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President's Corner

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Days are getting a little shorter now! You know what that means: "Fall Conference" is just around the corner. Everyone needs to get their ducks in a row (make reservations, make sure registration is in, etc.). This years conference promises to be a good one!

I would like to thank Patricia Pike for an exceptional mapping school. I think that all that attended found it both educational and entertaining. We even solved a murder! Special thanks goes out to all that helped Patricia bring this off including vendors, instructors and her staff. Wow!

I am happy to announce that the state of the Association is both fiscally and physically sound. We have over a 90% representation rate across the State and nearly 400 active members.

Thanks go out to the executive board who have worked tirelessly to get our numbers up.

As I approach the end of my term I would like to thank all of you for your efforts and contributions to reinvigorate our Association. It has been a real pleasure to work for and with you all. I assure you that the Association is in good hands as the gavel is passed. I have seen the capabilities of the officers that will take the helm in the next few years and I am confident in their leadership.

Please join me at the Fall Conference as we take the next step towards tomorrow!

Thank You and God Bless You All!

Gil Robbins
President NCPMA
Beaufort County

Website Info

Check out our website. Rich Elkins does a tremendous job with it. It's full of useful information and information is constantly being updated. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have any please contact Rich.

<http://ncpropertymappers.org>

MAPPING SCHOOL REPORT

The 25th Annual Mapping School was held in beautiful Asheville, August 2-6, 2004 at the Ramada Inn West. There were 80 participants, with 46 in the Regular Class, 25 in the Senior Class, 6 instructors, and 3 Education Committee Members. The week was filled with education, entertainment and plenty of food.

The Ramada Inn was very accommodating. They provided a great buffet breakfast and lunch, as well as, an afternoon break with fresh, hot out of the oven, cookies and brownies. They also provided a Hospitality Room for some evening socializing. Debi Smith and the staff at the Ramada were outstanding to work with and made our stay quite comfortable.

NCPMA is very fortunate to be associated with wonderful business folks that are always willing to support us. We would like to give a big **THANK YOU** to Kimball & Associates for sponsoring the transportation to carry our entire group to Wednesday night's social at the Monte Vista Hotel. Also, we would like to give another big **THANK YOU** to Spectrum Mapping for sponsoring Tuesday's Hospitality Night. We appreciate these vendors and their continued support to NCPMA.

As always, no event can be possible without wonderful, dedicated VOLUNTEERS. This year's Mapping School had an outstanding group of volunteers that made the school a success. I would like to thank them all, starting with our outstanding instructors; Marie Monteith, Pam Carver, Vic Spencer, Dave Gottberg, Rich Elkins, and Ted Cisine. I would also like to thank our guest speakers; Bill Campbell, Tim Ingold, Katie Brewer, Gary Thompson and Bob Carl. Last, but not least, I would like to thank the following for all their help with the school; Tammy Southern, Richard Davis, Greta Bumgarner, and Onslow County GIS staff.

Patricia Pike





North Carolina Property Mappers Association

“ Color my World”

It's that time of the year to start making your plans to attend the annual **N.C.P.M.A. Fall Conference**. It will be held at the **Sheraton Imperial** in **RTP** again this year, and the dates are **October 6-8**. The theme for this year's conference is “ Color my World...A Bright Future for NCPMA” .

This is a great opportunity to hear other counties' success stories, share ideas and concerns with representatives from other agencies, and visit the vendors' exhibits to explore new technologies. You never know.... you might just learn something! Be thinking of topics of concern to bring to the “ Round Table Discussion” on Thursday afternoon. Check out the preliminary agenda that is included in

the newsletter or on the NCPMA website just click on 2004 Fall Conference Details. We have tried hard to bring you a program that contains useful and entertaining information. Of course, it may change slightly, but at least you will get the idea of what to look forward to.

Don't forget to bring your "best map" to enter in our Poster Show-off.

Two awards will be given: one for "best contents" and one for "best visual".

Keep in mind that this conference gives you 16 hours towards your certification or re-certification. So make your plans and reservations now. Sheraton Imperial reservations must be made by September 15th in order to get the NCPMA rate. Make sure to get you registration forms to me before September 13th.

Suzie Nicholson

2004 NCPMA Conference Chair

Thank you

My father passed away on Friday August 13th and I would like to express my deep appreciation the members of the NCPMA for their support through my father's illness and death. My Program committee has been there for me every step of the way and has taken over when I was unavailable. The Garden Basket the NCPMA sent for the service was beautiful. The prayers and concerns over the last few months have made me feel especially lucky to have such caring friends. Thank you again; my family and I are very grateful.

Sincerely,

Suzie Nicholson

**2004 NCPMA Program Committee
Chair**

Hotel Accommodations

The NCPMA has reserved a block of guestrooms at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center (pictured above) in Research Triangle Park, NC. Guestroom reservations are the individual responsibility of conference attendees. To make your reservations, call the hotel directly at (919) 941-5050 or Sheraton Central Reservations at (800) 325-3535 and be sure to identify yourself as an NCPMA conference attendee to receive the group rate of \$101.00 per night (plus 13% in sales and occupancy taxes) for single or double standard occupancy accommodations. The group rate for club level rooms is \$141.00 (plus 13% in sales and occupancy taxes). The group rate will be offered until September 15, 2004. After that date, accommodations will be subject to room and rate availability. It is strongly suggested that you make your room reservations early, as October is the busiest month of the year at this property. The Sheraton Imperial is located at Exit 282 (Page Road) off of I-40 in RTP.

