

NACIS: August 13, 2015 Board Meeting - Skype
5pm Eastern Daylight Time

Summary of Tasks identified from the August Meeting

Synthesis of activities and tasks identified during the meeting for follow-up consideration and/or completion.

Nominations:

- repair issues with voting, get ballot out in next few days.

Minneapolis Meeting:

- Amy needs moderators for sessions. Please reply to her request!
- Implement Code of Conduct
- Nathaniel and Susan: figure out issue with registration confirmation emails

CartoTalk:

- Anthony to follow up with Hans regarding ideas for getting him some help with website.

NACIS Name Committee:

- Alex and Daniel will work to get a small committee together to begin investigation into membership's opinions on issues with the organization's name.

Constitution and By-laws:

- NVK and JMJ will work together to get the website updated with the new approved language for our constitution and bylaws.

Votes and Motions Passed:

-accepted minutes from Spring Board Meeting

-Voted to approve Amy as co-editor of CP for 2015-2016, and then as editor starting in 2017.

-Code of Conduct was voted on through an email vote, and approved on August 23.

Board Composition:

Executive Office (non-voting)

Tanya Buckingham | Executive Director-Annual Meeting Operations (term expires 1/2016)

Susan Peschel | Business Operations (un-termed)

Daniel Huffman | Executive Director-Operations (term expires 1/2019)

Executive Board (voting)

Nathaniel Kelso | Past President (term expires 10/2015)

Alex Tait | President (term expires 10/2015)

Amy Griffin | Vice President & Program Chair Minneapolis (term expires 10/2015)

Anthony Robinson | VP-Elect (term expires 10/2015)

Jenny Marie Johnson | Treasurer (term expires 10/2016)

Martha Bostwick | Secretary (term expires 10/2015)

Board of Directors (voting)

Mamata Akella (term expires 10/2015)

Maggie Smith (term expires 10/2015) (*regrets*)

Andy Woodruff (term expires 10/2015)

Nat Case (term expires 10/2016) (*regrets*)

Kristen Grady (term expires 10/2016)

Alethea Steingisser (term expires 10/2016)

Lauren Tierney | Student Board Member (term expires 10/2015) (*regrets*)

Ex-officio Members (non-voting)

Patrick Kennelly | Editor of Cartographic Perspectives (*regrets*)

Hans van der Maarel | Editor of CartoTalk (*regrets*)

Meeting opened at 5:01pm Eastern

- Minutes Recorded by Martha Bostwick
- [Agenda](#)

Welcome | Alex

Minutes | Alex & Martha

-Has everyone read over the minutes from the Spring Board Meeting? Are there any changes to be made?

-Anthony made the motion to accept minutes. Alethea seconded. All in favour. Nathaniel abstained.

Motion passed.

-How are we coming with the pertinent action items from the SBM?

- fixes to nacis.org for fall meeting admin DONE
- remove subscription membership option ??

-NVK: explained subscription membership, and said it has been disabled from visible website, but it can still be accessed on backend.

-Alex: a lot to cover today, so any other items address below or postpone review to Minneapolis meetings

Nominations | Nathaniel

-We've got a full slate of candidates. Andy asked to be added for a second term. We have six candidates, and need to elect three. VPE position is Fritz Kessler, former editor of CP and previously on NACIS board. Martha is back again for Secretary. Carolyn Fish and Robin Tolochko for the student ballot.

-There are troubles with the voting on the website, but working to get it fixed. We're at 60 days today, hopefully voting site can go out tomorrow, if not then candidate slate will be emailed, and the ballot will go out as soon as it's fixed. Bylaws says names need to be announced at 60 days, and vote needs to be done by 30 days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

Minneapolis 2015 | Amy & Anthony

-we're under control. So far we have 80 full registrations, 9 student registrations, PCD is at 58 people.

-email going out to speakers soon to remember to register

-schedule is online, room assignments are made

-still need moderators. Please let Amy know which session you want.

-Alethea: Can we have an update on hotels? Are the overflows already sold out?

-Susan: She'll have to check in, and see if we've filled our blocks.

-NVK: He has a registration question. Someone didn't get a confirmation email. They're looking into seeing what happened. They need to figure out what happened to the meeting reg emails.

-NVK: Do we have forecasting models on attendance?

-Daniel: +/- 25 people, we're currently tracking for 300 people.

Code of Conduct | Anthony

-Anthony has posted a link in chat window for us to review.

