



## ORURISA Board of Directors Meeting

6 November, 2012

### Board Members in Attendance:

Amy Esnard, President  
Bob Haas, Past Co-President  
Dean Anderson, Oregon GIS Association  
Eric Bohard, Clackamas County  
Paul Couey, METRO  
Colleen Miller, Central Oregon GIS Users Group  
David Percy, PDX Open Source GIS  
John Sharrard, ESRI  
Cy Smith, State GIO  
Molly Vogt, METRO  
Chris Wayne, Klamath Basin Users Group

Amy called the meeting to order. Following a role-call, Amy briefly updated the Board on the new website changes and modifications, including the organization chart and Chapter initiatives.

Meeting continued to address the following agenda items:

#### 1. LISTSERV

- Cy Smith opened discussion regarding the current status of the State gis\_info listserv, proposing ORURISA become the new authoritative body for maintaining a state-wide GIS listserv.
- Questions addressed included:
  - Why ORURISA? As a highly visible community-supported non-profit organization, ORURISA is an established resource for the Oregon and SW Washington GIS community, providing ongoing professional connections and outreach. The listserv would support the Chapter initiative to build the member community.
  - Is there any potential overlap with other listservs? No. There isn't another statewide general 'GIS' listserv.
  - Do we know of any other URISA Chapters who maintain similar listservs? No. Amy or Cy will look into this.
  - How would listserv members sign up? An announcement will go out to all ORURISA members, providing a link to the listserv subscription. Members will have the option to subscribe – it will not be mandatory for members. Existing State gis\_info listserv members will remain (be transferred) to new ORURISA listserv, and will provide the updated information about unsubscribe.
- The motion was passed unanimously.

- Next steps include: research into a new listserv provider, designation of an administrator, defining/formalizing process.

## 2. PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO CHAPTER BYLAWS

- a. Board of Directors: As the Chapter continues to form new sections - expanding its geographical extent, and adopting new Special Interest Groups to represent the social and technical GIS fabric in our community, the number of members included in the Board of Directors is increasing. With the newly adopted Columbia Pacific GIS User Group (CPGIS), ArcGIS server and API User Group (ORAPI) and Young Professionals (ORURISA YP's), the number of new Board members has been increased to 22. The Chapter ByLaws currently limit the Board of Directors maximum capacity to 20 persons (Article III, Section 1), with a minimum of 4. A proposal was presented to modify the number to 25.
- b. Board Meetings: Existing ByLaws require, "A Quorum of the Board shall be considered to be one more than one/half (50%) of the current Board" (Article III, Section 5). To allow for continuity and movement on Chapter issues, a modification was requested to reduce the minimum vote count (quorum) to represent 50% of the elected Board of Directors, while retaining the vote count from non-elected Board members.

- A motion was made and passed, accepting both the increase in the number of Board members and modification to Board vote minimum.
- Next Steps: Amy to draft ByLaw changes and provide updates to the Board and on the website.

## 3. URISA CHAPTER AFFILIATION AGREEMENT UPDATE

Cy provided the Board a status of the Proposed URISA Chapter Affiliation Agreement. The agreement is scheduled to be adopted by the URISA Board, in early 2013. Chapter dues (amounts yet to be defined), may potentially be deferred if a Chapter desires. The comments and questions collected in a prior ORURISA Board meeting, were provided to the URISA Chapter Affiliation workgroup and were applied to the collection from other Chapters and used to better define the parameters of the agreement.

Next steps: Any further required actions from ORURISA will be addressed with the Board, prior to signing an agreement.

## 4. UPCOMING TRAINING/WORKSHOP IDEA FOR 2013

Bob Haas discussed the potential collaborative workshop, "Next Generation Growth Management/Sustainability software tools", jointly held with Oregon APA.

Next Steps:

## 5. GIS IN ACTION 2013

Amy provided brief update of program status – abstracts due on November 16. Conference to be held at Portland State University, April 30 - May 1, 2013.

## 6. ISSUES

- a. Events and workshops:
  - Subcommittee to be formed to track ORURISA events and workshops. Subcommittee will include SIG/Section Leaders and liaise with the Board on plans and direction. (Current Program

and Events Team Members include: Bob Pool, Eric Bohard, Amy Esnard, Keith Massie, David Percy, John Sharrard, Dean Anderson)

- A survey to be distributed for scheduling the 2013 ORURISA Board Retreat.

Amy adjourned the meeting.

*Next meeting agenda items: structure of virtual teams – need to revisit purpose/relevance; Communications and social media (including progress of YP's); webex and other requested subscriptions.*