

CPGIS 2011 Newsletter

Message from my last day as the CPGIS President

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My dear fellow CPGISers,

November 1, 2010 is just like yesterday.

The first feeling coming to me when I started this message is appreciation. In this past year, I got support and help from all old friends, and this position gave me the privilege to make many new friends.

With your effort and support, CPGIS maintained its strong and growing state in this past year. The annual conference of GeoInformatics, the journal of AGIS, the application for the 5013c status, the AAG Get-together, the AGU Get-together, the Go-Home and Young Scholar Summit programs, the Student Paper Competition, the website development and maintenance, and the daily work at our Headquarters, are all on the solid track and toward a bright future. The list of names that directly underlying these events and activities is way too long to fit into this short message, so I decided to guiltfully skip it, but my appreciation is not a bit less.

My partner, Diansheng Guo, who has been working for CPGIS for years and a CPGIS Service Award winner, will officially assume the President tomorrow. All the BOD candidates are veterans of CPGIS. We are in good hands!

A President's message is usually for calling for something. No exception of this last one. Here are my last two "call-fors" and I urge you to pay special attention to them:

1. The elections of the President and BOD are undergoing. If you care about CPGIS, you care about these elections. Please remember to cast your vote.
2. The deadline of extended abstract and full paper submissions for GeoInformatics 2012 (Hong Kong) is in 15 days (November 15). Don't miss this most important annual event of CPGIS and the CPGIS 20th Anniversary celebration.

Although I am stepping down from the President position, I will never quit from contributing to CPGIS, just like everyone of you. You have my best wishes.

Xun Shi (CPGIS President 2011-2012)



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September BOD Meeting Minutes

Dear CPGISers,

Below and attached please see the Minutes for September BOD meeting.

Best,

Yongmei Lu

2011.9.25

The Board of Directors of The International Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Sciences (CPGIS) held its September 2011 board meeting September 13 - 22, 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

There were four major items in the agenda of this BOD meeting:

- (1) To review, discuss, revise, and vote for CPGIS to adopt the Guidelines for CPGIS Financial Management.
- (2) To review, discuss, revise, and vote for CPGIS to adopt the Guidelines for CPGIS Headquarter Office.
- (3) To discuss and decide on a reward CPGIS is to grant to the Local Organizing Committee of GeoInformatics 2011 for their outstanding contribution to the Conference and CPGIS.
- (4) To discuss on issues related to the upcoming BOD and CPGIS President Elections.



After review and discussion of the related documents, BOD voted on three motions:

MOTION 1: *The Guidelines for CPGIS Headquarter Office* be fully adopted by CPGIS.

Motion passed with 12 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN.

Note:

- The original Guidelines draft was developed by Xun Shi and Qiming Zhou in 2010; the draft was included in Aijun Chen's President Report 2010-11.
- BOD revised the draft and voted to fully adopt the revised document as guidelines for the future CPGIS financial operation.
- The BOD-approved Guidelines is included in Appendix I of this Minutes.

MOTION 2: *The Guidelines for CPGIS Financial Management* be fully adopted by CPGIS.

Motion passed with 12 YES, 0 NO, 0 ABSTAIN.

Note:

- The original Guidelines draft was initiated by Shuming Bao in 2010; the draft was included in Aijun Chen's President Report 2010-11.
- BOD revised the draft and voted to fully adopt the revised document as guidelines for the future operation of CPGIS Headquarter Office.
- The BOD-approved Guidelines is included in Appendix II of this Minutes.

MOTION 3: To grant 10% of the total monetary income of CPGIS from the 2011 GeoInformatics Conference to the Local Organizing Committee as a reward. This is to appreciate the Committee's outstanding work for GeoInformatics 2011 and its contribution to CPGIS.

Motion passed with 11 YES, 0 NO, 1 ABSTAIN.

Note:

- This is a one-time reward and does not have to become a formal policy, since every year the situation can be different.
- We have about \$20,000 from the GeoInformatics 2011 Conference revenue in our CPGIS account - we should have a precise count of the final number by the end of October after CPGIS receive the report from Local Organizing Committee.

END OF MEETING



CPGIS Service of Excellence Awards 2011

Dear CPGISers,

As the Chair of CPGIS Service Committee and the Chair of BOD, I am very please to announce through this mailing list that this year's CPGIS Service of Excellence Awards went to the following recipients -

CPGIS Service of Excellence Award Individual Award

Dr. Wei Luo, Professor, Northern Illinois University

CPGIS Service of Excellence Award Group Award - 2006-07 Newsletter Committee

Drs. Yongqian Tian, Jun Yang, Qinghua Guo, Xin Miao, and Jianwu Tang

The recipients were selected through an open nomination process that was organized by the Service Committee, followed by an anonymous voting by BOD.

