

Missouri Mappers Association

Annual Business Meeting

July 31, 2015

Meeting called to order at 9:00am by President Richard Kramer, Sr.

Those present on the board were President Richard Kramer, Sr, President-Elect Melissa Johnson, Past President Tim Kean, 1st Year Director Carla Palmer, 2nd Year Director Brenda Dryer, Treasurer Lisa Perry, and Secretary Tonja Friend.

Minutes read from the May 27, 2015 by Tonja Friend and approved.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer Report read by Lisa Perry.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting: Brenda Dryer thanked all for another successful year at the MMA 2015 Conference. She would not be able to do this without all the help that she received.

Awards: Alice Lee encouraged everyone to help come up with names of people that are deserving of awards. She reached out for a nominee for the FIREBALL AWARD but no one responded this year. She did get suggestions of nominees for the MAPPER OF THE YEAR and ANNUAL MEETING AWARD.

Certification: Marti Suiter reported that no one applied this year.

Education Committee: Ken Olive recommend to the Missouri Mappers Association & IAAO (International Association of Assessing Officers) to sponsor Course 600 – PRINCIPLES AND TECHNIQUES OF CADASTRAL MAPPING. This course is 4 days in length with a test for those who wish to see what they have learned on the 5th day.

Mr. Richard (Rick) Norejko from North Carolina is a Senior IAAO Instructor and teaches Course 600 and 601 exclusively. Rick has taught Course 600 in Missouri several times in years past but it has been approximately 5 years since Course 600 or 601 have been offered in Missouri. Rick is very knowledgeable and entertaining and takes a tedious subject and makes it interesting.

IAAO Senior Instructors are paid \$4,200.00 per course for a full week course such as Course 600. This fee covers the instructor's full expenses and if at the end of the week any money is left over, that is their pay for teaching.

In addition there are fees from IAAO to cover the course manual and mapping tools, paperwork, tests, and grading the tests. We will need to contact the National IAAO office to get these costs. In addition a room to hold the course will need to contract along with refreshments for breaks.

I would recommend a minimum of 20 students to set the course fees once we have the costs from IAAO, Motel/Hotel for the meeting room and refreshments. From the brief cost estimates I have looked at, it is easy to see why the courses today are \$500 to \$600 per person. Hopefully we can keep the expenses to a minimum and have an affordable course for all.

I will check into all the additional costs and have a report at the next Executive Board meeting if the Association votes to sponsor Course 600.

I have contacted Rick and he has the weeks of April 18, 25, or May 2 available at this time, but subject to be booked if we do not set a date with him soon.

Course 600 - Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping

Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping is intended to be a comprehensive, interactive program to introduce entry-level map maintenance personnel and assessment technicians to the field of cadastral mapping. Students are presented basic mapping principles and techniques and are expected to demonstrate basic skills that will allow them to plot deeded descriptions in both the metes and bounds land description system and the Public Land Survey System. Principles and Techniques of Cadastral Mapping utilize lectures, classroom discussion, and exercises to emphasize the main concepts and procedures taught in the course.

There was a majority of members & show of hands who were interested in pursuing MMA sponsoring the Course 600. Ken Olive will get back to the executive board with an update.

Historical Committee: Sue Ann Stokes reported that Laura Pope, McDonald County Assessor, has offered to keep the enormous records & files of the MMA Historical Committee and Secretary Records in her office vault. These offices have had the information scanned to disk or USB flash drive and can be transferred to the next chair each year.

Media Committee: Melissa Johnson reported that she has converted the publication to Microsoft Publisher software. She is hoping that this is beneficial to the next person who chairs the committee.

Legislature Committee: No report at this time.

Membership Committee: It was reported that 87 members paid to continue membership. 45 previous members had not paid yet.

Chapter Reports:

East Central: Richard Kramer, Sr. reported that are preparing for The Sixth Annual Southeast Missouri GIS Symposium which will be held September 16, 2015 at the Cape Girardeau Career 7 Technology

Center. The symposium will feature seven presentations, a round table discussion and lunch will be provided.

West Central: Marti Suiter reported that the chapter was currently reorganizing.

South West: Lisa Perry reported on March 20, 2015 six members attended a presentation at the Jasper County Sheriff's Department with Sergeant Hicks. The topic was on how GIS helpful to our local Law Enforcement.

North East: No report at this time.

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Awards Committee: Awards were given by Alice Lee.

Mapper of the Year Award: Marti Suiter

President Award: Richard Kramer, Sr.

Annual Meeting Award: Brenda Dryer

Fireball Award: No one was nominated this year.

Elected MMA Board Members for 2015-2016 Year

President - Melissa Johnson

President Elect – Carla Palmer

Past President – Richard Kramer, Sr.

2nd Year Director – Brenda Dryer

1st Year Director - Sue Ann Stokes

Treasurer – Lisa Perry

Secretary – Tonja Friend

New Business:

First Proposal visited: It was proposed that the East Central Chapter and South Central Chapter divide the South East Chapter (which is currently not established) Boundries. East Central Chapter boundary would adopt Carter Co., Ripley Co., Wayne Co, Butler Co., Stoddard Co., Scott Co., Mississippi Co., New Madrid Co., Pemiscot Co., and Dunkin Co. would be included in the proposal. South Central Chapter would adopt Pulaski Co., Phelps Co., Crawford Co., Dent Co., Texas Co., Shannon Co., Douglas Co., Ozark Co., Howell Co., and Organ Co. into their chapter. Stan Balsman suggested that if MMA moved forward

with the vote that in the future if the Chapter wanted to reconvene it could be revisited and voted on again. A vote was called to order and all present were in favor.

Second Proposal visited: Would MMA members be interested in sharing MGISAC Conference which convenes every other year usually in February or April. Katie suggested if MMA members were interested that a committee be formed to plan the conference. Stan Balsman who is a member of both organizations suggested that MMA Conference continue with their annual meetings as is. Stan was concerned that MMA may lose its identity. Melissa Johnson agreed suggesting that it would be a conference in a conference. Dan Roe also suggested that the MGISAC Conference takes place in the spring which is the close of books for Missouri Assessor's Offices. Melissa Johnson suggested that they moved forward since there was not a motion.

Lisa Menpara opened discussion of MMA Conference 2016. The contract for Country Club Hotel is currently up and if MMA members where interested a new contract would need to be negotiated. There were several complaints voiced. It was suggested that the conference for 2016 be moved to another location. Possibly Lodge at the 4 Seasons, Tan Tar A (which has been remodeled). It was suggested that the registration fee may need to be increased committee members where finding catering to be more expensive each year. Stan Balsman suggested that the conference be moved to another area: Columbia, St. Louis, Springfield, Jefferson City, Branson, or Rolla. Sticking with a central location that member would have a 2-4 hour travel time. Katie Shepherd suggested that a Committee be formed of about 5 people with Lisa Menpara as chair to find a central location for conference. Possibly location in Columbia, MO. Melissa Johnson suggested that the subject be revisited by the board at the next board meeting.

Old Business:

No old business outstanding.

Ken Olive extended a special "Thanks" to Katy Shepherd and Midland GIS Solutions for the help and support that they give to the MMA Conference and members.

A schedule of the next MMA Board meeting will be decided in the future. Board members will be contacted of future dates.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:07am by President Melissa Johnson.