

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

Items	Action required
Luncheon seminar	Kristen to connect Stacey and Bob on luncheon planning details and targets
URISA sponsored workshop	Cindy to prepare proposal - time frame and budget, etc. for GISP certification workshop for February meeting.

Major Decisions

Date	Decision
Jan 15, 2019	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Reserve \$20,000 for GeoAlberta 20192. Continue funding \$500 to the research/thesis competition3. Present plaque to Chaka for his contribution

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.

- Cindy asked to e-blast announcement to chapter member.
- Discussion on relevancies and benefits of URISA International to its Canadian members and chapters – BC, Alberta and Ontario.
- 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.