

Wyoming Geospatial Organization - WyGEO
Saratoga Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday, November 6, 2014.

I. Welcome and introductions

Cathy Raney, the WyGEO President, welcomed everyone in attendance. Round the room introductions were done.

II. Review and accept minutes from Annual Meeting

Nyssa Whitford, the WyGEO NW Regional Director, made a motion to accept the minutes. Destry Dearden, the WyGEO SW Regional Director, seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were accepted.

III. Treasurer's Report

Nancy Moody, the WyGEO Secretary, shared the Treasurer's Report prepared by Brett Governanti, the WyGEO Treasurer. Nancy shared the recent deposits and disbursements. The Treasurer's Report is attached.

IV. Gold Level Sponsor Presentations

PMPC and Engineering Associates presented "Introduction and GIS Use in Civil Engineering". There were connection difficulties that prevented Esri from presenting.

V. Speed Networking and Idea Exchange

The meeting participants sat at tables of roughly 5 participants per table with 20 minutes per table group to discuss projects and network. Each 20 minutes the participants would find a new table and new people to discuss projects and network.

VI. General Discussion

Scholarships – The meeting participants discussed the scholarship topic. Cathy Raney suggested WyGEO have a similar scholarship program to URISA. WyGEO could offer one \$500.00 Undergraduate Scholarship and one \$500.00 Graduate Scholarship. The application process would be based on the same conditions used by URISA. There would not be restrictions set on how the student could spend the scholarship money. Paul Caffrey suggested setting a limit on how many times a student could be awarded the scholarship, so that the same student wasn't always receiving the scholarship. It was suggested to also award the student with a one-year membership to WyGEO as part of the scholarship award. It was suggested to require the students to do a presentation at a WyGEO meeting. Karen Rogers asked if investment options have been looked into such as an interest bearing account or CDs. She stated that NSGIC has investments. Mark Ransdell, from One-Call of Wyoming, stated that One-Call invested in a CD with their bank that was completely liquid and earning twice the interest as their savings account. Karen stated that she would check out investment options and report back. Karen Rogers made a motion to create and send an electronic vote to the membership based on the Board's recommendation of creating two \$500.00 Scholarships; one \$500.00 Undergraduate Scholarship and one \$500.00 Graduate Scholarship. The application criteria for the scholarships will be based on the same application criteria used by URISA. There will be no restrictions on how the scholarship money is used. A student can be awarded the scholarship only once. The student will also receive a one-year Professional membership to WyGEO as part of the scholarship award. The student awarded the scholarship will be required to do a presentation at a WyGEO meeting. Destry Dearden seconded the

motion. The motion carried and was approved to create an electronic vote on scholarships for the membership.

Student travel assistance – The idea of creating a student travel stipend so that students could attend and participate in WyGEO meetings was discussed. It was suggested to award up to two travel stipends per in-person meetings. The student(s) awarded the stipend would be required to do a presentation or do an ignite presentation and a map/poster presentation. Nyssa Whitford made a motion to create and send an electronic vote to the membership on the creation of a student travel stipend of \$150.00 to assist students with travel expenses to attend and present at WyGEO in-person meetings. There can be up to two \$150.00 student travel stipends awarded per in-person meeting. The WyGEO Board will select the stipend awards. A student awarded the travel stipend will be required to do a presentation during the meeting or do an ignite presentation and a map/poster presentation at the meeting. Shannon Albeke seconded the motion. The motion carried and was approved to create an electronic vote on student stipends for the membership.

Meetings – The number of in-person meetings a year was discussed. Cathy stated that by our Bylaws we have 4 meeting per year and the meeting locations move around the state. The idea behind this was to be able to make it more convenient for members to participate in meetings by brining one meeting to each region during a year. Cathy suggested having two in-person meetings a year and having two meetings via web. The 1st and 3rd quarter meetings would be held via web while the 2nd and 4th quarter meetings would be in-person meetings. She opened the floor for comment asking for the pros and cons. It was stated that the regional meetings provide the opportunity to network locally. It was also stated that with travel funding and time restrictions the regional meetings were usually the only meetings people could attend. Cathy asked if people liked or disliked WebEx meetings. It was stated that listening in on a WebEx meeting was more difficult because of distractions in the office. It was added that WebEx would be beneficial to watch recorded presentations. The meeting participants were in favor of having a meeting once a year in their region. It was suggested to reach out to local members to help plan the meetings. There was a statement that WyGEO needs to prove to the membership that member effort to attend meetings won't be wasted by the group being phased out. Nicholas Graf made a motion to table a vote on changing the meeting structure and put together a survey to see what the membership wants for meetings and why they aren't attending meetings. Nyssa Whitford and Karen Rogers seconded the motion. The motion carried and was approved to table the vote and put together a survey. Cathy stated that the next meeting would be the 1st quarter meeting of 2015 in the Southwest Region. Evanston was suggested and accepted as the next location.

VII. Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned.



WyGeo Treasurer's Report

11/05/2014

Credits:			
DEPOSIT	Membership - Check	11/5/14	20.00
DEPOSIT	Sponsor payment - Check	09/17/14	200.00
DEPOSIT	Lander Conference Memberships	09/17/14	100.00
DEPOSIT	EVENTBRITE INC (Lander Conference)	08/27/14	3,960.00
DEPOSIT	DEPOSIT – Sponsor payment (2)	08/18/14	700.00
DEPOSIT	STRIPE TRANSFER – Sponsor payment	08/06/14	339.55
DEPOSIT	STRIPE TRANSFER - Sponsor payment	08/05/14	339.55
DEPOSIT	STRIPE TRANSFER - Sponsor payment	08/04/14	193.90

Disbursements:			
CHECK # 1054	PO Box Rental (yearly rental)	11/4/14	(92.00)
CHECK # 1056	Reliable Site Domain reimbursement – Governanti	10/29/14	(12.95)
CHECK # 1051	The Forge	10/14/14	(650.42)
CHECK # 1052	Peaks Conference Center	09/25/14	(3,631.40)
CHECK # 1050	Siam Café Catering	09/23/14	(\$450.00)
CHECK # 1049	Conference supplies reimbursement - Caffrey	08/08/14	(16.05)
CHECK # 1048	Conference supplies reimbursement - Whitford	08/25/14	(387.20)
CHECK # 1047	Lander Arts Center	08/18/14	(200.00)
CHECK # 1045	Pioneer Association – Room rental	08/15/14	(100.00)

Current Balance:	\$23,753.32
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