

MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT, SARAH MURRAY

Hello Everyone and Welcome to 2008! It is hard to believe that we are already through another year, but I hope The New Year brings lots of good happenings and good change for everyone. I believe that things are certainly moving along in a positive direction for MMA so far, and wanted to give you an update as well as get some input from our members.

In the last newsletter, I mentioned a few different objectives especially based around education for our association. We did approve at our last board meeting to work on an online portal for training as well as allowing a board for posting mapping related jobs on our website. This should give us all an opportunity for better communication as well as knowing what is going on around the state. I am currently working on training aspects for the website as well as a tips and tricks posting so we can all be involved. This is being done in many other states and I think it would be very helpful for us as well. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for topics that should be included, please call or email me. I would love to hear your ideas.

Another objective that we have approved is to begin a Cartographic Digital Standards

Initiative. I do not know if you all know Tim Haithcoat, but he is the new Geographic Information Officer for the state of Missouri. He is doing a great job so far, but he is looking to MMA for some direction and input on Digital Standards and how best the new statewide flight can be utilized across the state. We have met several times and discussed how we can all work together. What I would like to ask, is for your input. There are meetings that are being held across the state and the purpose is to bring everyone together to talk about what the GIO office role is and how we can bring the community and legislative together. This is your opportunity for your voice to be heard. There are discussions of training, funding, expectations, initiatives, data development, etc. This is not just a meeting, but rather roundtable discussions. I encourage you to attend one of the meetings. I believe that you would find them helpful. Listed below are the dates for the meetings as well as the website. Again I believe this is very important for your voice to be heard to shape the way we all work together.

MO Statewide Strategic Planning Meetings

www.msdis.missouri.edu

February 19, 2008- Cape Girardeau, Osage Center

February 27, 2008- Kansas City, Mid-America Regional Planning Council Offices

March 11, 2008- St. Louis, Gateway Tower

March 19, 2008- Maryville Holiday Inn Express

April 10, 2008- Jefferson City, MDC- Main Auditorium

You are also allowed to dial into the meetings and instructions are on the website above.

I look forward to everyone's input on these topics and any others that you wish to discuss. I wish you all a Very Happy New Year!

Keep on Mapping!

Sarah Murray

MMA President 2007/2008

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS!

Annual
Meeting Dates:

August
5th - 8th!!

Education

Hey Missouri Mappers! The Education Committee would like your input on future classes, topics and workshops you would be interested in attending. This is your chance to help us map out our Missouri Mapper's Education Plan. We would like your input on the length of the classes and workshops. Should these items be single or multiple day events? Your input is important to the success of our Missouri Mapper's Education Plan. Please email your comments, ideas and suggestions to pwilliams@cuivre.com. Don't forget to watch the Missouri Mapper's Newsletter for mapping tips, tricks, games and quizzes.

Respectfully submitted

Patty Williams

Education Chair

Historical Committee Report

The historical committee has been gathering information to be included for this year's report. If you have anything you would like included, please send it to myself or Frank Adam. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Kean

Historical Committee Chairperson

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CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

"We have received some good feedback and suggestions from both attendees and vendors on the 2007 conference, and would welcome more. We have also started talking about ideas for a conference theme for next year. Please submit your comments and ideas to me via email at kfouts@sidwellco.com, or by phone at 630.549.1065. Finally, a sincere "thanks" to Katie Shepherd of Midland GIS for all her work over the past few years - I've got some big shoes to fill!"

Hope this is OK - let me know if any questions. Thanks!

~Karen

PMM CERTIFICATION

Have you ever wondered how you measure up in the Mapping field? Are you a **good** Mapper or a **great** Mapper?

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Your application will be reviewed by the Certification Committee to verify that you are a member in good standing of the Missouri Mappers Association and that you meet the qualifications to take the exam. The exam will be given in late March or early April at a time and location that is convenient for the applicants.

Mail the application and fee to: Barbara Kaszuba, 215 N Jackson, Joplin, MO 64801. If you need to request an application or have questions please contact me at (417) 483-1853 or Barbara_64850@yahoo.com.

Barabara Kaszuba, PMM
Certification Chairperson

PMM APPLICATION CERTIFICATION AND AGREEMENT

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SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

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File # _____ Date Approved _____ Membership _____ Test Date _____ Cert. # _____

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APPLICATION FOR PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION

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Soc. Sec. #: _____ Employer: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

List professional organizations of which you are a member: _____

List professional designations that you presently hold. Please enclose a copy of the certificate or other document showing evidence of designation. _____

Education

High School – Graduated? Yes ___ No ___ Year _____

| College: Name | Location | Dates Attended | Major | Degree |
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List mapping/surveying courses successful completed and dates of completion. Please attach copy of certificates or other documentation showing evidence of successful completion of the courses listed. _____

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List mapping/surveying experience that qualifies as your five years of experience. Be specific with dates, titles, work descriptions and references. A detailed resume will be acceptable for this section. If application is not detailed and specific, it may be returned.

