

MMA News

MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Letter from the President

The MMA Board tried a new meeting format in March. While it wasn't without it's obstacles, it was deemed a success. The three hour meeting was held by conference call and if you review the minutes on the website, you'll see we were able to cover a LOT of business during that call. Personally, my ear felt like a cauliflower when we were done, and that was with the use of a headset!

If you've had a recent urge to participate in MMA's 20th Anniversary Annual Meeting planning, please contact Steve Daw. There is so much work involved with organizing an event of this magnitude that any available hands will be welcomed. This year we are continuing with Kim Swisher's idea to ask businesses to sponsor/provide a door prize in trade for having their name published in the program and their weblink added to our website (if they have one). The Mapping Mardi Gras promises to offer a variety of educational opportunities in addition to some FUN times as well. Be sure to register early to save your spot for the evening cruise. Read more about the special events in this issue of MMA News.

I want to thank Richard Brown for the time he has given to MMA as our Secretary the last couple of years. He recently resigned his position due to changes in his job. We wish him success in all he does and welcome his efforts at any

time he is available to participate in a greater capacity in the future. Richard, thank you so much.

The Board has asked, and Belinka Novotny-Held has accepted, our offer to be the Secretary for the rest of Richard's term. Welcome back to the Board Belinka! As always, we look forward to working with you.

At the March meeting, the Board also approved a slight change to the by-laws wording so it will include a broader spectrum of mapping professionals and not limit membership to property mapping. The italicized words were added. Here is how it is now worded:

The name of the organization shall be the Missouri Mappers Association. Its purpose is to bring together those persons *involved in the mapping profession* in the state and local governments and private industry without regard to the unit of government or department in which such persons perform their duties. The Association shall be non-profit and any dues or other funds shall be used to further the objectives of the Association.

This spring the MMA "Cooperating" member nomination for the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee (MGISAC) will be open for the next two year term. I have served two

terms on this committee and it is time for the opportunity to be open to someone else from our organization. Jeff Davis from Boone County was on the committee prior to my involvement. The MGISAC is a task force that meets and acts to provide leadership and direction for the state in the development, management, and use of geographic information. Their purpose is to set standards, make the information available, and advertise the existence of geographic information. The person who accepts the MMA nomination will have voting rights as an active participant of the committee. They meet monthly, usually in Jefferson City, and help with travel expenses if necessary. There is often committee work to be completed each month between the meetings. It has been a rewarding experience. MMA needs to submit candidate names for nomination at the May 13th meeting. If you are interested in learning more, please contact me or visit the website <http://128.206.27.238/index.htm>.

Finally, we had a wonderful response to the logo contest. Frank Adam

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submitted the winning logo which will be revealed at the annual meeting. Thank you to everyone who submitted a logo. The Board had a difficult time making the selection. See inside for Honorable Mentions. Great job everyone!

The next board meeting will be Friday June 4, 2004, at 10am at the Phelps County Courthouse in the Multipurpose room. Directions are posted on the website <http://www.missourimappers.org/meetings.html> or contact our Secretary, Belinka Novotny-Held. All members and committee chairs (or representatives) are invited, and encouraged to participate. Please send any committee reports or business items to me at least three days in advance so I can get them on the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Peterson
MMA President

So far only 2 applications for **Outstanding Mapper of the Year** have been received. Please participate in this program by nominating somebody that you feel worthy of the title **Outstanding Mapper of the Year**. The nomination form can be found on page 15 of this newsletter.

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Reminder:

2004 MMA 20th Annual Meeting

**August 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2004
(Wed, Thurs, Fri)**

**Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort
Lake Ozark, Missouri.**

**Registration and meeting information
is posted on the web site!!!**

**Vendor Registration
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Committee Reports

Awards – The Awards committee would like to do some form of special recognition for the eight members who have been members for the entire twenty years. This fits in with the special recognition discussions we had during the annual meeting section. See below.

Certification – Numerous requests have been received for PMM information and five applications were sent out. None have been returned. The deadline will be extended if needed since the newsletter was later than anticipated.

Steve suggested that anyone passing the PMM exam in a year be offered a free registration to the annual meeting as a congratulatory incentive.

Education – Larry Bollinger is willing to do another workshop for the annual meeting. Brian Baker, talked to him about doing a different topic this year. They will talk in more detail on the subject. The idea about doing an “MMA Technological Success Story” workshop was discussed more in addition to the possibility of Co-sponsoring a Map Projections workshop with the St. Louis ASPRS chapter.

