

MMA NEWS

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EXHIBIT TO DEBUT AT 6TH ANNUAL MISSOURI GIS CONFERENCE

Ideas, copies of historical documents, maps, or eye-catching map submissions are needed for a Missouri Mappers Association exhibit that is being created to debut at the 6th Annual Missouri GIS Conference in Columbia, March 26-28, 2001. The display being used in March will be on loan from City Utilities, and it's concave design requires the maps, etc. to be laminated. Please do not send anything that is valuable, fragile, or needs to be returned. Submissions should be received by March 1st, or

call with specs so a place can be reserved on the display. You will need to contact Jennifer Peterson at (417) 831-8430 or jpeterso@cityutilities.net. We will also need people to help work the booth for thirty-minute or one-hour blocks of time. If you are planning to attend the conference, please sign up and support your organization while we work to increase our membership. If you or your organization would like to donate item(s) for door prize(s), they are also welcome. We are currently shopping for a convention exhibit for MMA to purchase. If anyone knows of a good quality used one for sale, please call Jennifer Peterson.

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PMM CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS -

If you have five years experience working with cadastral maps or other mapping related experience, you could qualify to take the Professional Missouri Mapper examination. For more information, please contact Marti Buckner at (417) 745-6346. Applications must be submitted by February 28, 2001, to qualify for the examination this year.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Time sure flies-Here it is halfway between the 2000 and 2001 conventions and it seems that just a warm spell ago we were together at the July 2000 Annual Meeting. I hope everyone had a great New Year!

This new year does bring some good news/bad news concerning Ken Agey (MMA V.P.). Ken is accepting a GIS manager position in Polk County Iowa. The good news is that Ken seems happy to return to his hometown with all his expertise and experience in Mapping and GIS. The bad news is that MMA will be losing a valued member. Ken has contributed much to our organization over the years with his committee and Board roles. We certainly wish him the best.

At the January 19 Board meeting we appointed Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM as the Vice President to fill the position vacated by Ken Agey. Belinka was a natural choice as she has worked on several committees and has served on the Executive Board. The MMA constitution states that vacated board positions should be filled by a nominating committee which was accomplished at the January Board meeting.

Thank you for everything - Chris Matthews, MMA President

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Take the following quiz and see if it makes you stop and think!

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America contest.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last six Academy Award winners for Best Actor and Actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

How did you do?

Here is another quiz. See how you do on this one!

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.
6. Name half a dozen heroes whose stories have inspired you.

Easier?

The point is, in the first quiz, none of us remember the head-liners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields, but - the applause dies - awards tarnish - achievements are forgotten. Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.

The lesson? The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones who care!

CHAPTER REPORTS

CENTRAL EAST

As many of you may know, CEMMA President, Eric Rodenberg and Vice President, George Brown recently resigned their positions. On November 29, 2000, a meeting was held at Frederick's in Festus to choose their replacements.

The meeting was chaired by Carl Sohn who (while repeatedly refusing to accept the nomination), quickly and expertly guided us through the election process. No butterfly ballots...no dimpled or pregnant chads... and no recounts...just an old-fashioned show of hands. What a concept! He could certainly show those Floridians a thing or two about counting votes. Thanks Carl!

Congratulations to Bill Holder from the St. Charles County Assessor's Office who will serve as our Vice President. Stacey Priest and Belinka Novotny-Held will continue their tenures as Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. I'd like to thank them in advance for their help and support.

Guest speaker at the meeting was Brian Mabry from Surdex. He gave an informative program on aerial photography and mapping.

As for my election to the post of President, I have a few ideas for future programs that I think will introduce us to some new and exciting concepts and products on various technological fronts. If there are any specific products or companies that you would like to know more about, please let me know and I will contact them regarding a demonstration.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 14, 2001, at Frederick's, so "Be There or Be Square".

