

## MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

**JULY 31, 2009**

**Tuesday, July 28, 2009**, the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> annual conference began with a poolside pizza reception for early arrivals.

**Wednesday, July 29**, morning workshops took place from 8:30am – 11:30am. The morning workshops were Introduction to ArcGIS with Josie Bock and Andrea Bohn from Great River GIS, and a GPS Geocaching event with Jay Reister and Scott Smith from Seiler Instruments.

The afternoon workshops consisted of Draw the Line: Interpretation of Deeds and Land Descriptions for Mapping by Donald Martin, Professional Surveyor and Mobile GIS: Using GPS for GIS Data Collection and Maintenance with Jay Reister and Scott Smith from Seiler Instruments.

Registration opened from 4:30 to 6:00 pm that evening with a reception with the vendors to follow from 5:30 – 7:30pm.

The evening closed with a bowling event at the Eagle Bowling Lanes from 7:45 – 10:00pm.

**Thursday, July 30**, registration desk reopened at 7:30 am. A continental breakfast was held.

The meeting began at 9:00 am by Vice President, Don Cleveland. Katie Shepherd introduced the keynote speaker, Darrell Pratte, MO State Surveyor who discussed How Missouri Was Mapped.

Break at 10:00 am.

At 10:15 am Marty Comstock, Agricultural Engineer from USDA-NRCS presented on the Effective Uses of LiDAR.

Break with vendors at 11:00 am.

11:15 am Debbie Briedwell from SEMA presented on GIS in Emergency Management.

A buffet lunch was served and additional time for visiting with the vendors was from 12:00pm – 1:15pm.

Steve Marsh from Jackson County presented at 1:15 pm on Data Sharing and At What Cost.

Break with the vendors from 2:00 – 2:15 pm.

At 2:15 pm, Matt Sorenson from Midland GIS spoke about Web Mapping Applications.

Leah Twombly from Bartlett & West led a technical session at 3:00 pm on ArcGIS Tips & Tricks.

Door prizes were given away throughout the afternoon.

From 3:45 – 4:45 pm Chapter & PMM meetings were held.

At 5:30 pm a Murder Mystery Dinner was held in the Lakeside North and Center followed by social cocktails and karaoke at the Resort bar.

**Friday, July 31**, the morning began with a full breakfast buffet at 8:00 am. Vice President Don Cleveland called the annual business meeting to order at 8:57 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and all the board members were introduced.

Darrel King introduced guest speaker, Doug Burnett, MMA Lobbyist of Burnett Associates from Jefferson City. Doug spoke about his duties as a Lobbyist for MMA, and the status of various legislative issues that concerned MMA.

The minutes from the 2008 Annual Conference were read in summary by Josie Bock and they were approved.

The next order of business was the committee reports.

Katie Shepherd read the Treasurer's Reports. On 8/8/2008 balance of \$24,521.36, total receipts of \$20,002.98, and disbursements of \$20,652.07. Total balance as of 7/31/2009 was \$23,872.27.

Certification committee report was read by Belinka Novotny-Held. There have been 30 successful PMM candidates. Currently there are 16 active members and 3 lifetime members. This year there was one successful candidate, Tim Kean. He works at the Phelps County Assessor's Office.

Education committee report was read by Jay Reister. Jay stated that he is still in need of others to join the Education committee to assist him with ideas and contacting members that would be interested in future courses. He is open for suggestions for education seminars free or fee based for IAAO: 601 Courses, LiDAR, GPS training, GIS and CAD workshops/training.

Tim Kean presented the Historical committee reports. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary binder is almost completed. Please include items you would like preserved in it.

IT: Mark Duewell discussed web maintenance and asked the membership to report any web issues seen on the web site to him. Mark will work with education committee to include any educational opportunities on the web site. He also discussed the availability to do surveys with Survey Monkey. This will help get feedback from the membership.

Membership: Gladys Smith presented that there were 136 current paid and lifetime members, and that we needed to work on getting members back and involved.