What should I wear?!?!

Appropriate dress for the NCPMA Conference Meetings is business casual. Suggestions include: khaki slacks, button-up or golf-style shirts, blazers or sweaters and comfortable shoes. Remember that the hotel auditorium and conference rooms can become cool and personal comfort zones vary. To ensure your comfort, it is recommended that you bring a sweater or jacket to conference sessions.

The Annual Banquet (held Thursday evening at 7pm) is a formal business dress event.



North Carolina Property Mappers Association 2004 Annual Conference Registration Form

Sheraton Imperial Hotel – RTP, NC – October 6-8, 2004

Name _____

County _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Job Title _____

Email _____

Phone Area Code (_____) **Number** _____ – **Ext.** _____

- For hotel room reservations, please contact the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center at (919) 941-5050 before September 15th.
- One banquet ticket is included per registration. Guest tickets may be purchased at a discount in advance (below) for \$25 or at the conference for \$30 each.
- Please Return this completed form by September 13, 2004. Please submit one form per conference participant. Make checks payable to “NCPMA” and mail to:

Suzie Nicholson, Mapping Supervisor
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Registration Questions to:
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Registration Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Registration – NCPMA Member		\$100	\$
Registration – NCPMA Non-Member		\$120	\$
Additional Advance Banquet Tickets (per person) Non-refundable		\$25	\$
<i>Make checks payable to “NCPMA”</i>	Amount Enclosed		\$

CHECK THIS BOX TO REQUEST A RETURN RECEIPT

If you have further questions, please contact:

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MAPPER OF THE YEAR

I nominate :

For the following reasons:

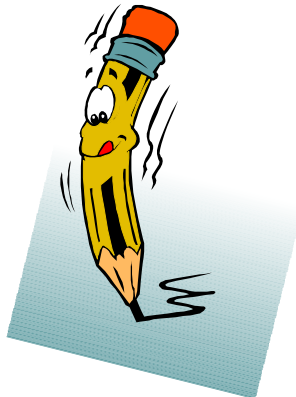
REQUIREMENTS: The individual must be a member in good standing with the NCPMA, and be certified by the NCPMA as Mapper or Senior Mapper. The individual must also exemplify great commitment to and involvement with the Association.

Please attach any additional documentation, such as letters of reference. The decision of the selection committee is final.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 24th 2004:

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New Appointment to Local Government Committee

Hi. I am your new NCPMA representative on the Local Government Committee of the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council. Last year the Council sent out a data inventory survey to all county governments and to more than 140 municipalities. More than 90 counties and 90 cities responded to the survey. The results were used in the development of NC OneMap. Soon, a similar survey will go out to state government agencies. Local government GIS staff can help in the design of the survey by indicating which state government data layers are of most concern to local government. This is our chance to identify those data layers that we would most like to see state government agencies serve over NC OneMap.

Please respond to me,

Steve Randone
srandone@brunsco.net

Calendar of Events

October 2004

6-8 NCPMA Fall Conference Sheraton Imperial, RTP NC

11-15 Fundamentals of Listing and Assessment School of Gov't, UNC-Chapel Hill

November 2004

7-10 Annual URISA (National) Conference Reno, NV

10th NC GICC Meeting Raleigh NC

16-19 Assessors Conference Sheraton Capital Center Hotel, Raleigh NC

March 2005


3-4 NC GIS Conference Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem, NC

August 2005

1-5 NCPMA Mapping School Sheraton Grand Hotel, New Bern NC

September 2005

18-20 IAAO Conference Anchorage, AK

	<p>March 3-4, 2005 Benton Convention Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina</p>

For NC Property Mappers

Spring in North Carolina—Whether it is showers of rain, snow, or Bradford pear petals, nothing will halt the 9th biennial North Carolina Geographic Information Systems Conference. Sponsored by the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis and the Carolina Chapter of URISA, and co-sponsored by the North Carolina Property Mappers Association along with 45 professional associations, universities and community colleges, research institutes, and public utilities, this is the conference for you!

The conference has a reputation for excellence that attracts hundreds of Carolinians as well as a national audience of developers and users of geographic information involved with land records and tax mapping, planning and local service delivery, state government, information technology, health and human services, education, and utilities. And the national and homegrown URISA workshops preceding the conference on Wednesday, March 2 provide useful topics to help you do a better job.

We expect to have 50+ exhibitors that represent your work world, a *lively* poster session, and good eats.

On top of that, the conference is a bargain! Full conference registration is \$75 for two full days of conference sessions and activities. The Adam's Mark Hotel has a special NC GIS conference rate of \$89/night for single, double, triple occupancy—make your reservation now by calling 336.725.3500.

Calling all North Carolina Local Governments!

A feature of each conference is the awarding of the “Herb Stout Award for Visionary Use of GIS by a Local Government in North Carolina.” Sponsored by the NC Geographic Information Coordinating Council this prestigious award was created to honor exemplary use of GIS. The award has been presented at each conference since 1993 in memory of Herb Stout who championed the use of GIS as a Wake County Commissioner and Chair of the Triangle J Council of Governments.

You should enter. If you have solved a perplexing problem or implemented an initiative for your work group, organization, or even the citizenry with GIS, submit an application. If you improved efficiency, reduced costs, increased productivity, or have used GIS innovatively, submit an application. Your organization can win this award, but only if you enter by the end of December 2004.

For information on the conference, program (as it becomes available), exhibitors, poster session, and the Herb Stout Award, visit

<http://cgia.cgia.state.nc.us/ncgis2005/>