OREGON & S.W. WASHINGTON URISA CHAPTER

MEETING RECORD

DATE: MARCH 4, 2010

TO: URISA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: DICK BOLEN

RE: BOARD CONFERENCE CALL MEETING – MARCH 4 (12:00 PM)

The following board members participated in the meeting:

- Dick Bolen, Past President;

- Bob Hass, Co-President

- Bob Pool, Co-President;

- Keith Massie, Treasurer;

- Kelly Neumeier, Women in GIS;

- David Percy, Member at Large;

- Amy Esnard, Gorge Area GIS;

- Eric Bohard, Member at Large;

- Paul Couey, Member at Large;

- Michael Hansen, Web site consultant

AGENDA

1.   Update on the Agile Project Management Workshop.

Keith reported that to date there were 33 people signed up for the workshop to be conducted at Lane Community College. To assist on the workshop day with signup, Shauna Denny of West Consulting had volunteered her services. Keith said it had been a struggle to get the credit card payment system working, but Michael Hansen did great work getting the kinks worked out.

He planned on emailing the current registrants with a map of the workshop location on the LCC campus. Bob asked that he include the detailed description of workshop content that went out with the original advertisement for the workshop. Keith said one more email blast was going out to the complete list of over one thousand and would also include the description in that email.

2.   Update of on acceptance of credit cards for event registrations.

Bob Haas reported that Michael and Keith collaborated in the successful effort to render the credit card payment system operational. The service being used allows the chapter's account to "go dormant" during months when it will not be needed. Michael said he wants everyone to know that it was a team effort with Keith, who he said did a great job on his portion of the tasks.

3.   GIS in Action Conference Update.

Keith and Percy reported that they had toured the spaces to be used and are satisfied it will serve the event at PSU well. Percy reported getting many requests by people wishing to speak at the conference, which is encouraging. Dick asked when the final program would be emailed. Keith said Greg is working on the final program. Amy said the program would be emailed in the following week. Keith said the "final-final" program would be printed the first week in April. Percy reported that an "official" at PSU would be opening the conference.

Dick suggested that the conference would be a good place to show off the new Wild Apricot Web site. Bob Pool suggested this be presented at the first day lunch.

Eric suggested that some time be allotted at either lunch to the activities of the national organization. He suggested that Cy Smith, as the national URISA president make this presentation.

Bob Haas proposed that some time be allotted at either lunch to encourage people to participate in the chapter's special interest groups and section for their region.

4.   Topics for Annual Meeting in April.

The annual meeting will be held at the GIS in Action conference. Keith offered to provide a budget update, to include expenditures and closing balance for the past year. The budget adopted for last year will be presented with the suggestion that it form the basis for the coming year's use of chapter funds.

The following people were nominated to serve as members at large on the Board of Directors: David Percy, Paul Couey, Eric Bohard, John Sharrard (to continue service), and Cy Smith.

5. Board of Directors goal setting meeting at GIS in Action Conference.

Bob Haas said he would like to include a goals setting session in a separate board meeting at GIA10. He suggested that an online forum be set up on the Web prior to the meeting, with suggested actions items for consideration. He and Bob Pool will put some items on the forum to kick this off. It was decided that this meeting be held during the lunch period on the second day of the conference.

6. Chapter Section/SIG Update: Gorge Area GIS Users Group Initiatives.

Amy Esnard, leader of the Gorge Area GIS User Group reported that membership includes GIS staff from both sides of the Columbia River. They are a dispersed group of GIS users with differing levels of GIS usage. The participants represent Hood River County, Skamania County, Klickitat County, Wasco County, Hood River Watershed Council and Mount Hood Meadows Mountain Operations. Percy asked if there were any tribal members in the group. Amy said there were, and later qualified that they are from the Hood River Fisheries section of the Warm Springs Tribe.

The Hood River County GIS Coordinator has been one of the primary people assisting the Gorge GIS Users efforts. The group is in the process of positioning a centralized repository of GIS data storage for the groups' and community use. The local community college and Hood River County GIS are both options they are seeking. Hood River County's ArcGIS Server may be used as the primary distribution source, leveraging web-mapping service functionality.

The group recently sponsored a meeting where Ian Madin from DOGAMI did a LiDAR presentation. In the next week a presentation is scheduled for a GIS presentation by a consultant, John Morgan. Bob Haas asked Amy to think about any assistance her group might use from the chapter. Amy said the annual stipend to offset the cost of holding meetings is greatly appreciated and would consult with the members about other ways the chapter could provide support. Dick commended Amy for her work and that he was impressed with the collaborative data environment that has been set up, saying it could be used as a model by other user groups.

## 7.	Scholarship Award Update

Keith reported that a dozen students have applied for scholarships, two of them for research projects. He plans having the review completed in April and awards will be made at that time.