Submitted by Kim Swisher, CEMMA President

SOUTHWEST

December 1, 2000, the SW Chapter met with Sho-Me Power in Marshfield. Andy Meyers gave an excellent presentation on how they manage their date using Smallworld. Andy also talked about how they inventories their transmission poles with the help of GPS in helicopters. Thanks Sho-Me Power.

Also, SW Chapter officer elections were held. Please welcome and congratulate our new officers. Jennifer Peterson, President; Richard Brown, Vice President; and Joe Peltz, Secretary/Treasurer.

Our next meeting will be held February 22, 2001, and will be hosted by City Utilities of Springfield/Mapping and Surveying Department. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the newly formed Ozarks GIS Users Group.

Submitted by Joe Peltz, SWMMA Secretary/Treasurer

WEST CENTRAL

The West Central Chapter has not met since the trip to MJ Harden. Plans are to have another meeting this Spring sometime.

Submitted by Gladys Smith, WCMMA Chairperson

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

According to Gladys Smith, Membership Chairperson, there is no change in the number of members from the previous newsletter. She reports that those persons who have not renewed for 2001 have been dropped from the newsletter list. If you know of anyone who wants to either renew or begin a membership with MMA, please have them call Gladys at 417-646-8880.

AWARDS

Belinka Novotny-Held, Chairperson of the Awards Committee, has submitted the following report.

Each year, an award is given in each of the following categories: Education, Fireball, Mapper of the Year and Annual Convention. The awards committee would greatly appreciate any suggestions the members might have regarding who they believe should receive recognition at the Annual Meeting. The deadline for nominations is June 1, 2001.

Mapper of the Year is presented to an individual who has displayed outstanding abilities in the cadastral mapping field. The committee has revised the requirements of the nominee to be a current MMA member in good standing and to be a member for at least one year prior to nomination.

Please take a moment and complete the "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" application. Submit the application and any ideas or suggestions you may have to:

Belinka Novotny-Held

9801 Held Road

Hillsboro, MO 63050

Phone: 636-797-5467 FAX: 636-797-5470 E-mail: b_held@hotmail.com

The committee looks forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting.

CERTIFICATION

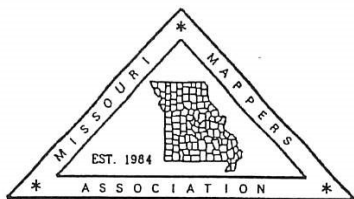
To date, there have been some requests for applications, but none have been returned. According to Marti Buckner, PMM, Chairperson, anyone interested in taking the examination should return their applications by February 28, 2001, in order to be qualified to take the test this year. Those persons who take and pass the examination will be recognized at the Annual Meeting in July.

ANNUAL MEETING

As of the date of publication, there was no report available from the Annual Meeting Committee.

EDUCATION/INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

There are six workshops scheduled in April and May of 2001, which will be using ArcView and AutoCAD. Registration forms are included in this newsletter, and if more forms are needed, please feel free to make copies. Information on these classes can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Peterson of City Utilities in Springfield, MO. Her numbers are as follows: Phone: 417-831-8430 FAX: 417-831-8959 E-mail: jpeterso@cityutilities.net.



Missouri Mappers Association

Presents a Series of Regional Workshops
Sponsored by the Education Committee

Introduction to Computer Mapping Using AutoCAD

This hands-on class is intended for those new to computer mapping or just interested in learning more about it. We will focus on the basic skills required to create, maintain and organize digital maps. Participants will learn how to use mapping software with written legal descriptions, digital surveys, and the pen and ink maps you already have.

Date: Friday, April 6, 2001

Location: **University of Missouri – Kansas City**
Room 427 - Flarsheim Hall (Science & Technology
Bldg.) (816)-235-1334

Parking is available in the metered lots behind the
Education Bldg., in front of the University Center and
near the Performing Arts Center.

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Date: Monday, May 23, 2001

Location: **University of Missouri – Columbia**
GIS Lab – Room 20 – Stewart Hall (573)-882-1403

Parking is available in a metered lot directly behind
Stewart Hall or in the University Avenue Parking
Garage. Parking passes for the garage can be
provided upon request with registration.