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Publication Committee Report

This issue will be mailed out to approximately 300 individuals. It will also be posted on our website, along with newsletters from the past.

Advertising Revenue for the January issue is \$479.

If you would like to submit stories, pictures, information or anything else related to mapping or GIS please send them to Shane McDermott at shane@mid-westgis.com or mail them to:

Shane McDermott, GISP

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ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

The Annual Meeting Committee held a conference call on October 31. Items discussed at this meeting included a recap of the 2007 conference, theme ideas for 2008, and topic ideas for workshops and educational sessions for 2008. We are tentatively planning to set educational tracks and try the idea of issuing a call for presentations, which should help achieve a good balance in the educational program. The Meeting Committee has also created their own mailing list to facilitate contact in between meetings. Our next meeting will take place in January; meeting date will be selected after the first of the year.

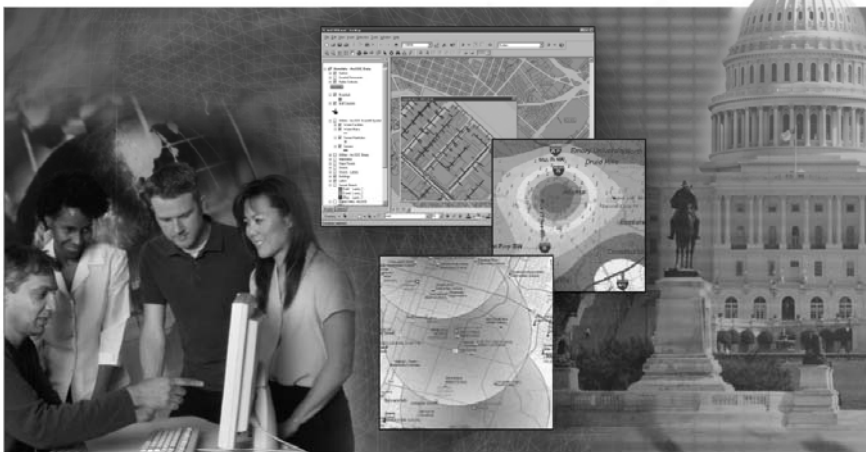
Happy Holidays to all!

Karen Fouts, CMS

Annual Meeting Chair

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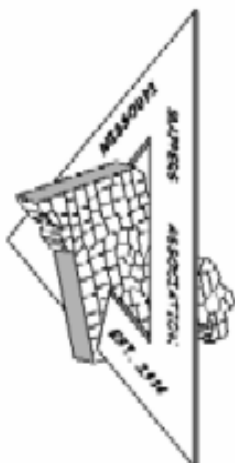
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2007-2008 OUTSTANDING MAPPER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award is presented yearly at the Missouri Mappers Association annual convention. The award is designed to honor an individual who has displayed outstanding abilities in the mapping field. Nominees must be a current member of MMA, have been a member for at least one year, and be technically proficient in mapping techniques and standards. Nominations should explain why the nominee merits this award.

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer: _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" because

 _____ (Continue on additional sheet if needed)

Signature: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

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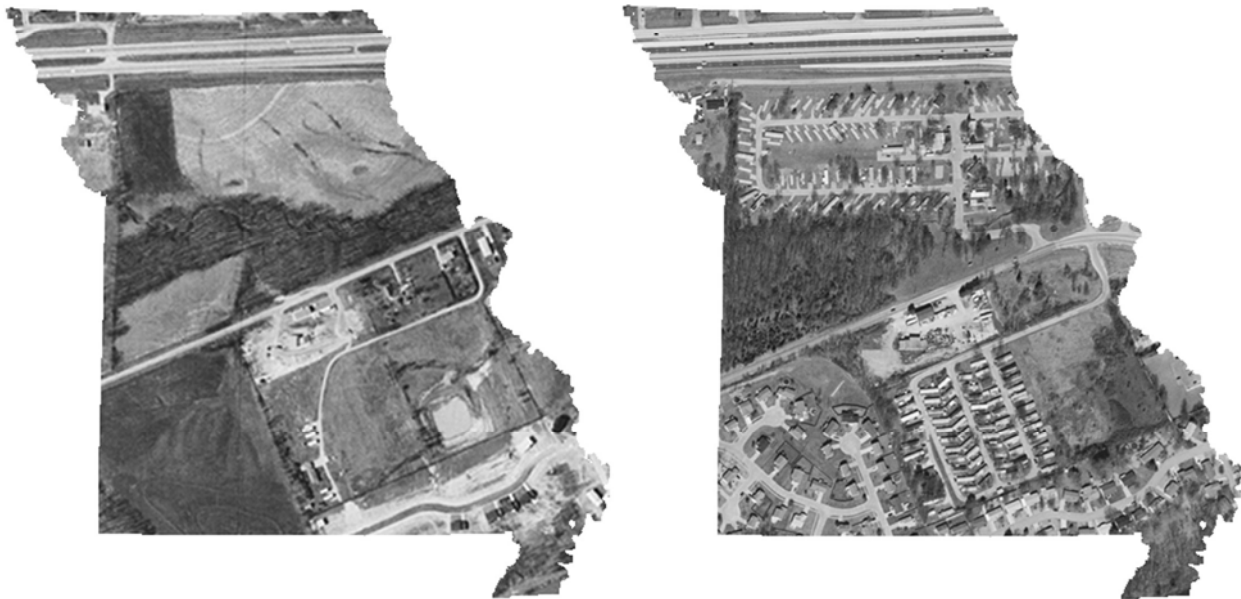
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AWARDS COMMITTEE REPORT

