

MMA News

MISSOURI MAPPERS ASSOCIATION

Letter from the President

Wow! It's hard to believe this is the last newsletter before the annual meeting. It seems like just yesterday that I was sworn in with the other board members to lead the way through our 20th Anniversary year. What an honor to have this opportunity! It has been a busy year and the time has flown. Thank you to everyone who has participated in, or represented MMA. Our organization reaches people from all over the state and beyond.

Here's a quick update on some of the recent activities and the last board meeting.

- The education committee has been working to organize a fall workshop on map projections, to be co-sponsored with ASPRS. More information to come on that activity.
- The legislative committee has had a busy, productive, and exciting year. See Darryl's report for more information.
- Kim Swisher was nominated to be the next Missouri GIS Advisory Committee representative.
- The SW chapter has gone into hibernation.
- The historical committee

has been hard at work putting together something special for the annual meeting. You're going to have to come to see it!

- We will be losing another valuable board member at the end of her term. Barbara Kaszuba will not be available to be nominated for another term. We will miss you on the board! Good luck with everything you do!
- As part of our 20th Anniversary commemoration, the Executive Committee, PMM's and founding members are invited to attend a dinner on Wednesday night. We'll have all the details at the annual meeting registration. If you plan to attend, please RSVP when you sign up for the annual meeting.
- We will be voting at the annual meeting on a proposed change to the constitution. Be sure to attend and vote! Inside this edition of the MMA News you will find the exact wording changes that have been proposed.

The Mapping Mardi Gras is right around the corner. Get your travel requests turned in so you can get the reduced

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registration rate and hotel. Join us in a celebration of our 20th Anniversary, August 4-6, 2004 at the Holiday Inn SunSpree at Lake Ozark, Missouri. The boat cruise is a great way to wind down after an exciting day of presentations, and gear up for the evening Carnival activities! I hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Peterson
MMA President



Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS)

Are you interested in proving your proficiency in cadastral mapping? The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) has a designation designed specifically with the experienced mapper in mind. The Cadastral Mapping Specialist (CMS) may just be the next designation for you to attain.

The CMS designation recognizes professionalism and competency in cadastral mapping techniques that support proper valuation for tax purposes, property tax administration, and property tax policy.

To qualify for the CMS designation, the following general requirements must be fulfilled on the date of the CMS Master Examination.

- A. The candidate must be an IAAO member and a candidate in good standing in the CMS program.
- B. The candidate must have at least three (3) years of experience in cadastral mapping.
- C. The candidate must have credit for the following four (4) educational courses or their equivalents prior to the date of sitting for the Master Examination.
 - 1. IAAO Course 101: Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal
 - 2. IAAO Course 600: Principles and Techniques of Mapping
 - 3. IAAO Course 601: Advanced Mapping
 - 4. In addition, the candidate must have attended a seminar or workshop of at least ten (10) credit hours and one other thirty (30) hour course or the equivalent to Cadastral Mapping/Geographical Information Systems.
 - 5. IAAO 151 Workshop: Standards of Practice and Professional Ethics (examination can not be challenged).
- D. The candidate must pass an eight-hour Case Problem on Cadastral Mapping.
- E. The candidate must pass a four-hour CMS Master Examination. The examination can be given only after all other requirements have been met.
- F. Upon successfully completing the CMS Master Examination, the candidate must submit an affidavit attesting to experience before the designation can be conferred.
- G. The candidate must be a high school graduate or the equivalent.

The Master Examinations--CMS

The written master examination for the CMS designation is specific to the subject. It is a test of competence, testing the candidate's knowledge of the specific subject. Specific instructions regarding form and content of the examination are provided to the candidate prior to sitting for the examination. The examination is given only after all general and specific requirements have been satisfactorily completed. The examination may be administered by a proctor at any location on any date. A candidate failing a master examination is permitted to retake it after thirty (30) days.

Submitted by Barbara Kaszuba, PMM

GIS Job Opening

Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc. is currently accepting resumes for the position of GIS Specialist. Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc. has two offices located in Quincy, Illinois and Keokuk, Iowa. This position will be located in the Quincy, Illinois office working directly under the current GIS Manager. The responsibilities of the GIS Specialist will be the development of GIS data using ArcGIS 9.0; development of GIS related web sites using ArcIMS & ArcSDE; training staff and clients on GIS principles and applications including ArcGIS 9.0; supporting Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc. staff with GIS related mapping; doing presentations to current and potential clients as well as presentations at local GIS seminars and conferences. Candidate should have experience with the following applications: ArcView, ArcGIS, ArcIMS, ArcSDE, SQL, Access, and other similar applications. Candidate should have a Bachelors Degree in Geography, Computer Science, or a related field, and at least 5 years of experience in the GIS field. **Poepping, Stone, Bach & Associates, Inc.** is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Please submit your resume via email to shanem@psba.com with a cover letter and salary requirements. No phone calls at this time please.

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Contact Kim Swisher
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for details.

