

NACIS June 2013 Board Skype Meeting Minutes

noon PDT on Thursday, June 6th

Taken by Paulo Raposo (paulo.raposo@psu.edu)

Finances (Susan & Jenny, Neil)

Neil: Approved budget posted online.

Susan: perhaps mistaken budget; might need updating.

Nominations (Erik)

Progress being made on id'ing candidates. Emails out to potential people, some self-nominated. Still need to fill *secretary* and *communications director* ballots. No formal policy about how many candidates on the ballot; may have upwards of double-the-number-of-open-slots heuristic number. Awaiting confirmation of nominations to advise. Possibly will ~10 people on ballot for 3 positions.

Trying to have enough transparency about vice-president-elect position. Trying to get diversity (i.e., not just white, male, design types): looking for female academic. Thoughts were Amy Griffin, Mary-Beth Cunha, or babs Buttenfield. Amy is willing and able.

[Erik asked board whether there is any objections to Amy Griffin as choice: none.]

Amy suggested Minneapolis for our 2015 annual meeting location. Amy is well-connected there. Tanya B. can help there too, given proximity. Amy will accept candidacy without Minneapolis necessarily being the 2015 location.

Erik will forward final list of candidates when it's drafted up.

Neil: any issues with having co-chair who's outside of the country (i.e., Amy)?

Alex: No, no problems.

Neil: deadline for ballot?

Erik: ~60 days before conference. Confirmation from Lou?

Membership Benefits Committee (Jenn M.)

Tech. issues with database and queries; missed student participation before school year ended. Should we wait until September for their responses?

Jenny M. J.: should be fine, students respond to email year-round.

Jenn M: No membership benefit to offer at Greenville yet; will be updated after survey is deployed. Any suggestions from Board welcome. Calendar of maps seemed like a good idea, well received by Board.

Publications/Presence

CP (Pat)

Laura McCormick is departing as assistant editor (layout); replacement procedure. She'll step down, and Daniel Huffman will take her place. Laura takes over as Section Editor where Daniel served before.

Starts with upcoming issue (Buckley and Jenny guest editors).

proposal: one-time \$500 transition payment to Laura

Rob Roth remains committed to end of 2013 issues as assistant editor. Won't need replacement until next year. Pat will make an additional budgetary request to support that transition at that time.

Susan: what is "usage" fee in budget on agenda?

Pat: need to look back to remember.

Neil: budget can be voted on using Doodle.

Pat: Need to look up "usage fees" before we proceed with a possible vote.

Atlas of Design (Daniel)

Daniel has job description for Tim's would-be successor, as Tim W. is stepping down as co-editor.

Daniel H.: Tim has been honored, but is stepping down. Thanks Tim! Possible successor: Sam Matthews (sp?). Talented cartographer, from UW-Madison, working for Google Maps in Seattle right now. Is currently assistant editor on project.

Neil: concerns about publication experience?

Daniel: he has laid books out before, has experience and skills necessary. He is also interested.

Neil: please approach and offer officially.

Position description (i.e., to offer to Sam Matthews, etc.). Dividing creation, fulfillment, etc. Document by Daniel at

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1goRcLueAL9Lrsq1vpBpIPUp3ydeLs3cl9hGQCzGGtFo/edit>

Neil: vote on this?

Daniel: yes, need to be voted as per by-laws. Some difference between appointment/voting by Board.

Paulo: geographical separation an issue?

Daniel: no.

Daniel: Board may need to vote on job description too.

Lou: appointment requires a vote.

Neil: Don't want to vote over Skype (vague, maybe not a quorum today). Will do votes on both description and appointment in different manner, in days to come.

Jenn M.: Can we get a statement from Sam?

Erik: actually a very important appointment.

Neil: AoD fulfillment?

Daniel: ~190 remaining inventory. ~4 orders per week. Slower, but steady.

Neil: can probably sell many in Greenville to new members.

Web Integration & Transition (Eliana)

Request for proposals (RFP) was updated and sent for comments. No comments came of this. Any comments now?

Wireframe, etc., will be on the portal.

CartoTalk (Hans)

Running fine. Seem to be under-serving ads for a while, two more added at bottom of each page.