Information Technology – There has been limited activity with the IT committee since the last board meeting in October 2003, particularly since the new year began. An article was published in the January issue of MMA's newsletter summarizing the committee's activity. Our home page was decorated with Christmas holiday appropriate graphics. We have an internet email listing service set up that can be used in the future for mass mailings to members. Follow up on enrolling the members for opt-in needs to be done. More research was done on protecting member's information on our website. To implement these findings will require and organized effort on the committees part. There has not been any more discussion regarding our web page hosting services, so nothing new to report there.

Historical – Expenditure of \$325 was approved for Historical Committee. See last meeting minutes for more detailed information on the purchase of photo binders, storage tubs, plastic sheet covers, etc. to be coordinated by Marti Suiter.

Legislative – No report

Membership - There are currently 65 counties paid up in MMA and 238 members. We will have to take off 45 from the membership list as they did not renew this year. The 238 is already minus the 45 unpaid ones.

Publications - The January newsletter went out at the end of January. We sent out approximately 280 newsletters to Members and advertisers. We had 11 advertisers in the January 2004 newsletter, which was the same amount as the October 2003 newsletter. Revenue generated by advertising was \$515, up from \$502 in October 2003. The cost of printing the January 2004 newsletter was \$192

Annual Meeting

- Meeting Dates were set for August 4, 5 & 6.
- There will be a Mardi Gras theme.
- The hotel contract has been signed.
- Participation certificates will be given out to those attending the annual meeting. It will have the new logo on it.
- Picture frame samples and 20th anniversary logo design stickers were discussed and approved as giveaways. People can put their certificates in the frames or use them for their family, friends, etc.
- Screwdriver sets were approved as giveaways
- Kim will coordinate vendor registration bags
- “Missouri Mapper at Work” stick-on signs were approved as conference giveaways
- Budget of \$200 was approved for the decoration committee. They will also order beads as lanyards for name tags.
- Budget of \$300 was approved for conference giveaways to be coordinated by Belinka Held
- The program will be produced by SKW.
- Steve needs to make boat reservations. Kim will offer the opportunity for vendors to sponsor the boat happy hour.
- Kim will prepare and email everyone a vendor giveaway letter to present to prospective door prize donors. Donors will be recognized with their contact information in the Conference Program and a link to their website from MMAs. Anyone in the organization can prospect businesses to provide a door prize.
- Consider doing a separate ticket price for the hospitality/recognition event in case there are those who come for that but don’t stay for the meeting.
- Preliminary Agenda was discussed and thus-far approved:

- **Wednesday Sessions:**

- o ArcGIS ½ day Workshop
- o Larry Bollinger - ½ day Workshop
- o Addressing ½ day Workshop
- During the Vendor hospitality It was suggested that the Historical Committee prepare a PowerPoint or slide show presentation celebrating 20 years of MMA. Founding members and those who have continued membership since the first year will be encouraged to attend and will be recognized after the presentation. The Board will then invite the Founding Members and PMMs to dinner.

- **Thursday Sessions:**

- o Representative Ike Skelton – Keynote Speaker
- o Jim Harlan on the Lewis and Clark Expedition
- o Lafayette County
- o Susan Clark on Aneurisms
- o Vendor Round Table Discussion on Emerging Technologies
- o Eric Herrenkohn, Clarius Behavioral Analysts on workplace conflict (Tentative)
- o Thursday evening cruise followed by dinner. Vendors will be asked to sponsor the bar tab.
- o After dinner “Mardi Gras” night with the vendors. Vendors will be encouraged to participate in a booth decoration contest. Each vendor will be asked to have a carnival game at their booth with beads to give away.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report

For Period 11/4/03 - 02/27/04

Beginning Balance:		\$12,142.62
Revenue:		
Interest Earned	\$1.62	
Education	\$0.00	
Exhibitor Fees	\$0.00	
Conference Meals/Fees	\$0.00	
Golf	\$0.00	
Bowling	\$0.00	
Workshops	\$0.00	
PMM Certification	\$0.00	
Membership Dues	\$355.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$600.00	
West Central Dues	\$0.00	
Misc.	\$12.96	
	Total Revenue:	\$969.58
	Sub-Total	\$13,112.20
Disbursements:		
Postage	-\$232.00	
Annual Meeting	-\$16.04	
Golf Tournament	\$0.00	
Bowling Tournament	\$0.00	
Awards	\$0.00	
Secretary of State	-\$20.00	
MMA Website	\$0.00	
P.O. Box	\$0.00	
Mileage	\$0.00	
Newsletter	-\$30.00	
West Central	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	-\$9.98	
		-\$308.02
Ending Balance:		\$12,804.18

What is the Missouri Mappers Association?