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
Information may
be obtained by
calling Kim Swisher
(636)527-6206**

Committee Reports

Awards – The stage has been set – the cast is being picked – who will get the highly coveted award for *Mapper of the Year*?! No one knows until the final act is over. There are currently three Mappers seeking the role of *Mapper of the Year* and two outstanding MMA members wanting the role of *Fireball*. The casting staff (Executive Board and Awards Committee) is having a hard time on picking just the right person to play these parts. I am telling you, dear readers, this has been rough and tough going. The parts for Presidential and Annual Meeting awards have been set. As you all know, this is the 20 Anniversary for MMA, and the scuttlebutt going around here is - the Directors are planning something special during the Presentation and Awards scene. But one never knows do one?

Certification – No New Info

Education – The major effort of the Education committee has been working to co-sponsor a technical meeting the ASPRS (American Society of Photogrammetric and Remote Sensing) that would be of benefit to members in both organizations.

Information Technology - The Information Technology committee has been helping MMA by sending out announcement emails regarding the newsletters and most recently the annual meeting announcements. We had several people subscribe to our email list, that were not on our original email list. I don't know if they are members or not.

Our current web hosting service has graciously allowed us to continue with them for free this year even though our MMA contact is no longer employed there. Because of this, the committee and MMA president Jennifer Peterson, are going to consider looking for alternative hosts/providers which may include web content development and maintenance. If you or your company is interested in being involved in this change, please come to the annual meeting with your ideas and proposals. This will help us to get started in the process. We will be formulating some ground rules to ensure we head in a direction that will benefit MMA and accomplish it's mission.

Historical - The Historical Committee has completed putting together books (by year) for Missouri Mappers Association 20th Annual Meeting. There are a couple of years membership lists which I couldn't find, so if anyone has them in their personal archives, please bring them to the annual meeting. The years in question are 1989-1990 and 1999-2000. Succeeding Historical Committee members should be able to keep the books for each year fairly easily. Also, there will be a banner at the registration table with the history of the organization (officers, committee chairs, award recipients, and PMM recipients), so please notice who's who in our profession.

Membership - No new news from the membership committee

Annual Meeting Agenda

Wednesday August 4

Noon -????	Golf Tournament – Bear Creek Valley (separate registration)
9:00 am – 4:00 pm	Workshop: ArcGIS9 – Room D
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Workshop: Technology Is No Substitute for Common Sense Mapping Principals : Larry Bollinger – Room A
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Early Registration – Lakeside Foyer
7:00 pm – 9:00 pm	PMM and Founders Dinner – Area Restaurant

Thursday August 5

7:30 am – 9:00 am	Main Registration – Lakeside Foyer
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast – Lakeside North and Center
9:00 am – 9:10 am	Presidential Welcome: Jennifer Peterson – Lakeside South
9:10 am – 9:50 am	Key Note: MO Speaker of the House, Representative Catherine Hanaway
9:55 am – 10:35 am	Eric Herrenkohl, Clarius, Inc.: How to Handle Difficult People
10:35 am – 11:00 am	Morning Break with Exhibitors – Lakeside North and Central
11:00 am – 11:25 am	Curtis Copeland, GIS Director, City of Branson: The Costs, Uses, and Value of GIS Data
11:25 am – 12:05 pm	Susan Clarke, Health Services Coordinator, Life Line Screening
12:05 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch – Lakeside North and Central
1:30 pm – 2:10 pm	Susan Marlow, CEO, Smart Data Strategies: Addressing Changing Technology
2:10 pm – 2:30 pm	Judy Taylor, Phillips & McElyea Land Title, Inc.: Problem Deeds
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Afternoon Break with Exhibitors – Lakeside North and Central
2:45 pm – 3:25 pm	TBA (Kim Swisher)
3:25 pm – 3:55 pm	Monty Parker, Tech. Address Consultant, ATCi: The Importance of Good Addresses
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	PMM Meeting – Location TBA
4:15 pm – 5:00 pm	Chapter Meetings – Location TBA
5:45 pm – 7:00 pm	Lake Cruise – Arrowhead Marina Boat Leaves promptly at 6:00 pm
7:15 pm -0 dark 30	Mardi Gras Dinner and Party – Lakeside South

Friday August 6

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Breakfast – Lakeside North and Center
9:00 am -????	Business Meeting
	Presentation and Awards
	Attendance Prize Drawing
	Swearing in of New Officers
	Appointment of New Committee Chairs
	Closing Remarks

DATE: June 28, 2004
TO: Missouri Mappers Association Executive Committee
FROM: Darrel L. King
SUBJECT: Legislative Report

END OF SESSION REPORT

This report provides a summary of Missouri Mappers Association and Assessor-related bills passed during the 2004 legislative session. The bills now go to the governor who has until July 14, 2004 to sign them into law. If signed by the governor, the new laws will go into effect Aug. 28 unless they specifically state a different effective date.