These awards were presented to the recipients on June 24, 2011 at the 19th GeoInformatics' Conference in Shanghai. Dr. Xin Miao accepted the group award on behalf of the 2006-07 Newsletter Committee. For other members on the committee, please respond to me through email so that an e-version of the plaque can be sent to you.

Congratulations to all the recipients and thank you again for your excellent contribution to CPGIS!

Yongmei

CPGIS Presidential and BOD Election 2011

Dear CPGIS members

We are now concluded the CPGIS presidential and BOD election 2011. On behalf of the election committee, I am pleased to announce that **Pinde Fu** has been elected as the president for the term 2013-14 (Nov. 2012 - Oct. 2013). Congratulations, and look forwards to moving forward the CPGIS community under your leadership in the near future.

The BOD election was a much closer contest. Finally, the following four candidates won the election: **Shaowen Wang, Bing Xu, Shixiong Hu, and Daoqin Tong** for the term 2011-2013 (Nov. 2011 - Oct. 2013) . Congratulations, and welcome on board.

I would like to thank for all your participation, which make it another successful election with a high voting rate. Particularly, I would like to acknowledge the diligent work from the election committee members and shuming's web team under a tight schedule. I also thank Yongmei, Xun and Diansheng for your comments and suggestions during the election process.

Again, Congratulations to Pinde, Shaowen, Bing, Shixiong and Daoqin.

Regards

Qinghua Guo (co-chair), Xiaobai Yao (co-chair), Yuemin Ding, Xiang Li, Desheng Liu

Election committee

CPGIS BOD 2011-2012



Yuemin Ding



Pinde Fu



Diansheng Guo



Qinghua Guo



Shixiong
Hu



Xiang Li



Desheng Liu



Xun Shi



Daoqin
Tong



Shaowen
Wang



Bing Xu



Xiaobai Yao

CPGIS President Campaign Speech

Dear fellow CPGIS members,

It's my great honor to be nominated as a candidate for the 2012-2013 CPGIS presidency. I thank President Xun and everyone for the trust!

CPGIS is a leading organization in the Chinese GIS community and is influential in the world wide GIS community. In the past 20 years, CPGIS has made great achievements in many areas, including the annual conferences, the Annals of GIS journal, the Advanced GIScience Training program, the Go Home program, the Young Scholar Summer Meeting program, obtaining non-profit organization status, and many more. Thanks to the ex-presidents, Board of Directors, all committees, and all members for the dedication, creativity, passion, and hard-work that have made CPGIS the successful organization it is today!

If elected, my first priority will be to continue running our association at the high standard of excellence set by my predecessors. In addition, I look forward to carry out the following initiatives:



Pinde Fu, Ph.D.

Project Lead / Senior GIS Application Developer

Professional Services Division

Esri, Inc.

1. Add more member benefits & activities

The purpose is to retain existing members and attract more new members. I propose that we:

- **Add more award categories** to encourage our members and benefit members' career development. In addition to the Service of Excellence and Best Student Papers awards we have in place, I proposed an Excellence in Education award, which has been approved by the BOD and will be issued annually at our Geoinformatics Conference. I will also propose new awards such as Excellence in Research and Excellence in Innovation.
- **Provide monthly or bi-monthly webinars** on subjects that are of interest to CPGIS members. The topics can be the recent advances in GI science and technology, entrepreneurship, curriculum development etc. These webinars can be very helpful for your teaching, research, and professional development.



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- **Add a “Latest Member’s News”** section to CPGIS website. The purpose is to give members more publicity and to bring our members closer. This section is dedicated to report your recent activities, e.g., awards, guest lecturing, attending conferences, publications, even personal news. I know you are busy and don’t have time to write lengthy news, so to make it easy we can publish photo news (a couple photos with short captions).
- **Build a wiki website** for members to share useful materials. Many of us have collected rich teaching and researching resources. We need a web portal to share such resources. Instead of adding all the work to our webmaster, we can provide a wiki website, allowing you to share and find materials whenever you like.
- **Get Together virtually:** We are geographically scattered, and it’s not easy for us to get together physically. We can help members get connected through social network such as LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Weibo (微博), expand members’ professional networks.
- **Establish more regional chapters** in those regions with relatively more members, encourage regular local activities, such as giving guest lectures at each others’ universities.

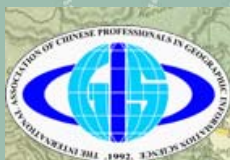
- *2. Enhance the visibility of CPGIS*

- **Establish CPGIS Series Seminars:** Many members have been giving guest seminars in China and abroad. These activities are undertaken on individual bases. I propose that we brand these lectures as “CPGIS Science & Technology Series Seminars” and that we encourage our members to use this brand when giving guest lectures.
- **Promote CPGIS to a broader audience** by building connections with various news media and by utilizing Twitter and Weibo.

