Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors for

The International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences (CPGIS)

The Board of Directors of The International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences (CPGIS) held its February 2011 board meeting through email communication during February 8 and 14, 2011. The current BOD members are:

- (1) Lu, Yongmei, Chair
- (2) Chen, Aijun
- (3) Ding, Yuemin
- (4) Guo, Diansheng
- (5) Guo, Qinghua
- (6) Li, Xiang
- (7) Liu, Desheng
- (8) Liu, Yu
- (9) Luo, Wei
- (10) Mu, Lan
- (11) Shi, Xun
- (12) Yao, Xiaobai

CPGIS Financial Status and Committees' Budget Requests

The focus of this BOD meeting was to review the general financial status of CPGIS and to discuss and approve the three budget requests for year 2010-11 from three CPGIS Committees.

CPGIS Financial Status

- (1) The BOD expressed a concern about the general budget plan of CPGIS, especially given the current small budget operation we have. The BOD recommends that CPGIS Treasurer, Dr. Diansheng Guo, with the help from CPGIS President, Dr. Xun Shi, CPGIS General Secretary, Dr. Shuming Bao, and others, develop a revised CPGIS Financial Status Analysis and Prediction to be presented to the March BOD meeting for further review and discussion.
- (2) The BOD also recommends that for the long term task, BOD should work with the Treasurer and the President to develop a general guidance for future financial operation.

CPGIS Committee's Budget Requests

(1) The BOD meeting reviewed and discussed the budget requests. Although all the requests were recognized as justifiable and beneficial for the development of CPGIS, the BOD decided to table the motions of approving these budgets due to the concerns about our overall small operating budget as well as some uncertainties about upcoming expanses which are necessary and at a higher priority. (2) The related three committees are asked to revise their budget requests and resubmit them to March BOD meeting if appropriate. The BOD asks that the respective committees understand that CPGIS does not have a large budget to operate with and our financial status is at its infancy. Finally, the BOD recommends that, at this stage of CPGIS development, all CPGIS awards (except for Best Student Paper Awards) are honorable rather than monetary.

END OF MEETING

Submitted by Yongmei Lu