

Northern Rockies chapter of URISA
Minutes
January 14, 2009

In Attendance: Laurie Ames, Danielle Favreau, Bruce Godfrey, Dan Spinosa, Bill Reynolds, Dave Williamson, and Donna Phillips

Conference:

- a) Presentations – 3 so far, including Juniper GIS. Also have presentations from Pat McGaughey and the Hot Topics for Idaho with Cy and Gail. Would like to add time for the Technical Working Groups. Need everyone to work on getting a presentation.
- b) Posters – Donna will work with Kindra regarding contacts at the colleges around the state. Will get information out regarding the posters within the Newsletter that Laurie is working on.
- c) Exhibitors – Danielle has two registered, two more in the wings. She will contact Bruce regarding Pacifi-Cad. If anyone has any other ideas, just let her know.
- d) Student Scholarships and Stipends – Kindra was not present however she had two questions: 8 hours or 4 hours of volunteer service. The board said that 4 hours of service was adequate. She asked if it was possible to receive a stipend if you were not from Idaho? The board stated that Idaho students were given first priority. If there were stipends still available then students from other states would be eligible. Kindra will be writing a scholarship and stipend policy for review by the board.
- e) Registration – the board agreed to not continue working with Thriva. We will be going through Pacific Agenda. There is a \$500 set up fee to be able to register on line. The board agreed that this needed to happen. (You know in Star Trek...make it so! So we can register for the conference.)
- f) SWAG: Bill will be looking at the cost of taking recycled paper and printing TWG or something simple on it and then creating scratch pads. Betty could you check this out as well at the County?
- g) Workshops – Kudos to Bruce for stepping in to make this happen. Bruce and Tom Vestal? Have been working on this and getting computers, etc. set up. Currently 9 workshops planned and working on a couple of more.
- h) Excellence in GIS Award – where are we with this...need to get more word out! Only have received one nomination and the closing date is January 31, 2009.

Financial Update:

Bruce gave a brief financial update: \$26,000 + in the bank account. Taxes have been completed. Merchant ID information has been sent to get us up and operational.

President's Update:

Kudo's to everyone! This has been a really tough year both in our personal and professional lives and the whole board as well as conference committee really deserve a huge round of applause for all that they have been doing. Bruce Godfrey is soon to become a Daddy and we will want to see that little one at their first GIS conference. Now is the time to dig in and let's make this a great conference year.