Cumberland Chapter of URISA Annual Meeting 2014
January 24, 2014; 10am-4pm
Bowling Green, KY

Members Present
See Sign-In Sheet

Meeting Minutes (See slides for speaker notes)
- Introduction by Kim McDonough
    - Bio
    - This is the easiest time ever to meet all members of organization
    - How do you want this organization to serve you?
- Roundtable with brief intros to everyone
- Keri Brennan – Benefits of URISA Membership
- Scott Dobler – KGA Alliance
    - Two handouts
- Kurt Butefish – URISA Has a Horse in This Race: The Status of Geography Education in Tennessee; Kim McDonough – The Role of GIS Professionals in Education
- Lunch (and Sponsor Recognition)
- Kevin Cary – GIS Programs at WKU
    - Note – they have GPS Units. If we did a GeoCaching event, could we use their equipment?
- 2014 Strategic Discussion
    - What issues impact you the most? (ROI, data coordination issues, data sharing issues, training, etc.)
        - Data Availability
            - Statewide data coordination accessibility (download availability). KY has a Geoportal and KY DGI (but, no parcel data), but TN needs more accessibility. - Variety and inconsistency in data availability (some counties charge a fee for data).
            - Statewide dataset as feature service through ArcServer
                - Anyone with ArcGIS can add or download that service
                - Is there statewide data availability for download (on own desktop)?
                    - KY is OK with 1m orthos but it is inconsistent at another level
        - Need Centralized Data Warehouse
            - Penn State has a spatial data server where counties can upload data; WKU does too. Is there a KY/TN University that will effectively be a "data warehouse" like this?

- o In KY, GeoPortal is serving as the data warehouse
- o PVA Office for KML's and parcel data
  - ▪ Local PVAs have control over parcel data and its distribution (and there may be data accuracy and coordination issues), in KY.
  - ▪ Stephen Berry has a contact.
- o In TN, the state maintains parcel data for most of the counties.
- *Here Maps* – will ask counties for data and see if they will give them data. They are able to focus their efforts on out-of-date counties (old addressing schemes, etc.). Data quality is definitely an issue.
- ▪ Data quality and data standard issues.
  - Is there an incentive to submit standardized data? (Is it worth it for entities?)
    - o Kim evangelizes standards
    - o CRMS – wireless 911; must be compliant to obtain funding
    - o GIS as a public record…entities are allowed to assess fees based on the commercial or non-commercial use of the data (Louisville). So a citizen can use it to see how water flows on his property, but a company will not get it for free to pull it into their CAD program. Was at one point all supported by LOJIC, but then they copyright all their data. Paradigm is shifting where open GIS data supports economic growth/development. KY says they can charge a fee, so some do and some don't.
  - Geospatial One Stop
- ▪ Open Source Fears & Location Privacy
  - Legal issues with data sharing (receiving approval from proper authority).
  - Data privacy issues with making everything publically available. (URISA has a data privacy workshop).
  - Information (publicly available) vs. data (marketable product, or privacy issues, etc.).
  - URISA workshop on Public Access and Data Privacy
    - o What data gets withheld?
    - o 'Have' versus 'have not' geography (restrict access to data, you restrict the data to only those who can legally get access to the data…aka those with lawyers)
    - o Are you even allowed to collect the data?
  - Post whitepapers to the website (on privacy issues, etc.).
  - UAV's
    - o New workshop with AMA
- ▪ GIS vs. Surveying
  - Issue: GIS users getting in legal trouble for surveying without a license (when using GPS unit).
  - Underground data is not available (and is done by non-surveyors).

- Authoritative data – as long as it isn't a legal issue, it's fine.
- Need PLS in Cumberland URISA
- License vs. Certification
  - Qualify everything: there's no such thing as a perfect map
    - Every parcel map should be labeled "this is not a legal document".
  - University -->Professionals feedback loop.
    - Professional help with student development and provide guidance to universities, provide internships, etc. Vice versa.
    - Links/map of university programs with GIS in KY/TN (add to website).
    - What do you need to understand better and know?
    - How do we better prepare students for workforce?
      - GIS professionals provide input into the university
      - Need to know who has what
  - Non-Profits
    - Mostly the issue of data acquisition
- How do we resolve these issues? Something in the coming year?
- What events/activities are you interested in? (Online meet-ups, webinars, workshops, "cottage group" meetings, etc.)
  - Job search network
  - Next meeting in Tennessee
  - Leader in ASPRS Mid-South Region is interested in a partnership (joint activities, conferences, workshops, etc.).
  - Joint activities with surveyors.
  - Cumberland Chapter help sponsor members to attend (and present?) at other local conferences.
  - GIS 101 for Area Development Districts
    - Universities to host one-day workshops for administrators (mayors, judges executives, etc.): GIS-101 or how to get the best use out of your data.
    - How many counties in KY don't have GIS?
      - Only a few!
    - Now, instead of selling, we have people from small towns coming in expecting GIS
    - How well does your data play with others?
    - How much of an impact are you having outside your boundaries?
  - Cottage groups/regional sub-groups (KY user groups evaporated).
    - Meet-ups?
      - TDOT
      - Join up with other organizations
        - Surveyors
        - ASPRS
        - Meteorologists

- URISA Workshops: OpenStreetMap, Open Source GIS, Intro to GPS, Data Access & Privacy, LIDAR, ROI (half-day), Emergency Management (half-day), GIS Program Management (virtual and in-person).
- Online workshop (can use URISA's archived virtual workshops).
- Survey members on software experience, industry, willingness to teach, interests, etc. (knowledge database).
  - What % is non-government?
  - Knowledge database through membership database
- Merge student organizations with the Chapter.
  - Students interested in practicing presentation skills
  - Want more mapping of student GIS programs

- Business Meeting
  - Financial Summary
    - $1,508.00
      - Very few expenses
      - Income: Sponsorship from URISA, dues
    - Total Assets: $1,824.76
    - Today's expenses $400-500
    - Now have money to invest in the program
  - Membership: 41 members (started collecting in August)
    - $25 regular / $15 students
- Objectives discussed above
  - Circulate minutes, presentations
- Bylaw Amendments
  - You can be a member of URISA International and not a chapter OR a member of a chapter but not a member of URISA International
  - URISA International is moving towards a unified membership model – you're automatically a member of a chapter
    - Annual chapter affiliation fee of $500
  - Chapter Advisory Board – unifying group within URISA International to establish policy among chapters and must elect a chapter representative
    - Must be a URISA International member
    - Must attend GISPro and registration will be provided
    - 2 year appointment
  - Louie motioned to approve; Ashely Seconded…no one made a negative sign
- IRS Form 1024 501(c)(6) non-tax exempt organization
  - On Google site
  - Need a few financial things
  - Have to create a budget for next 2 years (revenues / expenditures by 25% each year)
  - EIN – Employee Identification Number
  - Certified copy of Article of Incorporation
  - Have until 17 months from incorporation (April 2014 is the 12 month mark)
  - 501(c)(3) v. 501(c)(6)

- If we ever go to the TRULY unified model, we would assume the status of the "parent" organization
    - Non-profit is a status, not an objective
    - Incorporation in KY and foreign entity in TN
- Installation of New Officers
- Meeting adjourned