CCS/HS/HCS/SS/SCS/SB 730 - This act creates the Missouri Homestead Preservation Act. The act will enable senior citizens and disabled persons to obtain a credit against their property taxes for an increase to their taxes that exceeds 5% in a reassessment year and two and one-half percent in a non-reassessment year. The credit for an excessive increase will be applied against the taxes paid in the following year. The act requires an appropriation by the Legislature to fund the credit. A more detailed summary follows:

After April 1st but by September 30 of any year, all persons wishing to participate in the homestead exemption must fill out an application with their local assessor. Applicants must attest under a penalty of perjury to the following information:

1. Age 65 or older (if married, at least one 65 or older and the other at least 60), or at least one spouse disabled;
2. Limited income (where "circuit breaker" leaves off up to \$70K of household income);
3. Verification of homestead property (farms will be the house and appurtenances and the up to five acres surrounding the house, as such land is classified residential property on the assessor's property record card); and
4. Certification that the property owner has not made any improvements to the property in the last year of greater than 5% of the prior year appraised value. This will be verified by the assessors.

Applicants must mail the application to the Department of Revenue (DOR) by September 30 of each year. By December 15th the DOR certifies to collectors those applicants who meet requirements of the homestead exemption credit.

In January the legislature will file an appropriation bill to fund homestead exemption based on following criteria:

Appropriation = Sum tax liability increases on a per homestead recipient basis in the prior year that exceed 5% (or 2.5% for a non-reassessment year).

By January 15th county collectors must provide list to the Department of Revenue of any eligible owners who have failed to pay the property taxes due for the year that just ended. Such owners are disqualified from the pending appropriation and the appropriation will be adjusted accordingly.

After the legislature makes an appropriation for the homestead exemption credits, the Department of Revenue will calculate/verify that the amount of the appropriation matches the level of exemption (the 5% cap). If appropriation is insufficient, the Department of Revenue will adjust the 5% (or 2.5%) figure accordingly. The Department of Revenue then certifies a list to collectors of each homestead recipient, including the specific homestead exemption credit the recipient is to receive. The State Treasurer next sends money to county collection funds to be distributed as normal property tax funds are distributed.

Except one-quarter of one percent shall be distributed to the county assessment funds of each county on a proportional basis, based on the number of eligible owners in each county; such one-quarter percent distribution shall be delineated in any such appropriation as a separate line

HCS/SS/SCS/SB 960 - This act makes technical clarifications to various provisions of the property tax law that were changed in HB 1150, et. al. (2002). The act clarifies that the inflationary growth factor allowed to be applied for each class or subclass of property upon reassessment may differ among such types of property. The limit for growth will be equal to the actual assessment in such class or subclass. However, the net limit for the political subdivision will still be the C.P.I., or 5%, as set by the Constitution.

The act prevents the roll-back calculation of the rates for the four classes of property from causing a "roll-up" of the

personal property tax rate.

The act clarifies that when a rate must be revised-up to hold the political subdivision harmless after making the above calculation, such revision will be weighted based on the relative assessed valuation of the class or subclass of property. The act further describes this calculation.

The act requires that all existing and any future rules or forms interpreting the rate calculation in Section 137.073 must be promulgated by rule and not incorporated into a rule by reference.

The act allows the City of Saint Louis and counties other than Saint Louis county to opt-out of the provisions of HB 1150 (2002). Current law makes these provisions effective statewide January 1, 2005. This act moves the effective date to October 1, 2004, but then allows an opt-out provision before January 1, 2005. Once the provisions of HB 1150 are implemented in a county in a year of general reassessment, the county cannot opt-out. Any county that does opt-out may opt-in at a later date. If a political subdivision lies on the border of two or more counties, and one of those counties has opted out without the others doing so, the governing body of the political subdivision will certify separate rates for the portion of political subdivision in the county that has not opted out and a single rate for the other portion of the political subdivision in the other county.

The percentage taken from property tax collections for deposit into the county assessment fund is increased 1/8 of 1% in counties of the first classification, counties with a charter form of government, and the City of St. Louis to a maximum additional amount of \$100,000 in any year for any county. In counties of the second, third, and fourth classification, an additional one-quarter of 1% will be deducted from the collections of all ad valorem property tax, not to exceed \$50,000 in any year for any county. The additional portion of property tax collections deposited into the county assessment funds will not be required when the State Tax Commission certifies an equivalent sales ratio for the county of less than or equal to 31 2/3% of the provisions of Section 138.395, RSMo. The State Tax Commission is required to conduct a study in four years after the bill becomes effective, to determine the impact of increased fees on assessed valuation. This subsection has an expiration date of December 31, 2009.

