

Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting

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Place: 51 Commerce Drive room 414, Augusta

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Attending	Present	On the Phone
<i>Mtg. commenced at 10:09 am</i>		
Bill Hanson		X
Vinton Valentine		X
Aimee Dubois Mountain		
Dan Walters		
Joseph Young	X	
Ken Murchinnson		X
Michael Smith	X	
Christopher Kroot	X	
Brian Norris	X	
Jon Giles	X	
Alina Taus	X	
Betsy Fitzgerald		X
Guests:		
Aaron Weston	X	
Taking notes		
Angel Truman	X	

AGENDA

1. Introductions: Steve Weed has resigned his position. Dan Walters and Aimee Dubois-Mountain are on vacation. Ken cannot vote as his term has expired.
2. Approval of previous meeting minutes:
 - June meeting minutes – Approved: Vote was unanimous 9-0
 - September minutes – Vinton amended the minutes, September minutes were approved w/changes. Vote was unanimous 9-0
3. Membership Update
 - Municipal Seat – Public Seat is still vacant. Jon Giles has spoken to Vern Maxfield and he is interested in one of the municipal seats. Aimee Dubois-Mountain is not going to seek re-appointment to her seat and that seat will become vacant on November 29th. House-appointed seat is the seat that is open now
 - University of Maine Representative Seat – Vinton has been reappointed but has not been sworn in yet.
 - Environmental Interest seat: Bill Hanson followed up with the Forest Society of Maine's executive director, Alan Hutchinson who seems interested. Alan is going to talk to Jake Metzler about the seat. Alan was supposed to get back to Bill on Friday but hasn't yet. Bill will follow up with Alan and see the board can get Jake interested.
 - Mike is going to continue to drum up support for the other empty seats.
 - Encourage any Native American candidates who are interested to put their names forward as well.
4. Executive Director Search Update – Mike received eight applicants. The committee (Mike and Gretchen) will meet on Friday and identify two or three individuals to interview from the eight candidates.
5. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups
 - Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith

- MMA conference was October 2nd and 3rd. Joe was there. It went pretty well. Had some really good contacts. They talked with a number of people that were very interested in the program.
- Maine GIS user group and Educators Outreach Conference will be on October 25th. Probably won't be a target-rich audience as most of them probably already support the program.
- There will be an open house at Rangely Hall in Bangor at EMCC on October 23rd from 3:00-7:00 pm. Trying to make contact primarily in Hancock, Penobscot and Piscataquis counties to try to get them interested in what the program is. There will be two or three workstations showing those functions and also a slideshow.
- ME ARC fall conference – Mike presented the Ortho program.

There are a group of communities in Massachusetts that are modeling their Ortho programs after Maine.

•Geo-Parcels – Mike Smith

- Geo-Parcels contract update: The contract expires December 31st. There are a few troublesome towns holding out.
- Chris gave a Geo-Parcels viewer live demonstration. Mike would like people to test the viewer and provide feedback. If there are bugs let Mike/Chris know within the next week and they will fix them. Mike would like a vote on the Geo-Parcels viewer in November and then put it out to the public.

•Education & Training – Vinton Valentine

• MeGug Conference

• Maine GIS Educators of Maine Conference (6th annual). Will have some MLTI focused workshops for mapping communities as well as looking at the learning standards and how GIS can help with making those possible in the schools . They are also working to put the digital atlas that USM distributes on the ARC GIS server application so that will be highlighted that day as well.

•Geospatial Data –

- Ortho update – Hancock County has confirmed that they are going to participate in the Ortho program in 2014. Penobscot County is likely to be there but the question is whether Washington County will participate. All of the 2013 finalized data has been received. It is being processed for web mapping services.

- o LiDAR update – Joe Young
There is a project in the works to collect the rest of Kennebec, Cumberland, York, Southern Oxford and Somerset counties. The deadline for buy-ups was October 10th. They will be collecting as soon as the leaves are off. The deadline for delivery of the product will be May 30th of next year but it should be sooner than that. Need to find more funding.

6. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – no report
- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine – no report
- Technical Committee – There is an \$18,000 allocation outstanding to the University of Southern Maine. It's encumbered by contract. The contract ends December 31st. Mike recommends that the board let the contract end without renewing and the money will go into the bond fund. MEGIS has been looking into alternatives. One is to no longer have a portal. The one that MEGIS likes the best is the ESRI Geo Portal toolkit.
- Christopher and Mike gave a demo of the ESRI Geo Portal toolkit.
- The board took a vote on the USM portal project. Mike entertained a motion to let the contract lapse. Moved by Betsy, seconded by Bill Hanson. The vote was 7 in favor 1 abstention none against so that motion passed.
- Chris Kroot made a motion that the Maine GEO Library will no longer have a portal as of January 1st, 2014 seconded by Betsy. The vote was 9-0 unanimous in favor of the motion.
- Chris made a motion that the GEO Library board will work with MEGIS to create a public guidance document to fulfill our mandate for data discovery and access. Betsy seconded it. The vote was 9-0 unanimous.

7. Guest Comments

None –

Meeting adjourned at 12:06

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING : Note that we will be in Room 414 for the rest of the calendar year. There will be no November meeting. The next meeting will be on December 11th and Mike will be chair.