

## Wyoming Geospatial Organization – WyGEO Green River Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

### I. Welcome by Mayor Hank Castillon

Cathy Raney introduced the Mayor of Green River, Hank Castillon. Mayor Castillon welcomed those in attendance and thanked WyGEO for choosing Green River as the location for the quarterly meeting. The Mayor expressed appreciation for GIS and the work that was being done by GIS professionals. He stated that “you can’t use old maps to chart new territories” and how important it is to show people the work that is being done using GIS.

### II. Welcome and Introductions

Cathy Raney welcomed those in attendance. Round the room introductions were done by those in attendance.

### III. Approve minutes from Annual Meeting

Cathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Annual Meeting. David Sherrill made a motion to approve the minutes and Destry Dearden seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### IV. Old Business

#### Treasurer’s Report

Jeff Sun presented the report prepared by Brett Governanti, the WyGEO Treasurer. There was a forwarded balance of \$7212.79. The last deposit was on 09/6/2012 for \$3400.00. Three checks had been written. There is a current balance of \$6993.84 in the WyGEO bank account. As of 5/9/2012 there were 52 Professional Members and 3 Associate Members. As of 11/1/2012 there were 108 members, 78 Professional Members and 30 Associate Members or pending members that Brett is collecting membership information for. A membership update will be forthcoming. Nancy Moody also presented information from the Treasurer. She stated that Brett is evaluating software from Wave Accounting to track expenses. It can create invoices and maintain breakdowns of balance and budgeting complete with graph displays of expenditures. Items will need to be categorized in order to use the full functionality of the software.

### V. New Business

#### Discussion of a WyGEO Seat on the Governor’s GIS Advisory Board -

Cathy stated that as part of the Executive Order the Oversight Committee will be reformed as the Governor’s GIS Advisory Board. A question arose as to the current membership of the Oversight Committee and what entities are represented. Jeff Sun mentioned that when this topic was discussed at the Gillette meeting in May that at first members were for the idea but then opinion changed with a consensus of members wanting to remain neutral. Paul Caffrey asked how one person can represent the entire membership of WyGEO. He asked if that person decides on his or her own or are decisions brought back to the membership to vote on and then taken back to the Advisory Board. It was decided that more information was needed and the discussion would be tabled until more information was gathered. Shawn Lanning proposed that

once there was more information an email vote that presented the pros and cons of each side would be sent out to the membership.

Discussion of assigning a WyGEO member to watch the Legislature –

Cathy suggested having a volunteer watch the Legislature for bills dealing with geospatial technologies. She suggested that person would use the LSO website. Shawn stated that it would involve a lot of work for one person and proposed an ad hoc committee be formed that would report back to the organization. He then suggested sending out a message to the membership to ask for volunteers to serve on this committee.

Discussion of member training needs, certification –

Cathy reviewed the results from the SurveyMonkey poll she had sent out on training. There were 16 responses to the survey. Cathy would like to raise the level of awareness for training and education opportunities within the geospatial community. A list of resources will be added to the WyGEO website.

Discussion of the Geospatial Conference of the West (GeCo West) -

Cathy stated that a contact had been established with Google and a speaker would be available for the conference. She also has contacted NCAR for a possible keynote speaker and tour. Paul suggested a tech tour of the CAVE. Brian Coleman stated that presenters from Esri would be available. Cathy requested David Diabosi from Esri. Cathy was going to contact a representative from Bing Maps for speaker availability at the conference. A list of tracts and committees was being developed.

Discussion of membership levels –

Cathy stated she had been contacted by a company that wished to transfer the memberships of two previous employees to two current employees. This began the discussion on whether to allow corporate memberships. Jeff stated that from his recollection this topic had been discussed at the Kemmerer meeting and it was decided that there would not be corporate memberships. Those in attendance at the Rock Springs meeting agreed that memberships belong to the individual and not to the corporation that pays the membership dues. Shawn suggested adding a line to the membership receipts and invoices that states “memberships are non-transferable”.

## VI. Presentations

Destry Dearden gave a presentation on “Mapping is just second nature: Mapping 4<sup>th</sup> graders in Yellowstone”. Destry was a chaperon for his son’s class trip to Yellowstone. He mapped the locations that the class visited. Destry tracked the miles spent on the bus and the distances the class hiked each day of the trip.

Tom Wussow from Monsen Engineering gave an update on the “Utah Virtual Reference Stations (VRS)”. The coverage has expanded into the southwest region of Wyoming. The base stations allow for centimeter accuracy in the field with no post processing. The VRS does rely on cell coverage.

Brian Coleman from Esri gave a presentation on “Configuring ArcGIS Online”. A short video was played and then MindManager was demonstrated.

The meeting was adjourned.