CCS HS HCS SCS SB 1020, 889 & 869 – OPEN RECORDS LAW

This bill makes changes to the Open Records Law. In its main provisions, the bill:

Grants an exception, until June 20, 2006, to the requirement that a newspaper must have been published regularly for three years to carry legal notices when a county is served by only one newspaper that meets all of the other requirements;

Includes the University of Missouri board of curators and the Bi-State Development Agency in the definition of “public governmental body.” The bill clarifies that public meetings include meetings held through conference calls, video conferences, and similar methods and that public votes include votes made by telephone and other electronic means. The definition of “public record” is changed to include records created or maintained by private contractors under agreements with public governmental bodies and documents prepared by consultants;

Restricts roll call votes in elected public bodies to those who are physically present, except for committees and the General Assembly. In an emergency of the public body, as long as a quorum is physically present and the reason for the emergency is recorded in the minutes, absent members may vote by telephone, Internet, or other means;

Requires that the notice of a meeting held by telephone or other electronic means identify the mode by which the meeting is held and provide information on public access. The bill also requires public bodies to permit taping and other electronic recording of their open meetings and permits these bodies to establish guidelines for the recording. Unauthorized audio taping of closed sessions is a class C misdemeanor;

Requires that a journal or the minutes of closed meetings be taken and retained by public governmental bodies;

Authorizes public governmental bodies to close meetings, records, and votes relating to operational guidelines and policies adopted and maintained by public agencies responsible for health and safety for responding to or preventing terrorist incidents, when the agencies state in writing that disclosure would impair their protection duties and public interest in nondisclosure outweighs public interest in disclosure. Information regarding expenditures and contracts made by agencies in implementing these policies is not exempt. Voluntarily submitted information from nonpublic entities concerning infrastructure may be excluded and must be reviewed and returned or destroyed within 90 days if the information is not kept. Both of these exceptions sunset on December 31, 2008;

Requires that the amount and source of private donations toward the salary of a chancellor or president of public higher education institutions be disclosed;

Requires that all final audit reports by the auditor of a public governmental body be considered open public records;

Allows a member of a public governmental body to record an objection to closing a meeting or vote. The objecting member may stay for the meeting or vote, and the recorded objection will be an absolute defense to any claim providing for actions against public governmental bodies and the imposition of monetary penalties;

Requires members of public governmental bodies who electronically transmit messages relating to public business to two or more members to concurrently transmit the message to the member's office computer or the custodian of records, when, counting the sender, the message is sent to a majority of the body's members;

Changes the fee for furnishing copies of most public records from the actual cost of the document search and duplication to 10 cents per page for paper copies up to legal size, with the hourly fee for duplicating not to exceed the average hourly rate of pay for clerical staff. Based on the request, the research and duplication must be done using employees that produce the lowest charge, and an estimate of charges must be furnished if requested. Charges for nonstandard size paper, electronic media, blueprints and similar materials, or for special requests are set at the actual cost;

Prohibits the custodian of public records from transferring custody, altering, or otherwise disposing of the records that are the subject of a civil action;

Changes the civil fine of up to \$500 and payment of the successful party's costs and reasonable attorney fees for a purposeful violation to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 upon a finding of a knowing violation of the law by a public governmental body, its members, or a law enforcement agency and permits the award of court costs;

Requires a court, upon a finding of a purposeful violation of the law to impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 and court costs;

Requires, in determining the amount of the penalty for a violation, the court to consider the size of the jurisdiction, the seriousness of the offense, and whether the public governmental body or its members have previously violated the laws;

Requires a public governmental body when developing an electronic record-keeping system to do so in a format that is not an impediment to public access and to provide information in the format requested when it is possible to do so. The format must permit viewing and printing; and

Removes the provision prohibiting law enforcement agencies from releasing accident or incident reports for 60 days to any person who is not an interested party.

The bill has a sunset date of December 31, 2008, for Section 610.021(18) and (19), which excludes from the Open Records Law, law enforcement or public safety agencies' operational guidelines and policies for responding to or preventing terrorist activities and certain information relating to security systems and infrastructure.

CCS SS SCS HCS HB 795, 972, 1128 & 1161 -- COUNTY GOVERNMENT

This bill changes the laws regarding county government. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Authorizes the commissions in Cass and Greene counties to impose a civil fine of not more than \$1,000 for misdemeanor county ordinance violations;

(2) Authorizes noncharter counties to adopt ordinances related to its property, affairs, and local government, including protection of people and the environment from the risks of methamphetamine but excluding regulation of the sale or display of drugs with certain active ingredients. No county commission may enact an ordinance with regard to agricultural operations, but any zoning adopted by a county prior to the bill's effective date is exempt from this provision;

(3) Allows the salary commission of Cape Girardeau County to determine in 2004 whether to equalize the base salary of the county treasurer;

