

Maine GIS Users Group

Board Meeting

USGS Conference Room

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Attending: Dan Walters, Aimee Dubois, Cindy Pellett, Claire Kiedowski, Vinton Valentine, Michael White, Michael Smith, Steve Harmon and Ken Murchison (via teleconference)

Call to order at 2PM

- **Grant Scholarship Program**

Vinton presented the Board with the updated Scholarship document and explained the changes.

- There will be only one round
- There will be a scholarship for \$1000.00 and two grants for \$500.00 each
- The scholarship/grants will not be offered to High School Juniors and Senior anymore.
- They will be offered to College Undergraduates and High School and Middle School teachers.
- The winner will be required to attend only one meeting/roundtable within six months of the completion of the project.
- The winner must provide written materials (posters, etc.) about the project that will be posted on website.
- Timeline
 - Announce – this year November 13th at the Educator’s meeting. Next year at the Fall meeting of MEGUG
 - Submission deadline – March 31, 2009
 - Award Announcement- May 1, 2009
 - Presentations – Within six months after completion of project.

There was a discussion about the following issues with the scholarship document:

- Wording and whether it would leave out certain groups. It was decided that the wording would be changed to include “Youth Group Leaders” so as not to leave out any groups that might want to participate (such as Homeschoolers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and 4-H leaders, etc.)
- Whether there will be a timeframe in which the winner will have to complete the project
- When the funds will be dispersed. It was decided that the scholarship funds will be dispersed differently than the grant funds. Scholarship (1/2 upfront and 1/2 at the end) Grant (all upfront)

Vinton will make the changes and send out for approval.

2- MEGUG/Geolibrary contact database and services

The GEO/Library has agreed to have MEGUG be the keeper of the master list. The lists will be emailed to Jane and she will start cleaning up the lists and combining them.

The lists should include:

- Name, Address. Town/City, Email, Phone, Company/Organization and position. As not all the lists contain all that information, Jane will need assistance in filling in the missing information.
- A category should be added to track from what list the name originated.
- A category will also be added that identifies whether the organization is federal, state, town, private or nonprofit

3 - Website update or redesign - calendar, upcoming MEGUG events

It was decided that we would wait until the major list was ready before we made changes to or completely rebuilt the website:

The following ideas for the website were presented:

1. Can not be Microsoft specific. Must be compatible to other computer systems
2. Calender should be user friendly. Will consider Google calendar
3. Website has to be active and updated on a regular basis

4 - Round tables

The following roundtables were suggested. Dates need to be determined after which Jane will investigate venues.

- Rockland, Nov 13 or 14th to coincide with the Educators Conference
- Aroostook County
- Kennebec County
- Somerset County
- Washington County
- Western Maine/Farmington
- York County
- Bangor

5 - Evolution of Modern Mapping, request for donations

Claire presented the Evolution of Modern Mapping/PBS project and asked if MEGUG would like to contribute to the program. The Board would like the following questions answered before making that decisions.

- How much money do they need for the project?
- Would it be available to MPBN for telecast?
- Would we be able to obtain and cop of the program for our educational programs?

Claire will send them a letter of interest which will include the above questions. It was also suggested the project be presented to the GEO/Library Board to see of they are interested.

6 - Bylaws

The bylaws are completed and were presented by Aimee at the fall meeting. They will be voted on at the Summer meeting in Castine

7 - Upcoming meetings

- MMA Technology in Augusta in March
- Summer meeting in Castine
- Fall meeting – Jane will start looking for venues, etc, in the Rangeley/Saddleback area.

8 – GIS Day at the Hall of Flags at the Capital Building

- November 19th
- MEGUG will have a table
- A display will need to be created. Ideas for the display will be emailed around and decisions will be made
- Ken will check in to the feasibility of having shirts (polo with embroidery) made up
- As it is the same date as the scheduled Board meeting, Jane will check as to whether a room would be available for us to meet so we can meet immediately afterwards.

Respectively submitted,

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