URISA Alberta Committee Minutes  
Tuesday January 15, 2019, Noon to 12:56

Present: Dennis, Dianne, Cindy, Stacey, Charlene, Kristen, Carl, Bob  
Absent: Teresa

**Next meeting – February 26, 2019**

**Action Items**

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<td>Luncheon seminar</td>
<td>Kristen to connect Stacey and Bob on luncheon planning details and targets</td>
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<td>URISA sponsored workshop</td>
<td>Cindy to prepare proposal - time frame and budget, etc. for GISP certification workshop for February meeting.</td>
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**Major Decisions**

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<td>3. Present plaque to Chaka for his contribution</td>
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**GeoAlberta 2018**

- Each organization is getting $15,000 disbursement from the conference
- Still waiting for the refund cheque from Westin.

**GeoAlberta 2019**

- It is set for Nov 13 to 14 of 2019 at the Sheraton in Red Deer  
- Preparation of workshop and speaker planning is also begun.  
- Registration system fee will increase from $3.75 to $6.99. It will be $4.00 if we sign a 5-year contract. The steering committee is determining which fee option is more beneficial.  
- Dianne and Stacey are at the Steering Committee. Bob has indicated interest to help.

**President**

- URISA International  
  - A time-limited, expiring on March 2019, introductory membership fee of $100USD for new member. Intention is to attract new blood to participate in various committees for
ideas and developing new programs/initiatives.
  o Cindy asked to e-blast announcement to chapter member.
  o Discussion on relevancies and benefits of URISA International to its Canadian members and chapters – BC, Alberta and Ontario.
  o Early conversation with Ont. Chapter to create a similar organization with Canadian chapters.

Past President
  • Vacant

VP North
  • Plan luncheon seminar with Kristen and Bob
  • Prepare nomination to replace Stacey in coming July.

VP South
  • Plan luncheon with Kristen and Stacey

Secretary
  • 77 active members

Treasurer
  • December bank statement is at $53,000 in December.
  • We will reserve $20,000 for GeoAlberta 2019.
  • PayPal balance is $264 after transferring most funds into the bank.
  • Received written answer from CRA on bigger than normal GST refund. It is from reassessing past GST submissions.

Publicity
  • Updated job posting and sidebar announcements.
  • Will monitor website bi-monthly statistic with Google Analytics

Program
  • Welcome Kristen as Program chair
  • Plan luncheon seminar with Stacey and Bob

Academic Liaison
  • Cindy motioned and Dianne seconded to continue funding $500 for the grad student research/thesis competition

Member-at-large
  • Absent

New business
  • Cindy suggests presenting a plaque to Chaka for his contribution to URISA Chapter. It is agreed by all.