Nominating: Belinka Novotny-Held presented the nominations for the 2009-2010 board:

- President – Don Cleveland, Midland GIS
- Vice President – Katie Shepherd, Midland GIS
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director – Steven Marsh, Jackson County
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director – Tim Kean, Phelps County
- Treasurer – Lisa Chapman, Cass County
- Secretary – Sue Ann Stokes, McDonald County

Publication: Tim Kean asked for any ideas for the newsletter, such as articles, tips & tricks, etc.. Email newsletter will become mandatory for those who we have email addresses for. This will cut back on postage and printing costs.

Annual meeting: Josie Bock presented an overview of the 2009 annual meeting, and thanked all those who helped make it a successful meeting.

The next order of business was chapter reports.

East Central: Belinka-Novotny Held – the chapter met on Thursday with 8 attending members and elected Richard Kramer Sr. as President. They will meet again on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in October in Festus, MO.

West Central: Deanna Walton reported that there was no activity. Camden County will take over the chapter and plans to meet in the near future. Gaila Wilson will be President.

Southwest: Sue Ann Stokes reported that the chapter met on Thursday with 7 attending members. The next meeting was set for Aug. 27<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Lawrence County Judicial Center.

Northeast, Northwest, and Southeast: No reports, but people did sign up on the sheets for these chapters at the registration table.

Committee and chapter reports were approved.

Awards: Lisa Chapman –

Certificates of appreciation were given to Committee Chairs:

- Publication – Tim Kean
- Annual Meeting – Josie Bock
- Awards – Lisa Chapman
- Certification – Frank Adam
- Education – Jay Reister
- Historical – Tim Kean
- IT – Mark Duewell
- Legislative – Mark Reynolds
- Membership – Gladys Smith

The Board members were given Certificates of Appreciation:

- Immediate Past President – Jeff Davis
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director – Kay Schenewark
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director – Darrell King
- Secretary – Josie Bock
- Treasurer – Katie Shepherd
- Vice President – Don Cleveland
- President – Frank Adam ( Accepted by Tim Kean)

Special Award for all of his hard work and effort he has put into MMA: Don Cleveland.

Plaque of Appreciation was presented to Frank Adam

Fire Ball Award was presented to Tim Kean

Annual Meeting Award was presented to Josie Bock

Mapper of the Year Award was presented to Belinka Novotny-Held

A meeting break.

At 10:15 am the group reconvened.

The next order of business was Proposed Constitution Changes.

- Lifetime member status changes. The group agreed that these members could still pay dues, and the section regarded “retired” needed language modification.
  - 1 member voted to approve
  - The rest of the members voted to not accept the changes as written.
  - The changes did not pass.

- Changing title of Vice President to President Elect.
  - 2 members opposed the vote, all other members voted yes.
  - The change of title passed.

The next order of business was the nomination and election of officers.

The following nominations were accepted and approved. No nominations from the floor were given.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director – Steven Marsh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director – Tim Kean
- Treasurer – Lisa Chapman
- Secretary – Sue Ann Stokes
- President Elect – Katie Shepherd
- President – Don Cleveland

The officers were sworn in by Immediate Past President, Jeff Davis.

New Business:

-Vice President, Don Cleveland, stated that MMA has opted out of combining the MMA and the MO GIS conference that would occur every other year.

-Development of a GIS designation/test within MMA. Katie Shepherd discussed the need to develop a digital/GIS version of the PMM designation/test.

The 2010 Annual Conference meeting was announced for July 27<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Resort at Port Arrowhead. Josie Bock announced that the group has reserved the 2011 dates for the conference at the Resort at Port Arrowhead. Don Cleveland mentioned that he and Katie Shepherd had looked at another resort to hold the conference. The group will study the feasibility of moving the conference to another location.

Stan Balsman requested that a member of each chapter be present at the board meetings.

Final door prizes were given out by Josie Bock.

Don Cleveland thanked everyone for coming, and adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Josie Bock  
Secretary