- (4) Allows county collectors to employ at least one full-time deputy and as many as necessary to perform the duties of the office;
- (5) Increases the maximum reimbursement rate for members of county planning commissions in second and third classification counties and counties with alternative county planning and zoning;
- (6) Allows county planning commissions to accept other forms of security besides surety bonds in lieu of the full completion of required infrastructure improvements in subdivisions prior to the plat being recorded;
- (7) States that if a county commission has not submitted a panel of names to the Governor within 30 days of the expiration of a county sports complex authority's commissioner's term, the Governor will immediately make an appointment with the advice and consent of the Senate. If the Governor does not appoint a replacement, no commissioner will serve beyond the continuation of his or her term;
- (8) Allows Jefferson County to establish county municipal courts and adopt orders with penal provisions in the areas of traffic violations, solid waste management, and animal control;
- (9) Enables Dent County and the City of Hermann to enact a transient guest tax;
- (10) Allows citizens of Buchanan, Newton, Jasper, Wright, Camden, Miller, Jefferson, Morgan, Greene, and Cole counties to petition to create an exhibition center and recreation facility district. The district may submit to its voters a sales tax of one-quarter of 1% to fund the district;
- (11) Allows St. Charles County to establish a theater, cultural arts, and entertainment district and assess a sales tax of up to one-half of 1% to fund the district;
- (12) Provides that a centralized emergency dispatching system created by a joint municipal agreement within St. Louis County will be considered a political subdivision as it relates to Sections 70.600 - 70.755, RSMo, regarding the retirement of officers and employees of political subdivisions;
- (13) Requires political subdivisions to accept a letter of credit from a developer as security for the completion of infrastructure improvements in subdivisions. The bill exempts Kansas City from this provision;
- (14) Exempts transfers of certain property by the Bi-State Metropolitan Development District and the Kansas City Area Transportation District Authority from real and personal property taxes and state and local sales and use taxes. The bill adds to the exemptions all sales made by or to an organization that has been granted tax exempt status under federal law. This section contains an emergency clause;
- (15) Allows, through intergovernmental agreements, the collection of traffic fines, parking fines, towing and vehicle immobilization fees, and the penalties and court costs associated with those fines and fees at the same time as the collection of a taxpayer's personal property taxes;
- (16) Increases the percentage of property tax collections that are deposited in the county assessment fund under certain conditions. An additional one-eighth of 1%, not to exceed \$100,000 in any year, will be deducted in charter and first classification counties and the City of St. Louis, and an additional one-quarter of 1%, not to exceed \$50,000 in any year, in all other counties. This section expires on December 31, 2009;**

(17) Prohibits any municipal official, member of a school board, or an employee of a school district from serving on a county board of equalization in counties with a charter form of government;

(18) Repeals the Community Comeback Act. The local use tax in St. Louis County, which is used to fund the program, will be used for economic development and enhancing local government in St. Louis County;

(19) Clarifies that a municipality in Christian County may continue to operate an emergency telephone service in the event the county also establishes a service or has been reclassified into a higher classification;

(20) Revises provisions pertaining to vital records. The bill:

(a) Increases from \$10 to \$13 the fees charged for the issuance of a certification or copy of a death record by a state or local registrar and increases from \$10 to \$15 the fees charged for the issuance of a certification or copy of a birth, marriage,

divorce, or fetal death record;

(b) Requires the Director of the Department of Revenue to credit \$4 to the General Revenue Fund; \$5 to the Children's Trust Fund; \$3-\$5 to the Missouri Public Health Services Fund; and \$1 to the Endowed Care Cemetery Audit Fund from each vital record fee collected, effective August 28, 2004; and

(c) Requires that moneys in the Missouri Public Health Services Fund be used to automate and improve the vital records system by December 31, 2009;

(21) Increases the cap from \$3 to \$7 for special use permits in certain counties;

(22) Allows the formation of a levee district in any city, town, or village that is not located in St. Charles County. However, third and fourth class cities in St. Charles County are allowed to form levee districts. Certain levee districts in St. Louis

County are authorized to construct and maintain waterlines. Under current law, levee districts located within St. Louis County are allowed an alternative procedure with respect to the apportionment of installment taxes. The bill extends this procedure to all levee districts;

(23) Allows county commissions and industrial development authorities to use landfill fees for economic development within the county;

(24) Allows any second, third, or fourth classification county to set by ordinance countywide speed limits on roads within unincorporated areas of the county, with the maximum speed limit of 55 miles per hour if there are signs posted and 50 miles per

hours if there are no signs;

(25) Exempts Greene, Platte, Clay, St. Louis, and St. Charles counties from the requirements providing for an adjustment in the total operating levy of the district based on the sales tax revenue and, upon voter petition, repealing a sales tax for those

purposes;

(26) Requires the Highways and Transportation Commission to issue an order authorizing removal of a railroad crossing within 30 days whenever an authority legally closes or vacates a road which has a crossing;

(27) Provides an alternative method for issuing certain utilities revenue bonds;

(28) Requires the Jackson County public administrator, when serving as conservator and using pooled accounts for conservatorship funds, to have the pooled accounts audited at least annually by an independent certified public accountant to be paid by the county. When the accountant's audit report is filed with the court, the written certification by a depository officer will not be required;

(29) Subjects Kansas City municipal judges and court personnel to court management and case docketing by the presiding judge and the rules of the circuit court;

(30) Allows Franklin County to impose an additional fee of \$10 when filing a civil case unless it concerns adoption or is in small claims court and allows any county other than a county on the nonpartisan court plan to use money collected for the maintenance and upkeep of a law library to pay for courtroom renovation and technology as well as for debt service on bonds issued by the county for the projects;

(31) Allows required legal publications in a newspaper that has only been published for two years if it is the only newspaper serving a county. This section contains an emergency clause;

(32) Relieves cities and villages with fewer than 10,000 inhabitants of liability for the injury or death of any person attending any fair, festival, or similar gathering organized or sponsored by the municipality;

(33) Prohibits the sales tax authorized for funding storm water control or local parks from being collected on food in St. Louis County; and

(34) Provides that the Board of Fund Commissioners determine whether any governmental entity has sufficient fund balances to redeem leasehold revenue bonds obligated pursuant to a federal court desegregation action. If sufficient fund balances exist, the State Board of Education will certify that no amount is needed by the entity to repay the bonds.