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2001

Location: **Cape Girardeau County Assessor's
Office, Jackson, Missouri**

#1 Barton Square
(573)-243-3123

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Registration: 12:30pm-1:00pm

Refreshments provided

Instructor: Kyle Gjeruldsen, CADD Solutions, Inc.

**Please Pre-register for the 4/6/01 class by
3/30/01, for the 4/18/01 class by 4/6/01, and the
5/23/01 class by 5/11/01.**

Make copies for additional registrations forms. Return this portion to reserve your space. Limited seating.

Name: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

Workshop Location & Date: _____

Parking pass requested: _____

Fees: Member: \$15.00 Non-Member \$20.00 (includes MMA membership until 8/2001)

Total due: _____

Mail checks payable to MMA to:

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fax 417-831-8959

jpeterso@cityutilities.net

Jennifer Peterson

City Utilities of Springfield

301 E. Central

Springfield, MO 65802



Missouri Mappers Association

Presents a Series of Regional Workshops Sponsored by the
Education Committee

Introduction to GIS Concepts Using ArcView

This class will introduce mappers to basic GIS concepts and strategies. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to do short hands-on exercises using ArcView 3.2.

Date: Thursday, **May 4, 2001**

Location: **University of Missouri – Kansas City**

GIS Lab – Room 425 - Flarsheim Hall (Science & Technology Bldg.) (816)-235-1334

Parking is available in the metered lots behind the Education Bldg., in front of the University Center and near the Performing Arts Center.

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Date: Monday, **May 21, 2001**

Location: **University of Missouri – Columbia**

GIS Lab – Room 20 – Stewart Hall (573)-882-1403

Parking is available in a metered lot directly behind Stewart Hall or in the University Avenue Parking Garage. Parking passes for the garage can be provided upon request with registration.

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Date: Thursday, **May 17, 2001**

Location: **ESRI, St. Charles, Missouri**

820 S. Main St., Suite 207

(636)-949-6620

Workshop Time: 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Registration: 12:30pm-1:00pm

Refreshments provided

Instructor: Heather Milton, ESRI, St. Charles Office

Please Pre-register for the 5/4/01 class by 4/20/01, and for the 5/17/01 and 5/21/01 classes by 5/4/01.

Make copies for additional registrations forms. Return this portion to reserve your space. Limited seating.

Name: _____

Organization: _____ Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Tel: _____ FAX: _____ Email: _____

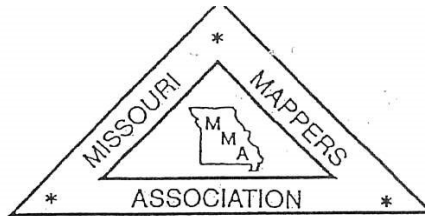
Workshop Location & Date: _____

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jpeterso@cityutilities.net Springfield, MO 65802



OUTSTANDING MAPPER OF THE YEAR APPLICATION

The "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award is presented yearly at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor an individual who has displayed outstanding abilities in the cadastral mapping field. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year, have a base knowledge of mapping, map management and be technically proficient in mapping techniques and standards. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Mapper of the Year" award. The Award Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the MMA Officers and Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2001.

Name of Nominee: _____

Employer: _____

Employer's address: _____

Phone: _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for

Outstanding Mapper of the Year because _____

(Continue on additional sheet if needed)

Signature: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Mail Applications to : Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
Jefferson County Assessor's Office
P.O. Box 100
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Phone: 636-797-5467 Fax: 636-797-5470

OUTSTANDING BOSS OF THE YEAR AWARD Application

The "Outstanding Boss of The Year" Award is presented at the MMA Annual Meeting. It is presented to honor the "top boss" who has displayed "above and beyond" efforts in mapping, with the employees in the mapping department and not limited to leadership, management & people skills. Nominees should be a current member in good standing, have been a member for at least one year and planning on attending the annual meeting. Nominations should be brief and explain why the nominee merits the "Outstanding Boss of the Year" award. The Award Committee will review the applications and make recommendations to the MMA Officers and Board of Directors. Nominations will be accepted through June 1, 2001