The Missouri Mappers Association is a nonprofit organization. Its purpose is to bring together those persons concerned with property mapping in state and local governments and private industry, to create a framework in which we:

- Cooperate in the investigation, study, discussion, and recommendation of improvements in property mapping and land record management.
- Promote the interchange of ideas and experiences.
- Improve the practice of property mapping and knowledge through education and training.
- Support legislation beneficial to property mappers and land record management.

Help MMA Save \$\$\$ on Postage....

The newsletter usually runs about .60 cents for postage. As you can see, we put a lot of effort into getting as much information as we can, so that our members are informed of what is going on in our mapping community.

We have been encouraging people to sign up for the digital version of the newsletter, which would be emailed to you instead of receiving the paper version. But so far the participation has been minimal. We have 20 people subscribed to the digital newsletter. That will save us about \$12 in postage plus another few dollars in paper.

If you are interested, please see the article on page 11 on how to sign up for this new feature. By doing so, we save money on postage and paper and can use those funds in other areas of our organization.

Thank you... MMA Publication Committee

MAPPING COURSE TO BE OFFERED!!!

Mark your calendars! The IAAO mapping course 600 will be offered the week of September 20, 2004. It will be given in Columbia, Missouri at the Holiday Inn Select. This is the perfect opportunity for new mapping personal and for the old pros who are planning to apply for the PMM designation (Professional Missouri Mapper) to brush up on their mapping skills.

Additional information will be forthcoming in a future newsletter or you may

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August 4th

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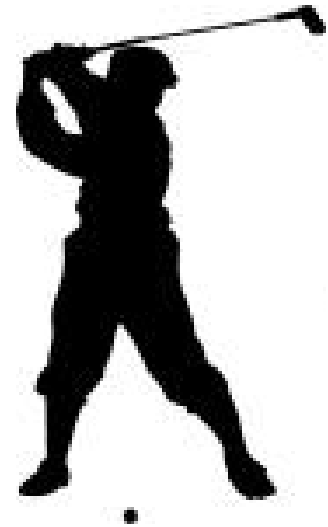
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For more info on the golf course, you can visit their web site at www.bearcreekvalley.com

5th Annual MMA Golf Tournament
Bear Creek Valley Golf Course

August 4th

Entry Form: If you do not have a team just list your name and we will pair you with one.

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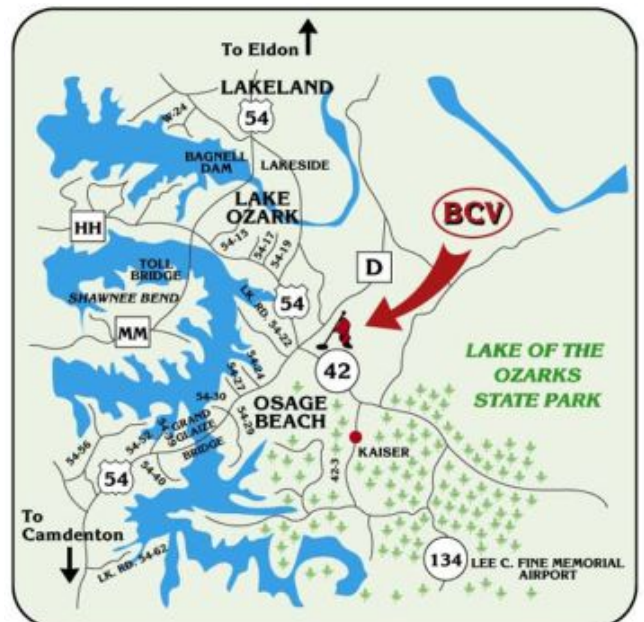
Player: _____

Make Checks payable to : Missouri Mappers Association

Send Checks and entry form to: Jim Kyle
26302 St. Hwy 413
Galena, MO 65656

Please submit registration by June 15th.

Directions to the golf course: From the Holiday Inn Sunspree, turn right out of the parking lot back to Hwy 54. Turn Right on 54 towards town and to the first stoplight, Hwy 42, and turn left. Go a quarter of a mile and the course is on your left.



