

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 March 2011 board meeting through email communication during March 8 and 16, 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 and other Requests

This BOD meeting, following the theme of February meeting, focused on reviewing the general financial status of CPGIS. The BOD also reviewed and voted on two proposals from specific Committees.

After one week's online discussion, a total of 9 committee members casted their votes and provided their comments until 5:00pm Wednesday March 16, 2011.

CPGIS AAG Get-together Committee's Budget Request

CPGIS AAG Get-Together Committee submitted a budget request of **\$500.00** to cover the expenses to be incurred at the annual CPGIS Gathering and Business Meeting to be held during AAG Annual Conference in April of 2011 in Seattle.

The motion to approve this above budget request was passed by BOD with 8 YES, 1 ABSTAIN (By Dr. Diansheng Guo due to conflict of interest).

CPGIS Education Committee Proposal for New Awards

CPGIS Education Committee proposed to establish the "CPGIS Excellence in GIS Education" awards. Justifications include: (1) establishing and supporting this award will highlight CPGIS' mission for education, and (2) The award will encourage CPGIS members to expand and advance GIS education.

The motion to approve the establishment of "CPGIS Excellence in GIS Education" was passed by BOD with 8 YES, 1 ABSTAIN.

CPGIS Financial Analysis

CPGIS Treasurer, Dr. Diansheng Guo Submitted to BOD in March 2011 a budget analysis report including the review of 2010 budget and the predicting of 2011 budget.

The motion to approve Dr. Guo's CPGIS Financial Analysis was passed by BOD with 8 YES, 1 ABSTAIN (By Dr. Diansheng Guo due to conflict of interest).

This voting result does not carry approval for any future spendings listed in the analysis. The future budget / spending requests should seek approval following the related CPGIS policies. The BOD noticed the small budget CPGIS currently has – with a little more than \$20,000 by the end of year 2010. The prediction shows budget deficit for 2011 due to some mandatory fees (including the costs for 501(3)C application (\$4,000+) and members' Annals of GIS subscription (~\$3,600). BOD hope that with the future grant of 501(3)C status, there will be more channels for CPGIS to accept donations. BOD welcome constructive input from CPGIS members on this issue.

Other Issues

CPGIS' Usage of Credit Card Services

BOD discussed the credit card charge incurred in the year 2010 in the amount of \$552.25. With a small running budget, BOD would like to encourage the Headquarter Office to look into other low cost options. Both Pay-Pal and Google Card were discussed at this month's meeting. BOD would like to ask CPGIS president, treasurer, and HQ Office to continue investigating this issue, and hopefully to develop a plan to present to BOD in the near future.

GeoInformatics' 2012 and Possible Dates

Per the "Call For Proposal" issued by Conference Site Selection Committee, Dr. Hui Lin and his team in Hong Kong has expressed their interests in hosting the CPGIS Annual Conference to celebrate the 20th anniversary of CPGIS. There were a number of possible alternative conference dates presented to BOD for input. BOD concluded that, after accommodating the host institution's schedule and local weather condition (especially the Typhoon Season in Hong Kong), the major factor for "best conference dates" is to encourage as many CPGIS members and friends to attend the conference as possible. Dr. Lin and his team will submit a formal proposal to the Conference Site Selection Committee soon.

GeoInformatics' 2011 Progress Report

GeoInformatics' 2011 Organization Committee submitted a Progress Report to BOD for review and discussion. BOD recognizes the great work by the Conference Organization

Committee and congratulates the committee on all they have achieved. Meanwhile, some BOD members noticed the temporary deficit on the budget predict and would like to encourage to Committee to look into various ways to maintain a good balance. There was some discussion about the possibility of cutting a few cost items, including the honorarium paid to international keynote speakers.

END OF MEETING

Submitted by Yongmei Lu

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