Sometimes it's not showing any ads or just one. Still working on an ads system that's more consistent; problem should disappear with more visitors.

Neil: problem is because traffic is low?

Hans: Contracts with advertisers specify min number of impressions. If traffic isn't high enough, won't reach those ad impressions.

Neil: unanimously supportive of Hans' managing on CartoTalk. :)

Communications (David L.)

Will send out membership-wide communications in next couple weeks. Board can send any announcements to him.

Corlis Benefideo Award (Neil and Sam)

Announced very soon. Letter will be printed on letterhead soon, and sent with copy of the novella.

Sam: Please look at letter by morning tomorrow, will be mailed.

Sam: how much money exists for the creation of the award?

Neil: It's in the budget...

Jenny M. J.: we were anticipating \$500 cash, \$1500 for registration and attendance, and some object (plaque etc) at \$200.

Sam: also want to collate all our emails and trying to make selection process more transparent for future.

Neil: We weren't prepared for husband-wife team winners (Harrisons); makes travel costs higher than anticipated.

Sam: Winners do not know that they've been nominated.

Nathaniel K.: Winners could have a show-and-tell about what they do at Greenville award, day depending on their arrival.

Future Meetings

Greenville Program (Alex and Nathaniel)

Nathaniel K.: Making good progress. Field Trip price is final thing holding up registration form online publication. Starting to get pricing to inform this. Susan and David on this as well. Should be sorted out within next week or two.

About 2 dozen abstracts so far. A few special topics requests.

Digital vs printed program: looking into costs of another spiral-bound program. Nathaniel would like to have everything existing digitally at this point.

Have held off on Ivy offers for technical solution.

Nathaniel started at Apple this week at Maps dept.

Daniel: 3 posters submitted so far. Rename area to "Maps Gallery" to not seem commercial to hotel venues. 3 posters by this point is not unusual.

Pittsburgh (Lou)

Contract is signed this last week. Employed 3rd party to help, at no cost. Susan had met with Michelle, who helped. As soon as Greenville is over we can look at 2015 contracts. Tanya will make a site visit for NACIS Night Out venues. Will have more info by October.

General Notes:

Nathaniel: *NaturalEarthData.org* is mostly moved over to a new back-end server. Resolving some off-line issues by changing storage architecture, etc. A little slow to load, but getting better. ~80% done

transition. Issues with “Blue Host”, not FSU.
Lou: full support for hosting at FSU.

Meeting Adjourned.

Addendum:

From:	Neil Allen <neil@benchmarkmaps.com>
Sent:	Tuesday, June 11, 2013 9:42 AM
To:	board; Rob Roth
Cc:	Daniel Huffman
Subject:	NACIS vote: The Yea's have it
Attachments:	NACIS minutes-June2013BoardMtg.docx

Thank you Board for your fast and unanimous votes.

Rob, let the record show that we voted via Doodle by 6/11/13:

to approve the AoD positions as described in the document "AoD Editor Description" linked from the NACIS Continuity Portal on the AoD page:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1goRcLueAL9Lrsq1vpBpIPUp3ydeLs3cl9hGQCzGGtFo/edit?usp=sharing>

The results were 13 yea's, a quorum, so the positions are officially created.

13 participants		Yea	Nay	Abstain
	Neil Allen	✓		
	Nathaniel V. KELSO	✓		
	Sam Pepple	✓		
	Jenn Milyko	✓		
	Martha Bostwick	✓		
	Paulo Raposo	✓		
	Leo Dillon	✓		
	Rob Roth	✓		
	Alex Tait	✓		
	Alethea Steingisser	✓		
	Jenny Marie Johnson	✓		
	Eliana Macdonald	✓		
	Matthew	✓		
		Yea	Nay	Abstain
		13	0	0

Rob, please fold the vote description and results above into the tail end of the minutes that Paulo took last Thursday (attached).

There will soon be another board vote on the appointment of Sam Matthews as Daniel's co-editor. There have been several, recent emails vouching for Sam's work ethic and competency. If you are still unsure, please either contact me or Daniel and we will point you toward more info that outlines his qualifications.

Thank you,

Neil Allen

Minutes approved December 11th 2013.