Calendar of Events

What	When	Where
GIS Day at the Capital	April 27, 2004	Capital Rotunda, 9am - 4pm
**Contact Ryan.Lanclos@mda.mo.gov or (573) 751-5518 for more info		
Mothers Day	May 9, 2004	
Memorial Day	May 31, 2004	
MMA Board Meeting	June 4, 2004	Phelps Co. Courthouse
Flag Day	June 14, 2004	
Fathers Day	June 20, 2004	
Summer's Here (Yeah!!!)	June 21, 2004	
Independence Day	July 4, 2004	
MMA Annual Meeting 2004	August 4-6, 2004	Lake of the Ozarks
Contact Steve Daw at daw@skw-inc.com or Belinka Held at bheld@jcao.org for more info on MMA Meetings		
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GIS Certification

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The first class of GISCI Certified Professionals (GISPs) was announced at the URISA Annual Conference. These individuals were the successful applicants from the GISCI Pilot Program.

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MMA is looking for future PMM's (Professional Missouri Mapper).

The MMA board has approved the awarding of free registration to the annual meeting for a maximum of two successful

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To qualify to take the seven-

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2 Be engaged in the use, production or maintenance of maps.

3 Attend a minimum of 30 hours of study in mapping, surveying or a closely related subject (i.e. IAAO Mapping Course 600)

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Frank Adam, Phelps County

Honorable Mention

George Frink, Howard County
Maria Jaggie, St. Charles County
Christy Linhart, PMM, Cooper County
Susan Oser, Howard County
Christian Stitz, St. Charles County
Sherry Turner, St. Charles County
Jennifer Wilms, Kucera

Membership Information

We are sad to report that we have 46 people that are not receiving the April issue of the MMA newsletter because they have not paid their membership fee. Hopefully we can improve upon that in the future. We would like to see the number of newsletters we are sending out grow, instead we will be sending out 222 newsletters, down from the 270 that we sent out last time. Please don't forget to keep your membership dues current so that you don't miss an issue.

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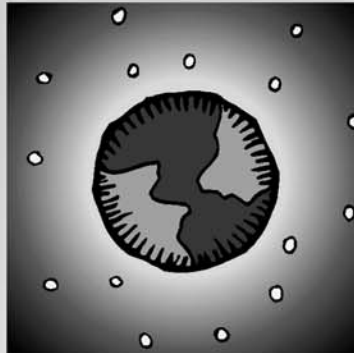
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Southwest Chapter Missouri Mappers Association

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

When: Thursday, April 15th, 2004

Time: 2:30 - 3:30pm

**Where: The GIS Department, North, Across the Street from
the Old Galena Courthouse**

scmap1@tri-lakes.net

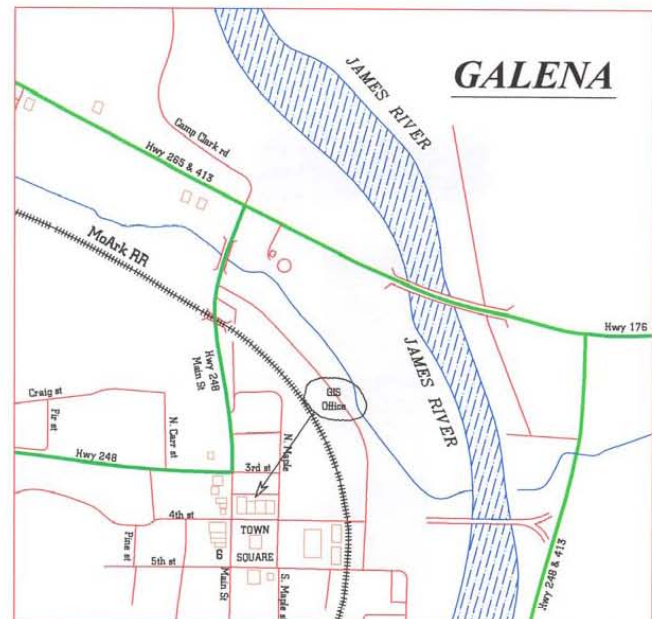
Agenda & Info:

- Elect new Officers
- Homeland Security Concerns
- Discuss future of SWMMA
- Devour cookies and swill soda
- Brain storm the agenda for the next meeting.
- Please RSVP to: Richard Brown at
- 417-831-8577 or Richard.Brown@cityutilities.net

'Tis time to pass the sword (*before we hurt ourselves*)... the time has come to elect new officers. Please determine who your favorite association official might be and nominate this glorious human being to a position suitable to lead our fervent group forward into the next two years.

We can use fresh minds and fresh energy to breathe life and utility back into the association. Who among you shall rise from the ranks to show us the way to where we want to be.

There is also discussion presently underway about possible combining the Tri-Lakes Regional Users Group with the SWMMA. This would boost membership and, perhaps, promote new ideas, and the sharing of information and methodology. Please join with us at the next meeting to voice your opinion on the matter. More information will be available then.



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