

Topic: Northern California Chapter of URISA Board Meeting – January 9, 2008
Notes of President

By: Dave Hansen

Summary with key items for 2008 year.

1. Response to CalGIS 2008 Committee:
 - a. Complementary registrations for the Chapter for 2008 are assigned to;
 - i. Linda Wright
 - ii. Barbara Simpson
 - iii. Geney Terry
 - b. Several Chapter members are planning on submitting abstracts for the 2008 conference by the abstract deadline of February 15. Initial count is at least four.
 - c. The Chapter prefers to report on Chapter activities and plans at a combined meeting of California URISA Chapters. The Chapter does not want to present on Chapter activities in individual sessions for each Chapter.
 - d. The Chapter is willing to man a common booth for California URISA Chapters provided that times are clearly identified and that those times do not conflict heavily with other conference schedules.
 - e. The Chapter endorses the idea of reducing the carbon foot print of the conference by identifying alternate means of transportation to Modesto. However, the Chapter does not want to host a ride share program on the Chapter website. This includes identifying web addresses for Amtrak California, Greyhound, and existing ride share programs. The Chapter feels that this is best handled at a centralized web location such as the CalGIS web site. Alternatives suggested by the Chapter are:
 - i. 511.org
 - ii. Coordination with ESRI as a key sponsor for the conference on setting up a web enabled rideshare program.
2. Elections for new board: As stated in the By-Laws, a new Board for the Chapter will be installed at the end of June which represents the end of the membership year. Positions to be filled are; President, President-Elect (Unless Anthony returns before July 1, 2009), Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 At-Large Board Members. Recruitment for the election slate begins immediately. It is hoped to have a slate within the February – March timeline. Elections can then be opened with completion of election process by May 14. Announcement of the new Board could occur at the May 14 Workshop/Chapter meeting.
3. The next Chapter meeting will be March 12. The topic for this meeting is tentatively “Basics of Cartography”. An alternate topic is “Open Source GIS”.
4. A URISA certified workshop is planned for either May 14 or in September depending on the topic selected and the availability of presenters. If the workshop is scheduled for September, the Chapter meeting topic on May 14 will be “Open Source GIS”.

5. A new survey will be set up of Chapter members to identify interest in URISA certified workshops and topics for Chapter meetings. Target for this survey is the end of January.
6. The ConstantContact email list is still the best list identifying current Chapter members or people interested in the Chapter. Dave Hansen will be using this list for recruitment for the election slate of officers. He will also be using this and the web site to highlight activities for 2008 and call for assistance to prepare for CalGIS 2009. All Board members are encouraged to continuing recruiting members as well as potential Board and committee members.