

Wyoming Geospatial Organization (WyGeo)

Quarterly Meeting, Evanston, February 19 2015

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by President Cathy Raney. Introductions were completed. Kent Williams, Mayor of Evanston, welcomed attendees.
- II. **Minutes from previous meeting:** The minutes from the Saratoga meeting were perused and approved. Motion to approve was made by Gary Welling, seconded by Destry Dearden. During the discussion of the previous minutes, Shawn Lanning also informed the group that both votes regarding scholarships were overwhelmingly approved but no final decision had thus far been made.
- III. **Budget Report:** The budget report was made available for any member to read. A short discussion of membership payments was conducted and members were asked to pay, if needed, as soon as possible.
- IV. **Member and sponsor presentations:** Nancy Bohac and Dave Vallencourt presented via the internet on the latest developments in ArcGIS Pro. Renee Hardy presented an overview of her Master's program at the University of Denver.
- V. **Updates:** Cathy Raney updated the group on the NAIP half-meter purchase. Members were presented with a funding break-down with approximately one month left to go to secure funding. It didn't look good and the potential for this to go unfunded was discussed in brief.

Cathy Raney also provided the group with an update on the URISA Advocacy Committee. Licensing for GIS professionals is still being discussed and each state is currently reviewing its licensing requirements. There is a link on the URISA website to the current policy.

Shawn Lanning presented updates on the Wyoming Geospatial Hub. They are currently looking for additional data to make available, even if it is only metadata a link to direct users were to purchase the data. There are also two changes coming in the future: a "re-do" of the imagery application and a GIS professional directory.
- VI. **Meeting location for 2015:** Locations for future meetings were discussed and two of the three were locations were chosen. The second quarter meeting will be held somewhere in the southeast region. Torrington was mentioned as an option and Steve Vossler will check on possible sites. The annual meeting will be held in the first part of September in Casper. Renee Hardy will start research on possible sites. The fourth quarter meeting will be held in Riverton. Nyssa Whitford was present for this discussion via web messaging.

VII. **General Discussion:** Shawn Lanning asked for ideas for participation events at the annual conference this year. Hosting a training session presented by esri or having another training session of some sort was discussed and was well-received by the attendees.

Tom Wussow of Monson Engineering ended up leading a short discussion on the new Trimble UAV's (now available), their costs and features (a lot), and potential FAA regulations (should be a plan in place by September 2015).

VIII. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM. The attendees then toured the Evanston Roundhouse and retreated to the Dunmar Inn for dinner, music videos, and ignite sessions by Cathy Raney, Destry Dearden, Gary Welling and Shay Smith.