-It has been worked on by several members of the board. We could use a few more eyeballs, so please take a look. It's an amalgamation of a few other examples. Lots of ways to take this, we tried to make it clear and how it applied to our audience.

-(general discussion ensued on what they have included in the Code so far)

-Alex: how much time do we need to finish this up. Can we use it for this meeting?

-NVK: how do we brief session chairs on what to do when code is breached.

-Alex: the onus should be on VP, Prez, VPE to handle the situation, not the session chairs. They should just report incidents, not handle them.

-Anthony: right now it's very open and variable on how things get handled.

-(general discussion on how incidents get handled)

Cartographic Perspectives | *Alex and Daniel*

CP Editor Position

-Pat is getting busy, and wants to bring on a CP co-editor

-Pat suggests Amy Griffin as co-editor for the coming 2015-2016 year, and proposes Amy as next CP editor starting in 2017.

-Is this a conflict of interest, in that she will be both President and Co-Editor at the same time?

-We opened the topic for discussion, no one spoke up with a problem.

-Amy recused herself on the vote to approve herself as co-editor and then editor for 2017.

-Alex proposes we vote her in now.

-Nathaniel made the motion to approve Amy as co-editor and editor starting 2017. Alethea seconded the motion. All voted in favor. **Motion passed.**

-DH: Issue #80 is in preparations, if things go according to schedule, we'll get 2 issues out this year, 4 out next year, and we'll be caught up - this is assuming we get enough peer-reviewed content.

Carto Talk

-Alex: we need to get Hans help - this needs to get brought up at the Minneapolis meetings.

-DH: could we ask Hans to look into getting a quote for the technical services he needs. We can then discuss in Minneapolis to see how to proceed - hire or get volunteers.

-Anthony: will be in touch with Hans about this, he's already talking to him.

NACIS Name | *Alex and Daniel*

-there has been some unfortunate confusion with our name sounding like 'Nazis' in Spanish.

-DH: it comes up on web searches fairly often with Nazi propaganda, swastikas, etc.

-this is a problem for foreign members, more than domestic.

-Hungarian spells Nazis as NACIS.

-This is a potential global branding image problem. We would like to form a committee to explore the feasibility of a name change. Committee would start by getting some feedback from membership in October, and proceed from there: figure out what's involved with changing names, etc.

-Alex: does the board think this is enough of an issue to look into? (most responded that they were open to looking into this. Nobody said they were against it.)

-DH: wanted a 3-person committee, Alex suggested 5 people. DH thought to keep it small for the initial questioning, then maybe add more people later if necessary.

Alex: first order of business would be to investigate what the membership's thoughts are about the name, and about a name change.

-Martha made a motion to form a new committee to investigate the possibility of a name change . Alethea seconded the motion. Motion passed.

-Alex and Daniel will work on committee to get a good representation of the membership. Tom Patterson is interested in working on the committee. Would like someone newer to organization to be on the committee as well.

Updates to the Constitution and Bylaws | *JMJ & Alex*

-JMJ: overview of changes to bylaws. These were already all voted on in the past, they just needed to be updates on the website. We were out of date on language, and didn't reflect changes that were already

approved by membership. Items such as the new role of VPE, rotating membership year, etc.
-NVK: coordinate with him to get them changed on website.

Other Committee Updates

Finance - none

CartoTalk - see above

Awards:

-closed regular member travel grant applications, with 11 applications. Looks like 6 full-funded, 5 partial funding.

-Student travel grant applications close on Aug 31. A couple are in already, expecting more closer to deadline.

-CB Award - announcement at conference

Continuity - none

Publications - would be a good idea to send an email blast to members for members to buy the Atlas of Design before the conference.

Membership Benefits

-we have some new benefits with MapBox and CartoDB

-Daniel updated the public facing page to show what the benefits are, and the members-only page now reflects what the actual discount is.

-discussion on printing new stickers, buttons, etc. for conference

Communications and Outreach

-DH: no critical issues

-sent stickers and info to different conferences, etc.

-MapLift is ready to kick off at the end of the month

Any further discussion?

-Ready in Minneapolis for our first board meeting at 6pm Tuesday.

-NVK - plea for people doing awards, it would be good to update the site to reflect the awards at the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02pm Eastern.

Further board correspondence:

Code of Conduct Vote was held by email. We opened the topic for discussion from August 17–19, and then held the vote from August 19–23. The vote passed with 9 'Aye' votes recorded, and 0 'Nay' or abstentions. We will proceed with implementing the Code of Conduct for the Minneapolis meeting.