The awards committee is currently seeking nominations for Mapper of the Year. An application is included in the newsletter. Please help the awards committee honor members who have done an outstanding job this year by submitting your nominations. Please recommend any additional awards that you would like the awards committee to present by submitting your ideas to lisac@casscounty.com, or by calling 816-380-8190. Any suggestions to make this a more rewarding year would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Chapman

Awards Committee Chairperson



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There are currently 53 counties with 200 paid members. Membership renewals are trickling in slowly. Please check your newsletter label and if it doesn't say exp. 2008 then your membership is due.

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Respectfully submitted,

Gladys Smith

St. Clair County Assessor

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January 2, 2008

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| Beginning Balance 10/31/2007 | \$16,924.90 |
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Receipts

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| Dues | \$ 360.00 |
| Advertising | \$ 150.00 |
| Interest Earned | \$ 1.29 |

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| Total Receipts | \$511.29 |
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| Beginning Balance + Receipts | \$17,436.19 |
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Disbursements

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| West Central Chapter | \$5.00 |
| (Reimbursement) | |
| Boys & Girls Club of St. Charles | \$30.00 |
| (Memory of Dan Reese) | |
| Midland GIS Solutions | \$15.00 |
| (Reimbursement – filed annual registration report) | |
| State of Missouri | |
| (Change Registered Agent) | \$10.00 |
| Burnett & Associates | |
| (Lobby Contract) | \$3,000.00 |

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| Total Disbursements | \$3,060.00 |
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| Ending Balance 1/2/2008 | \$14,376.19 |
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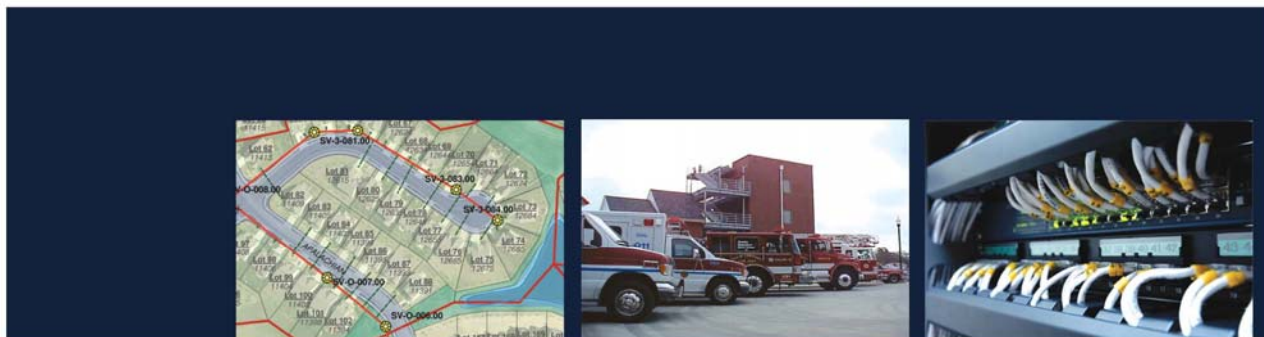
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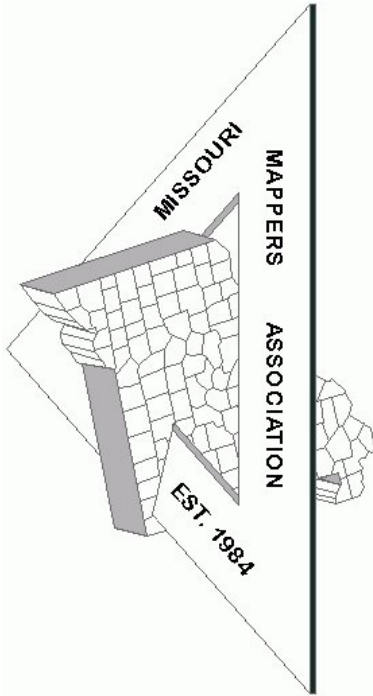
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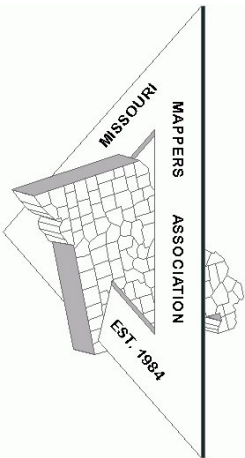


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