HCS HB 950 & 948 -- CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES

This bill increases the assessed valuation a county must maintain in order to move into a higher classification. The assessed valuation for counties of the first classification is increased from \$450 million to \$600 million. The assessed valuation for counties of the second classification is increased from \$300 million to \$450 million. All counties with an assessed valuation of less than \$450 million will be counties of the third classification. Any county that has the requisite assessed valuation to become a county of the first classification may choose to do so upon an affirmative vote of the county's governing body, even though the county has not had this valuation for five successive years as required under current law.

CCS/SCS/HS/HCS/HB 1004 - Revenue & Transportation

. This bill increases the per parcel reimbursement to counties by 3.8 million over last year. Bringing per parcel reimbursement up from \$5.00 to over \$6.00 (approx. \$6.20)

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Ongoing effort to save \$\$\$ on printing and postage

The effort by the Publication Committee to save money on the costs of printing and mailing the Quarterly Newsletter is having a small effect, but we have not been discouraged. So far we have 30 individuals that have signed up for the digital newsletter. That is a savings of \$18 in postage and around \$10 in printing costs. \$28 may not sound like much, but it all adds up.

With the availability of email to the majority of our members, we encourage everybody that is capable of receiving email, to sign up to receive the digital copy of the newsletter. It will be mailed to you in PDF format, which you can view using Adobe Acrobat Reader, which is downloadable off of the internet for free at www.adobe.com.

The same version of the software that is emailed to you is available for download at the MMA website www.missourimappers.org. Please take a look at it if you are interested, and sign up for this service if you would like to receive it in this format instead of being mailed a paper copy.

Our current goal is to have 50% of our mailing list receiving the Newsletter in digital format. By doing so we would save approximately \$75 in postage, and another \$50-\$60 in printing costs. Now we are talking about a significant amount of money. Please help us in moving forward with this valuable service to our members. Thank you!

Shane McDermott, GISP
Publication Committee Chairman

ESRI Donates Training and Materials to First 1,000 GISCI Certified GIS Professionals

Redlands, California — Graduates from the Geographic Information System (GIS) Certification Institutes (GISCI) new GIS Professional Certification Program will receive free materials and training from ESRI.

The first 1,000 professionals to obtain certification will receive core professional GIS training and educational materials worth \$335,000. These resources will enable the professionals to continue developing their skills and support their contributions in their respected fields.

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So far there are under 300 GIS Certified Professionals, there is plenty of time to become Certified and become one of the 1,000 to receive the free materials. See www.gisci.org for more info.

5th Annual MMA Golf Tournament
Bear Creek Valley Golf Course
August 4th

Starting time: 12:00 Noon / Shotgun Start

Cost: \$44.50 per person / includes green fees, carts, and range balls

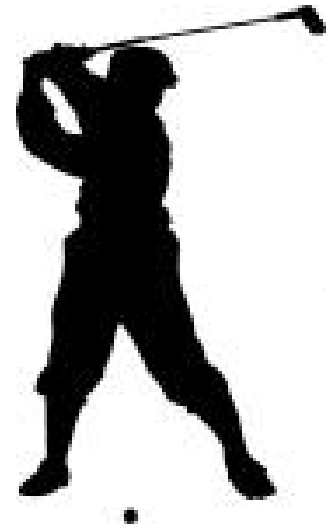
Prizes will be awarded that evening at the exhibitors social. They will include:

Team Prizes

Putting Contest

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This golf course is very challenging so bring lots of golf balls, but we will have a great time on a beautiful golf course. Get your team together and send in your registrations today.

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Alcohol is allowed on the course, but must be purchased from the pro shop. No coolers are allowed. Due to the cost of the tournament, lunch will be on your own.



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

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

Player: _____

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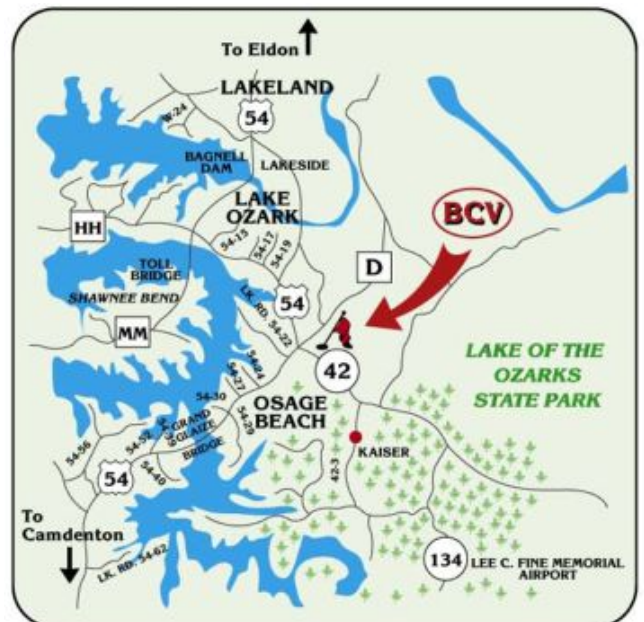
Player: _____

