dues will be paid for by URISA National. Imogene is working on the details of this.

Action Item: John will check on the outstanding VARIO refund and status of treasurer's report.

President's Report

Barb is attending the Chapters leaders meetings. John and Steve went over a number of outstanding web master tasks. John is still working on synchronizing the Google Calendar with Alex Mahrou and GITA's calendar offerings. John has the Maturity Assessment Form on his list of things to do. The form, due in late spring, is being rewritten and is not yet available. John's spoken with Amy Esnard, our chapter liaison assigned by URISA Int'l, she's also President of or-URISA. She's working on developing subchapters. Amy knows the in's and out's of getting a little funding for this type of endeavor.

Workshops & Seminars

Sue's got the LiDAR class scheduled for 15 April. We need to get the advertisement for the event published on the GISCO list. Courses for May include *GIS for Teachers* with a tentative date being the week between Spring and Summer semesters; 21 or 28 May. The

class will be presented at Front Range Community College in Longmont. No positive news regarding classes organized by National. Plans are underway for a class on *Best Practices for Geodatabases* to be held in June. Sue's continuing work on the *Cloud Computing* class and has potential speakers lined up. She's working on getting an additional presenter to discuss the user's perspective for this class. One suggestion was to get a company that provides the service to speak, Carl Reed, for example. A *Quick Map* class on using Google Earth and animation to compose maps is scheduled for mid summer. Census workshop for GISITR and taught by Jim Casteneri is taking shape with two 4 hour stand alone sessions comprised of a *Census Data Overview*, and a session on the *Census in your GIS* as a hands on class.

Action Items: **Robin** will help Sue contact Sue Hawkins.

Outreach

Tony's been plugging URISA on his various travels in NM and WYO. Wyoming is working on a GISWYO group similar to GISCO's style of network. His plans include putting together a pamphlet to help solicit membership at Universities and Geospatial Companies.

We revisited the topic of holding membership meetings focused around an activity either a casual happy hour, a tour of the new CO History Museum, or an exhibit at the Boulder History museum. We could organize these around workshops.

Action Items: **John** will see if we have the original digitals file for our RM URISA advert and Tony will try to get a banner made using the logo from this file, possibly a banner for a table.

College Scholarship Initiatives

Janie's done a great deal of advertising around the State, various career services offices and the University system for the Career Night. She's found help from the USGS and the student liaisons and has someone who has updated the flyer with a professional look. A number of organizations have stepped up to donate small sums totaling around \$300.00. An email should also sent to RM-URISA members regarding registration. Speakers will include Tony as Master of Ceremonies, each of the 4 organizations will present a slide show and John will give a blurb on RM URISA, professors will talk on different university programs. Career panel members include Spatial Info, GITA, GEO Wise, among others.

Scholarships should be announced along with eligibility requirements. They will be due at GISITR (August 2011). We'll look at the funding for scholarships at next month's meeting. Survey student's as to how we can help them, monetarily or with speakers. Tony will help sign up new student members at Career Night by bringing his wifi connection. Develop a series of survey questions and Robin will put it on survey monkey. We'll all work on logging paper responses.

Action Items: **All board members** register for Career Night. **All board members** develop and send **Robin** survey questions.

Website/Web 2.0

John shared a punch list for the website with Steve.

GIS in the Rockies Planning

The call for papers and on line registration is up. Tony is working on getting the keynote speakers. We need a track chair for the Census track we are sponsoring.

Action Items: **Robin** get with Jennifer Newcomer re contact at NREL for a keynote. **Robin** put the request for track chair in the April e-mail blast. **Janie** will send Robin the track chair responsibilities.

New Business

John's taken a stab at consolidating our mission and focus statements, and is working on the "elevator pitch". John will send this to us for our feedback and ultimate posting on our website.

John spoke to Amy (chapter liaison) re RM URISA vs. URISA National; she's as confused as we are and put it back on us to figure out what we want from National.

Action Items: **John** will focus on what we do and how it relates to URISA National rather than focusing on our differences. **John** will circulate an e-mail on what we want from URISA National for our thoughts and input.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robin, seconded by Tony, and unanimously approved at 7:38 pm.

Next Meeting

Monday, 25 April 2011 at 5:30 pm

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Respectfully submitted;

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