Name of Nominee _____

Company _____

Company
Address _____

Company Phone _____

I believe _____ should be nominated for

Outstanding Boss of the Year because _____

(Continue on additional sheet if necessary)

Signature _____ Phone _____
Address _____

Mail applications to: Belinka Novotny-Held, PMM
Jefferson County Assessor's office
PO Box 100
Hillsboro, MO 63050
Phone (636) 797-5467 Fax (636) 797-5470

NEWS FROM AROUND THE STATE

WARREN COUNTY MOVING INTO THE TECH WORLD

The Warren County Assessor's Office is steadily moving forward into the world of GIS. In the Past year, they have had new orthophotography for the cities and steadily growing areas of the county. These new orthos and the existing orthos have been digitized.

The existing property lines are now in the initial states of being digitized. When the project is complete, the assessor's Office will begin updating property maps digitally. The move to GIS will enable the county to update new property lines and ownership information in a timely manner.

Following the completion of the parcel line-digitalizing project, the office's assessment data will be linked to the parcel map. In addition, planning and zoning information, as well as taxing district information, will be linked to create a "clearing house" of information for county taxpayers.

Plans are also being made to allow the Assessor's Office the ability to connect with the Recorder's Office and have access to recorded documents at their fingertips.

Mike Sutherland, Assessor, says he hopes to have the whole project completed by the end of this year, if everything goes well. If anyone wants information about Warren County's project, they can contact Sutherland or Patty Williams, Real Estate Coordinator at 636-456-8885.

WARREN COUNTY - CONTINUED

Warren County Begins GIS Users Group

With Warren County moving into the world of GIS, they have been organizing a local GIS Users Group. This group is made up of people from the individual cities, emergency services, county planning & zoning, a regional planning office and several of the county offices.

This group has been meeting once per quarter, and participants have seen demonstrations from Heather Milton representing ESRI, and Tim Haithcoat from University of Missouri. All of the group members are at the early state of GIS and seem to benefit from each other.

Along with a planned speaker, there is discussion time for questions, ideas & plans for sharing of information. The group hopes to have future meetings with the ability to learn the use of the Internet and downloading valuable information.

If any one would like information on the users group or upcoming meetings they may contact Patty Williams or Mike Sutherland at 636-456-8885.

WANTED TO BUY

For personal use - I am looking for old horizontal map cabinets, wood preferred, but will take metal, too. I need several and will pick up in good weather. Call me with price wanted.

Loraine Boyd

Work - 573-751-1731

Home - 573-761-5607

AWARDS COMMITTEE BRINGS BACK "BOSS OF THE YEAR"

The Awards Committee has decided to bring back the "Boss of the Year" award to be given out at the 2001 Annual Meeting. As you think about nominating your boss, please keep these things in mind: First, make sure he or she will be attending the Annual Meeting; Second, that they have been a member of MMA for at least 1 year; and Third, their membership is still currently in good standing with MMA. We will be looking for bosses that display qualities with leadership, management & good people skills, as well as other qualities that make the "top boss" to work for. Don't forget to include things they have done to improve your mapping department. An application is included with this newsletter.

SUBMISSIONS TO MMA NEWS

Your business card or digital artwork can be published in the next three issues of MMA News for only \$25.00! I also need articles about your county or company news by March 31, 2001, for the April, 2001, issue of MMA News. Please send your ads, articles, or other information to:

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MMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 28, 2001	Deadline for PMM Certification Application Submission
March 31, 2001	Deadline for Submission to April issue of MMA News
April 6, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
April 18, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
April 20, 2001	MMA Executive Board Meeting
May 4, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
May 17, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
May 21, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
May 23, 2001	MMA Educational Workshop (See Enclosed Registration Form)
June 22, 2001	MMA Executive Board Meeting

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