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
Independence Day	July 4, 2004	
Missouri Census Conference	July 20, 2004	See Pg 23 for more info
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		
ESRI International User Conf.	August 9-14, 2004	San Diego, California
**Visit www.esri.com for more information		
Labor Day	September 6, 2004	United States of America
Patriot Day	September 11, 2004	United States of America
MMA Board Meeting	October 1, 2004	Phelps County Courthouse
Illinois GIS Assoc. Conference	November 8-9, 2004	Lisle, Illinois
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Publication Committee Report

- The newsletter was completed and mailed out the week of July 1st.
- This issue is going out to approximately 235 members.
- 31 of our members will receive the newsletter VIA mail, saving the MMA \$18.60 in postage in addition to printing costs.
- There are 10 advertisements run in the July issue of the newsletter, generating \$551 in revenue to cover printing costs.
- The average amount of revenue generated over the past 4 issues has been \$526.75
- It takes approximately 6 reams of paper and 4-5 hours to print the newsletter.
- Gladys Smith prints all of the mailing labels for the newsletter
- Shane McDermott collects the information and publishes the newsletter using the Microsoft Publisher application
- We are constantly looking for new information to publish in the newsletter. If you have any comments or suggestions, please feel free to email them to Shane McDermott at shanem@psba.com.

MMA Golf Tournament Reminder:

If you plan on playing golf at the MMA Annual Meeting, then you need to hurry up and get your sign up sheet and pay your fees so we can get that information on to the golf course.

Information on the Golf outing can be seen on page 8-9 of this newsletter. The registrations were due by June 15th, but has been extended to July 20th. Please get them in ASAP.

Please contact Jim Kyle for more information.

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The quarterly meeting of the Central East Chapter of Missouri Mappers Association (CEMMA) met June 23, 2004, at the City Park, Wright City, MO. President Randy Lewis presided over the meeting. There were thirteen members present plus one guest speaker, J. Michael Flowers, Missouri State Land Surveyor. Here are a few pictures from the meeting.



Kevin D. Rasmussen, a member of the Missouri Mappers Association since 1992, filed to be elected for the office of Assessor in Phelps County this year. Jack Harris, the current assessor of twenty-seven years and counting, is retiring. Kevin is unopposed in the August primary but will face opposition in the November general election. Kevin was employed by the Phelps County Assessor's office in January 1992 and has worked in the office for the last ten years supervising their mapping program. In 1994 the county updated its photography from the original equalization program photography with new county-wide photography which required redrawing a large percentage of the maps to fit and creating new drawings for new scale coverages. In 1998 the county partnered with the Land Surveyor's office to establish ground control points for future photographic flights. Shortly after this, new photography was flown for the 200' and 100' maps and digital photography was delivered as part of the project. The county has been using AutoCAD to maintain the digital parcel maps with MMA member Frank Adam, Mapper and CAD Specialist, providing the expertise. This year Phelps County initiated the process of obtaining a county-wide GIS. The new photography was flown late February and digital ortho-photos will be delivered for all map scales. Phelps County maintains 19,619 map parcels on 334 tax assessment maps. Kevin, a graduate of Missouri's Neosho High School, moved to Rolla in 1986 to study at the University of Missouri-Rolla where he earned a B.S. Degree in Engineering Management. Kevin is married to MaryAnn, a graduate of Missouri's Carthage High School. They have been married for nineteen years now. Kevin is active in MMA's Information Technology Committee, having chaired it twice, and has been involved in publishing MMA's web pages. In 2001, he was recognized with the "Spiderman" award for efforts in putting MMA on the world wide web. In 2003, he was honored with MMA's "Fireball Award".



Attention Future PMM's

It's not too soon to start thinking about applying for the Professional Missouri Mappers designation. The next exam will be given in the spring of 2005. Requirements, helpful information, and application forms will be available at the 2004 Annual Meeting.

To qualify to take the

seven-hour PMM exam, you must meet the following requirements:

1 Have five full years of cadastral mapping experience or it's equivalent.

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)

4 Fill out the application and drop it and the \$25 fee in the mail before February 1, 2005. (If you do not qualify to take the exam your \$25 will be returned.)

As an added bonus free registration to the 2005 annual meeting will be awarded to two successful PMM candidates. You may also obtain information by contacting Belinka Novotny-Held @ Jefferson County Assessors Office; PO Box 100; Hillsboro, MO 63050 or by calling 636-797-5467.



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NOTICE TO PMM'S

Just a reminder to all PMM's, please bring your completed PMM Certification Requirements sheets with you to the annual meeting. I will be sending them to you shortly.