- *3. Involve non-academic sectors*

CPGIS has been very successful in academia. Outside CPGIS, there are still a large number of GIS professionals in commercial companies, government agencies etc. We need to:

- **Attract members from these sectors** by expanding member benefits and activities (detailed above)
- **Attract commercial marketing and advertising** at CPGIS conferences, publications, and on the CPGIS website (we will need to enrich the contents of our website and attract more web visitors first).
- **Request support of various forms from the commercial and government sectors:** financial support, books, trainings, home/trial edition software, hosting student visits, student intern opportunities.
- **Exchange ideas with the industry:** Facilitate members to convert their research results to practical products & applications.



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- *4. Expand the cooperation with China and sister organizations*
- **Sponsor more conferences in China**
- **Expand the Advanced GIScience training program:** This very successful program was initiated and organized by Professor Chaowei Yang. This program so far focuses on the survey & mapping discipline. These are also opportunities in other disciplines, such as higher education, urban planning, and emergency management. CPGIS should support the expansion of this program.
- **Facilitate international scholar exchanges:** Help China professors (CPGIS members) to "Go Out". The Chinese Department of Education provides financial support to encourage professors to be visiting scholars in US and other countries. But still many China professors cannot find receiving institutes. CPGIS can provide a platform (e.g., using CPGIS email alias) to share such information as who has plans to "go out" and who can accept visiting scholars.
- **Collaborate with other GIS and remote sensing organizations** such as Chinese Association of GIS, Chinese government...

A one-year term goes by fast, and one individual's capability is always limited. But I will do my best to carry out the above initiatives. With the support and help of our BOD, all committees, and all of you, we can continue the success of our association and further expand that success.

I need your support, and will greatly appreciate your support!

Pinde Fu

Oct. 26, 2011

Speech after Winning Election

Dear CPGIS fellow members,

Thank Qinghua and the election committee for running the election! Thank all the candidates for willing to serve our association!

It's my great honor to be elected as the next president. I thank you for your vote and for your support!

Attached is my campaign speech. I am sharing it with you again. They are not just slogans. They are the work plan I will strive to carry out. While my term is still one year away, some of the initiatives don't have to wait. I will propose them to Diansheng, our current president, and our BOD. If you have suggestions and advices, please let me know.

Once again, thanks for your support!

Pinde

Nov. 16, 2011

The 19th GeoInformatis - CPGIS 2011 Annual Meeting

Date: June 24-26, 2011

Location: East China Normal University, Shanghai, China

The 19th International Conference on Geoinformatics (Geoinformatics 2011) was successfully held on June 24-26 at East China Normal University, Shanghai, China. The theme of this year's conference is "GIS in Education and Business". The keynote speakers include Drs. Michael Goodchild, Guanhua Xu, Hui Lin, Simon Thompson, and Vincent Tao.

The conference received 900 abstracts with 550 full papers. The conference organized two plenary sessions on "new trends in GIS", one student paper competition session, 64 oral presentation sessions, and eight poster sessions.



Xun Shi
CPGIS President

Michael Goodchild
Keynote Speaker



Guanhua Xu
Keynote Speaker

Hui Lin
Keynote Speaker



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Future Events

GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration **-Global Change, Adaptation, and Risk Management**

- **Date:** June 15-17, 2012
- **Place:** CUHK, Hong Kong
- <http://www.iseis.cuhk.edu.hk/GeoInformatics2012>
- **Keynote Speakers**
Prof. Michael Batty Prof. Mei Po Kwan



Prof. Peng Gong



Prof. Che Kwan Shum



Prof. Michael Goodchild



Prof. Deren Li



Prof. Gennady Andrienko

Pre-Conference Workshop

- **Date:** June 14, 2012
- **Theme:** Virtual Geographic Environment
- **Keynote Speakers**



- **GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration, CUHK, Hongkong**
- **GEOProcessing 2012**
- **Association of American Geographers (AAG)**
- **GSDI 13 Conference**
- **ESRI International User Conference**
- **XXII ISPRS Congress**
- **32nd International Geographical Congress 2012**

GEOProcessing 2012

Valencia Spain

Conference Dates: 01/30/2012 - 02/04/2012

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

New York City, New York USA

Conference Dates: 02/24/2012 - 02/28/2012

GSDI 13 Conference: Spatially Enabling Government, Industry and Citizens

Quebec City, Canada

Conference Dates: 05/13/2012 - 05/17/2012

ESRI International User Conference

San Diego, California USA

Conference Dates: 07/08/2013 - 07/12/2013

XXII ISPRS Congress

Melbourne, Australia

Conference Dates: 08/25/2012 - 09/01/2012

32nd International Geographical Congress 2012

Cologne, Germany

Conference Dates: 08/26/2012 - 08/30/2012