

AGENDA: MGUG Monthly Meeting February 2020

When: Wednesday, February 12, 2020 @ 5:00-7:00 pm

Where: IISD (111 Lombard Ave, Suite 325)

Attendees: Andrea, Matt, Tatjana, Keith, Robert, Cassandra, Geoff, Santwant (Online), Steven (Online)

Regrets: Evan, Jim

1	Review of Meeting Minutes and Action Items	--
2	Director Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Financial- Tatjana ● Sponsorship and Advertising- Matt/Keith/Melissa ● Social Media and Marketing – Andrea ● Jobs and Content – Heather ● Web Maintenance – Keith ● Membership - Jim ● Education- Steven/Satwant ● Event Planning- Evan/Cassandra 	Directors
4	AGM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Director presentations ● Venue / Food ● Speakers ● Facilitating feedback ● Advertising Board Changes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suggestions for new board members ● Soliciting new board members Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MGUG 2020 Venue ● MGUG 2020 Keynotes Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CIG / GeoAlliance (6:00 w/ Jocelynn) ● FOSS4G Update 	Cassandra
6	Other Business and Future Meetings	Board
7	Review Action Items	--
8	Next Meeting – AGM Thursday 2020.02.20	

1. Review of meeting minutes
 - a. Morris Insurance
 - i. Geoff confirmed our coverage is still active but we owe them for last year (Geoff's fault). He will get them a cheque asap.
 - b. AGM
 - i. we're working on it.
 - c. People stepping down let Cassandra know.
 - d. Geoff and Evan to talk about grants (still to do)
 - e. Jocelynn about constant contact.
2. Director Updates
 - a. Financial
 - i. Checked with Jocelynn - Constant Contact Expenses in 2019 were paid and weren't split in the ledger. Now we'll pay for 2020. Expect invoice March or April.
 - ii. Reviewed slides prior to AGM.
 - iii. Tatjana to put our non profit number in the google drive accounts.
 - iv. Recommendations - contact a lawyer for nonprofits.
 - v. Geoff to contact Glen at EcoNetwork regarding Lawyer/Auditor and Meeting time.
 - vi. Tatjana to check out whether we can get a visa debit.
 - vii. Reset Constant Contact password.
 - b. Sponsorship and Advertising.
 - i. Going to start sending early engagement e-mails once we have a venue.
 - ii. Will clean the contact list to tidy it up. Matt has already started.
 - iii. Matt's completed his slides on the deck, he needs to copy and paste them to this document.
 - c. Social Media and Marketing
 - i. Sent out e-mails with call for board members, speakers and AGM.
 - ii. Need to be clear we highlight top sponsors.
 - d. Jobs and Content
 - i. Couple usual searches don't capture ArcGIS (for search GIS). Keith discovered a bunch of jobs needed to upload.
 - ii. Synonyms like GPS or GNSS
 - iii. Should write a blog for content for things like twitter.
 - iv. Cassandra added a link on the website our Past Events folder which connects to the public google drive.
 - e. Website maintenance
 - i. Debugging led to a hta attack specific to wordpress and GoDaddy. Tried to trigger the redirect. seemed unique to google. Didn't trigger bing. Keith will do a deeper search into it. Might be one of the plugins with hta access.
 - ii. For \$150 a year we could get SSL certificate. Including cert and installation processing time.
 - iii. Our website is not encrypted which Modern Earth needs to do.
 - iv. Our website is actually hosted by GoDaddy.

MOTION: We pay for SSL (Geoff) Matt Seconded

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- f. Membership

Total count:

Approved MGUG Members - Total 977

Constant Contacts - Total 1847.

Present mail out A-Master - Total 1230.

For future discussion: We got a new member because they wanted to add a job posting. Unsure what best practise with companies able to add job posting as member or not.

Also added a new member ABHINAV which I sent out an email to get their last name but have not received response. Seems like a good member with interests etc. but in future, I will email first if any questions.

Interests GIS, REMOTE SENSING, GEOLOGY

Objective Find job in GIS.

g. CIG/GeoAlliance

- i. Jocelynn with an update: GeoAlliance Canada was set up to support geomatics projects, supported by NSERC(?) of about \$250,000. Part of the agreement was that the group needed to pay for a few things first before NSERC(?) would pay us back. The problem was GeoAlliance had no money and couldn't survive waiting for reimbursements.**
- ii. The group dissolved.**
- iii. The Founding members of GeoAlliance did not renew their memberships. No further obligations.**
- iv. GeoAlliance merged with CIG.**
- v. Going ahead with merge with CIG. not sure how it'll work out.**
- vi. Maintaining what we have and seeing what happens.**
- vii. Jocelynn will stay engaged and see what happens in the next little while. Looking towards June for official merging, but not sure if that'll happen.**
- viii. CIG has had the same issues with lack of liquidity and little participation on the board.**
- ix. Jocelynn is still a board member. But she is happy to step aside for any board members.**
- x. Membership fee is about a \$1000/year.**
- xi. It can be useful for networking MGUG with other groups.**

- xii. Current members are ESRI, Surveyors Canada, DataBC, GNS and MGUG.
 - xiii. No deadline but we should think about it. GeoAlliance wants to close by end of fiscal year (March 31).
 - xiv. Before we decide now we should have the information. Jocelynn is happy to continue.
 - xv. **Decide after the AGM**
- h. Education
- i. Steven is meeting with a couple teachers in Brandon next Monday.
 - ii. He plans on being there.
 - iii. No other updates.
 - iv. No skills competition this year, due to difficulty with no GIS program at Red River. He'll do a skills competition for high school students in Brandon.
- i. AGM (Robert)
- i. Things are on track.
 - ii. 45 registered currently.
 - iii. **Cassandra will update Robert with cancellations before the food order. (about a day before)**
 - iv. We'll hit Costco for snacks. Morning and afternoon snacks. 40 people at lunch will be about \$680.
 - v. 10:00 start, venue will open at 9:30.
 - vi. We'll add a networking event - Robert will draft a bingo card.
 - vii. Tatjana will have cheques ready.
 - viii. Cash bar starting at 12:00 noon.
 - ix. Coffee/tea/soft drinks
 - x. President's talk - about
 - xi. **Check the constitutional amendments.**
 - xii. **Geoff to run the election**
 - xiii. **Geoff to send details to Robert**
 - xiv. **Robert and Andrea work on schedule.**
- j. Conference
- i. Venues are Victoria Inn, and CanadInns Polo Park.
 - ii. Victoria Inn - \$17.7K November 2, 9, 10,13
 - iii. CanadInns - \$15.5K Tuesday October 20
 - iv. **CanadInns it is!**
- k. FOSS4G update
- i. Is anyone going?