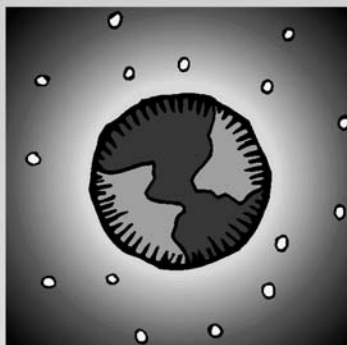
Plan on attending a short PMM meeting following the last guest speaker (approximately 4:00 p.m.) on Thursday, August 5. (Location to be announced.)

Life PMM status and the possible change of the PMM guidelines will be the topics of discussion.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2004 Annual Meeting in August.

Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
Certification Committee Chair

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Upcoming Vote

Listed below is the suggested change to the wording in the Constitution. It will include a broader spectrum of mapping professionals and not limit membership to property mapping. The words "involved in the mapping profession" were added.

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.

There has been discussion of the need to update Article 8 of the constitution to further defines different forms of mapping. That can be addressed at a later date.

A little Mardi Gras info

Every year, New Orleans shuts down and throws the party of parties. Everywhere else in the country, it's just another Tuesday, but, in New Orleans it's Mardi Gras! Mardi Gras is more than a single day of celebration. It's a state of mind.

Mardi Gras reflects and defines the cultural traditions of New Orleans. Most "outsiders" assume Mardi Gras takes place on a single day. This is true. Mardi Gras is French for Fat Tuesday. Some time ago, the tradition was to slaughter a fatted calf on the Tuesday before the beginning of the Lenten 40 day fast. Thus, the coining of the phrase "Fat Tuesday."

There is a distinction, however, between Mardi Gras and Carnival. Mardi Gras is a single day that is the climax for the Carnival season. The Carnival season begins on January 6th or Twelfth Night (Kings Night) and runs until the beginning of Lent - the Easter season (Ash Wednesday). Carnival

To my fellow MMA Members;

This past year has brought several unexpected changes in my life and with those changes have come many more responsibilities. So it is with deep regret that as I finish out this term as Vice-President, I will be unable to move on up to serve as President. Thanks to all of you for your friendship and support these past six years. I look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting.

Yours in MMA,
Barbara Kaszuba, PMM

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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 contact Randy Holman or Karen at 636-797-5396.

News from the MMA Nominating Committee

As a member of the nominating committee appointed by the President of MMA, I would like to take this opportunity to have the general membership consider who they would like to nominate for the positions of Secretary and Director for the upcoming fiscal year.

Please be sure to check with the persons you wish to nominate to see if they would be willing to serve on the Board of Directors. Nominations will be taken during the Business Meeting Friday morning, and votes will be cast at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,

Marti Suiter, PMM
Nominating Committee

QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT**For Period February 27 - June 4, 2004****Beginning Balance: \$12,804.16**

Revenue:

Interest Earned	\$1.45
Education	\$0.00
Exhibitor Fees	\$6,900.00
Conference Meals/Fees	\$0.00
Golf	\$0.00
Bowling	\$0.00
Workshops	\$0.00
PMM Certification	\$25.00
Membership Dues	\$90.00
Newsletter Ads	\$796.80
West Central Dues	\$0.00
Miscellaneous*	\$245.29
Total Revenue:	\$8,058.54

Sub-Total \$20,862.70

Disbursements:

Postage	-\$127.25
Annual Meeting	-\$1,275.00
Golf Tournament	\$0.00
Bowling Tournament	\$0.00
Awards	\$0.00
Secretary of State	\$0.00
MMA Website	\$0.00
P.O. Box	-\$68.00
Mileage	\$0.00
Newsletter	\$0.00
West Central	\$0.00
Miscellaneous**	-\$210.68
	-\$1,680.93

Ending Balance: \$19,181.77

* \$245.29 Account Balance for Southwest Chapter

**\$84.87 Bank Posting Fees and Balance Transfer to Union Planters

**\$125.81 Gift Cards & Printing Supplies for Donation Letter

**Missouri Census Data Center
Annual Conference**

The Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) will be holding its annual conference on July 20, 2004, from 9:00am to 4:15pm at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, MO. Topics include new Census data releases, the latest demographic estimates, and information regarding the American Community Survey.

There will also be time scheduled to discuss how the MCDC can better serve your diverse data needs.

For registration information and a detailed description of the conference visit

<<http://mcdc.missouri.edu/training>> or open the attached pdf files.

Note that the conference costs \$65 and registration forms are due by July 10. Please contact me if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing you at the conference.

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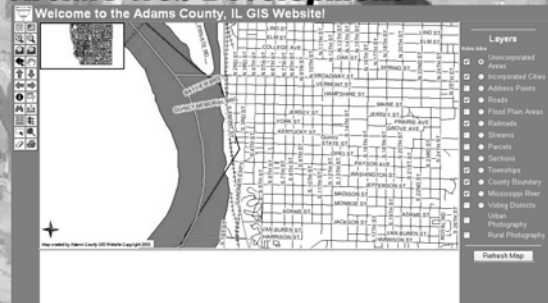


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