

## Wyoming Geospatial Organization – WyGEO Thermopolis Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 2013.

### **I. Welcome & Introductions**

Cathy Raney introduced herself and welcomed those in attendance. Cathy introduced Nyssa Whitford, the newly appointed NW Regional Director. Introductions were made around the room. Cathy thanked State Senator Gerald Geis from Senate District 20 for attending the meeting.

### **II. Presentations**

The Thermopolis meeting had three presentations.

“GIS Governance Update/ TAG elections-membership & SaaS GIS Solutions” by Karen Rogers – Wyoming Department of Enterprise Services

Discussion: Joy Hill asked Karen what she believes to be the future of GIS. Karen Rogers stated that she saw programming as becoming essential and encouraged everyone to learn programming.

“Easy Parcel Viewer Creation using ArcGIS Online” by Nancy Bohac – Esri

“Wyoming Geospatial Training Needs Assessment Survey Results” by The Education Ad Hoc Committee: Paul Caffrey, Shawn Lanning & Jeff Sun

Discussion: Paul thanked Nicholas Graf who is also on the Education Ad Hoc Committee for his assistance with the survey. Cathy asked the group how they search for training. Joy stated that she assesses what her staff training needs are and looks first for free training from Esri and secondly training that her staff can complete at their desks. She added that she looks for specific functions. Nancy Bohac stated that Esri has an in-house Training Specialist, Tosca Hoffman, who is available to assist with training needs. Paul added that WyGEO may be able to assist in getting classes to centralized locations. Nyssa suggested combining trainings with WyGEO meetings. Shawn suggested having a business meeting followed by breakout sessions. Max Masters and Brett Governanti both liked this idea. Paul stated that he would like to see members help set up the trainings. Joy suggested sending out an email with possible topics and asking for presenters. Karen suggested having someone to contact for questions. Kim Johnson stated that the Weed & Pest Council uses Go to Meeting for half hour presentations which are recorded. Matt Church suggested having a forum board for people to post questions. Brett suggested WyGEO recommend training. Nancy suggested people could pool resources to get classes to come in regionally. Nyssa added that trainings held within the state are easier to get approval to attend than classes held out of state. Paul stated that he would like to see the survey refined and run annually. Cathy asked if there was interest to form an Ad Hoc Training Committee. Joy Hill and Karen Rogers both agreed to be on this Ad Hoc Committee. Shawn suggested that we get an exact list of classes. He added that getting a more detailed meeting agenda out sooner to the membership would help in setting up training sessions.

### **III. General Meeting**

#### **A. Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013 Meeting Minutes**

Cathy gave the group a chance to look over the minutes from the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter meeting. Kathy Treanor made a motion to approve the minutes and Karen Rogers seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## **B. Old Business**

### **1. GeCo West**

Cathy stated that the next WyGEO meeting will be held in conjunction with GeCo West. The business meeting will be held during lunch on Monday, September 16. Elections will be held for President, Secretary, NE Regional Director and SW Regional Director at this meeting. Cathy displayed the website for GeCo West. She announced the workshops, the social events for the conference and the closing plenary topic S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Education, Mathematics), which will be moderated by Jeff Hamerlinck. She made a call for abstracts, posters and volunteers.

## **C. New Business**

### **1. WyGEO elections, NW director**

Cathy encouraged anyone wanting to be more involved with WyGEO to consider running for President, Secretary, NE Regional Director or SW Regional Director. Cathy welcomed Nyssa Whitford to the Board as the NW Regional Director. Nyssa introduced herself to those in attendance. Nyssa is a Sage-Grouse GIS Analyst with Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

### **2. Meet Up Subscription**

Cathy stated that the Meet Up page had been created by Brian Coleman. He had paid for the subscription but that subscription will end in August. Cathy stated that a year subscription costs \$144.00 a year or \$72.00 for a 6 month period. She added that she considers the Meet Up page to be an asset for planning meetings. Joy and Nyssa both stated that they were blocked from accessing the Meet Up page due to firewalls at their respective workplaces. Nancy added that one subscription fee provides access to 3 Meet Up page sites. Jeff made a motion to extend the Meet Up subscription for 6 months at a fee of \$72.00 while other options were explored. Shawn seconded the motion.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Brett Governanti, the WyGEO Treasurer, stated that the WyGEO account balance was \$6,520.77. The last deposit was a membership payment made via Stripe for \$19.12. The last check written was for WyGEO promotional mugs for the GeCo West Conference for \$530.21. To date there were 59 paid Professional members, 2 Associate members and 133 members on the Google Groups. Brett stated that the membership invoices were sent via Wave, the new accounting software, and he believes that some of these emails were blocked and not all members received their invoices. He added that last year at this time there were 61 paid members.

## **IV. Meeting Adjourned**