

Topic: Northern California Chapter of URISA Board Meeting – September 3, 2008
Notes of President
Meeting at Nolte with conference call in by some members
By: Dave Hansen

Board and committee members: Charmaine Yeung, Maria Clay, Linda Wright, Geney Terry, Barbara Simpson, Lorri Peltz-Lewis, Ian McGovern, Anthony Arieas, Robert Thomas, David Hansen

Key Item: next Board meeting will be September 24, 1 to 3 PM at Sacramento County Assessor's Office

Summary with key items from agenda.

1. Formal letter of thanks to Nolte presented to Maria Clay for Nolte's continued and long term support of the Chapter.
2. CalGIS 2009 – Barbara Simpson reported on the current status of committees, etc. The initial conference call with committee chairs was held just before this Board meeting. Many of these chairs are members of the Northern California Chapter. Dave Hansen will be sending out a letter to the other Chapters pointing this out but also recognizing key committee assignments that are staffed by members of other Chapters. There are fewer levels of fees for the conference this year. The student rate will probably remain at one level through out registration (requires 9 hours of class room credit per term. This is standard for URISA conferences).
3. Treasurer's Report – Lorri Peltz-Lewis reported that the current balance in the account is \$10,300.00. The State has recognized our tax exempt status and the Chapter is only in arrears by about \$30.00 for past penalties. All checks for CalGIS will be sent to URISA for the overall account.
4. URISA Certified Workshop – No progress has been made on this topic. The earliest that a workshop could be held is probably November. It may be possible to identify one for Geography Week near GIS Day (November 19). Key concerns are travel expenses for presenter and reproduction costs of class materials. Geney Terry will be checking on possible presenters for the various workshops.
5. Chapter Membership/Sponsor database – The membership database developed by Robert Thomas has been successfully converted by Geney Terry. This has or will be sent to Lorri Peltz-Lewis.
6. GIS Day – Both Anthony and Maria have been attempting to contact other offices for participation in GIS Day. They have not had a successful response. Dave Hansen will be checking with John Ellison on possible venues and participation with State agencies in downtown Sacramento.
7. Chapter meeting – Plans were discussed on the next Chapter meeting along with GIS Day and the URISA Certified Workshop. February is the target time frame. These include presentations related to water resources based on presentations at the San Mateo AWRA conference. One idea not suggested is possibly a joint meeting between the Chapter and the local AWRA Chapter. Others are asset management, Intro to GIS and advanced topics in GIS held jointly. HAZUS training.

8. Begin another membership drive.
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