

**Wyoming Geospatial Organization (WyGEO)
Board Meeting Minutes
Douglas, WY
October 18, 2018 @ 730am**

Board Members Present (6):

Karen Rogers – WyGEO President, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Staff Policy Analyst
Paula Reece – WyGEO Treasurer, Natrona County, GIS Specialist
Joy Hill – WyGEO Secretary, Big Horn County, Land Planner/GIS Manager
Jeff Sun – WyGEO Director at Large, Casper College, GIS Instructor
Jordan Evans – WyGEO SE Region Director, Cheyenne/Laramie County GIS Coop, Director
Jason Boucher – WyGEO NE Region Director, Wood Group, Geomatics Specialist

Board Members Absent (3):

Nicholas Graf – WyGEO Vice President, WyGIS, Research Scientist
Katrina Patton – WyGEO SW Region Director, Southeast Community College, GIS Instructor
Nyssa Whitford – WyGEO NW Region Director, Wyoming Game and Fish, Sage-Grouse GIS Analyst

Professional Members Present (13+)

Brian Clarkson	Kirk Nordyke
Erica Cirigliano	Angie Rudolph
Nicole Coleman	Deb Shirley
Brett Governanti	Steve Shivers
Renee Hardy	Ryan Sirdoreus
Bob King	Teal Wyckoff
Jalynda Mckay	

I. Meeting Called to Order

Karen Rogers, WyGEO President, called the meeting to order at 7:30am.

II. Treasurer's Report to the Membership

Paula Reece, WyGEO Treasurer reported that the current budget is \$31,645 with 68 paid members.

III. Old Business

a. Overview of the joint conference in Saratoga with GISCO.

- i. Attendance: Approximately 120 people?
- ii. Budget:
- iii. Feedback from membership

IV. New Business

a. Election

- i. Joy Hill, WyGEO Secretary, announced the winners of the 2018 WyGEO Election.
 1. Vice President - Jalynda Mckay

2. Treasurer - Renee Hardy
3. Director at Large - Brett Governanti
4. NW Director - Brian Clarkson

b. 2018 Scholarships

- i. Jordan Evans, WyGEO SE Region Director, announced the winner(s) of the 2018 WyGEO Scholarship(s). We have 5 applications: 1 graduate and 4 undergraduates. All of the applications and packets are on the Google Drive. The graduate recipient, Nicholas Case, had a very impressive submission. The undergraduate recipient, Sara Widler, is a student at UW. Karen suggested that we work on presenting something on the website.
- ii. Karen asked if anyone would be interested in serving on the Scholarship Committee, please let Jordan know.

c. Proposed Membership Fee Increase

- i. Karen sent an email to the entire membership in September seeking opinions on the proposed membership fee increase from \$20/year to \$25/year.
- ii. She shared her thoughts on some ways the extra money could be used. She was at a conference where the GIS organization paid for substitute teachers so K-12 teachers could attend training hosted by the organization. She added that doing at least 1 or 2 trainings on ArcGIS Pro would be valuable.
- iii. Paula said the schools in Casper do not have GIS, so she feels it isn't right to offer training to them. Karen mentioned that even if GIS isn't part of the curriculum, teachers can still use GIS as a tool to deliver other subjects. Paula doesn't feel we should be paying for that. Karen knows of teachers in Cheyenne who would be interested. Deb...wondered how a former teacher she knows acquired Esri software in his classroom. Esri is offering their software free to K-12. Renee said maybe a way to solve some of the concerns would be to have an application process; also, she wonders how intense the training would be and could we possibly offer it on days the teachers are already off. Paula said she feels that Esri should do the training; Karen said it's just beginning GIS training so it would be easy for WyGEO to conduct a class. Jordan said it isn't necessary for the training to be certified. Karen added that National Geographic will have materials available for teachers as well. Deb asked if we need to mention it to the school boards - Paula said a demonstration would be needed.
- iv. Kirk said the increase of \$5 in dues isn't what people have heartburn about, it is what we do with the money that counts. He wondered if we could add a little to the scholarships. Joy added that we have been trying to amp up WyGEO over the years through partnerships with other organizations, reaching out to schools/colleges and offering free annual training. Deb added that some people can't come to conferences unless training is offered.
- v. Karen added streamlining management of membership and surveys/ballots. Maybe we can offer a survey to ask people what helps to

keep them informed the best. We need to do a better job of reaching out. Angie asked what we are doing when a lot of people don't vote.

- vi. Jordan made a motion that we send a survey to the membership asking for interest in increasing the membership fee to \$5. Seconded by Brett.

d. **Spring 2019 Meeting - Afton, WY**

- i. Planning has begun for the spring meeting.
- ii. We anticipate that it will be a one-day meeting some Thursday in May, with a morning-after tour of local attractions.

e. **Spring 2020 Joint Conference with GISCO - Steamboat Springs, CO**

f. **Other Future Conference Location/Partnership Possibilities**

- i. PLSW (possibly fall 2019)
- ii. Gillette, WY - Annie Mayfield, City of Gillette
- iii. Angela Parker recently moved here from Alaska and she said they hold concurrent sessions between surveyors and GIS professionals. We could look to those organizations for ideas. Karen said in Utah they have a surveyor in the GIS division and in surveying they have a GIS person.

V. **Business Meeting Adjourned**

At 8:02am, Karen Rogers sought a motion to adjourn. Brett made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Ryan.