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COUNTY GIS PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES March 1, 2023, 1:30 PM

Attendees: Seth Kerr (Jefferson), , Megan Birch (Dauphin), Kara Shindle (Franklin), Marlen Kokaz-Roy (Chester), Daniel Reese (Luzerne), Kim Ade (CCAP), Tim Murphy (Columbia), Garrett McKinney (Lycoming), Jamie George (Lebanon), Nick Barger (Centre), Steve Rinker (Monroe), Mike Baker (Erie), Sean McLaughlin (Mercer), Leah Smith (Clarion)

I. Welcome & Introductions (Seth):

II. Association Business:

a. Finance/Treasurer's (Tim):

- i. Presented Treasurer's report for 2022 – Attached
 1. No comments
- ii. Last few years, nearly ¼ of income in the bank, last 3 years
- iii. We have an inability to roll funds from year to year, but doing so would help with getting training or planning, such as ESRI trainings, which tend to be more expensive
- iv. Fear that if we cannot use this or find a way, would potentially recommend lowering dues
- v. Are there any plans to go back to in-person meetings? Most expenses were from meals and in-person get-togethers
- vi. Mercer had ESRI visit from Drew F. & Tom Suite – original founders of PA GIS group orgs like Keystone and PA GIS Professionals
- vii. Discussion on how the dues impact the class 6 & 7 counties

1. Are they getting "bang for buck?"
2. What are they paying for?
3. We cannot eliminate entirely due to costs with CCAP and the services they provide
 - a. Website hosting
 - b. Staff costs
- viii. How feasible is it for us to start rolling money from year-to year? Kim would need to discuss with Fiscal and Mike Sage to see how that would impact us since we are not a true affiliate
- ix. Kim suggested a sliding cost model, i.e. by region/class size
- x. We should watch it closely this year, to make sure that this doesn't become a trend
- xi. McKean – have the GIS Pros dues ever been brought up as an issue in individual county budgeting conversations? Not brought up because of association with CCAP in his county.
- xii. Possibly ask smaller counties like Fulton, Green, Forest what the discussion or impact was, and do they pay their dues?
- xiii. When did we raise it to \$200 – beginning of 2013
- xiv. Current ideas involve training but none of those have panned out
- xv. Idea to include admission to PA GIS Conference – thought that to do that we would have to actually raise dues
- xvi. Perhaps include a pre-conference workshop?
- xvii. Board orientation mentioned conference costs go to CCAP, since it's moved to Keystone, how will that impact us or the workshop?
 1. Discussion, some dues did go to conference cost historically, was that part of the reason for the original increase?
 2. Multiple people to do digging on reason for cost increase
- xviii. Multiple personal opinions that in-person meetings are valuable in their own right

- xix. Politely ask the counties that don't pay why – we are assuming they aren't paying due to budgetary reasons
- xx. Ask a general membership if they feel they get value for their dues
- xxi. We know which Counties are active vs. not in the Pros group, some of the larger ones are the least active and it might be interesting to know why – Counties in the middle of the state seem to be most active
- xxii. Maybe the larger counties don't need the support as much?
- xxiii. Good idea to do a general membership survey that may focus on different topics involving location, dues, etc.
- xxiv. Marlen/Chester: Is there a place that lists the values to the County for being part of the GIS Professionals?
 - 1. 3 years, she knows the meetings and listserv but what are the other benefits and have we done any PR?
 - 2. Ask what membership like to see on the website?
- xxv. What about the survey Sean and Kara were taking on to do a County profile?
 - 1. Can we combine this?
- xxvi. Suggestion about surveying at PA GIS Conference
- xxvii. Suggestion that all surveys go out once a year for membership so they are aware and can dedicate time
- xxviii. Potential for a table at conference with the surveys every year, also help with our excess dues potentially
- xxix. Survey consolidation & formats – makes sense to combine. Sarah, Sean, Seth to meet on 3/6 to discuss this more in-depth

b. Membership (Seth):

- i. Idea is first membership meeting in April at PA GIS Conference depending on
- ii. July – at CCAP
- iii. October

- iv. End of year, potentially virtual
- v. Ask for update from Keystone GIS – no response to CCAP email
 - 1. Kara will follow up

c. NG911 GIS Pros Subcommittee (Seth):

- i. Barry didn't have updates
- ii. As a reminder, Justin stepped down as chair and they are looking for a chair, please reach out with ideas

d. Geoboard (Seth):

- i. Planning transmission with change in place
- ii. Mike DeMatt took over for John McMillen
- iii. Scottie Wall is new State GIS Coordinator, Mary Fulton is retired
- iv. Geoboard is working on filling vacancies due to retirements and movement within the board
- v. PA Basemaps working group
- vi. New data at PASDA – PEMA imagery for Adams Crawford, Cumberland, erie
- vii. PA FISH & Boat Comm – new stream & point data
- viii. Monitoring NAD broadband NG911 progress in PA
- ix. Service delivery task force has submitted proposal for RISE grant
 - 1. Suggests taking County data in 3
- x. GIS Census subcommittee – goal is to have a draft of GIS census ready to be utilized at PA GIS Conference – still slow going so that goal may not be met but are hopeful

e. Legislation (Kim):

- i. Nothing new, new legislative session is starting
- ii. No current legislation being introduced that would impact GIS Pros
- iii. They continue to watch for reauthorization of the 911 fund
- iv. Watching state funding broadband funding legislation

f. Land Records:

- i. Meeting at 2:30 PM today
- ii. Statewide parcel layer
 - 1. What are we doing to discuss Counties that won't share?
 - 2. Looking at data review, data examples from other orgs (NSGIC), and looking at drafting a roadmap for Geoboard
- iii. Working on online resource

g. Training:

- i. No updates

h. SURE Modernization:

- i. Matt Ruch – primary contact and is leaving
- ii. He received feedback and moved it on
- iii. Problematic that this process has not seemed easy nor have the Pros have been involved
- iv. Sean didn't have a good conversation and was told to file a RTK to get the gap analysis information

i. Open Discussion/Other Items: