



TIPS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 16, 2006

09:30 – 10:30 AM CENTRAL TIME

ATTENDEES:

WRCC: Clark, Evans, Ferarese, Hamm, Osborne, Swartz, Trudeau, Trujillo, Welsh, Wilhelm

MCRCC: Behum, Meier

ARCC: Winters, Kosareo, Stoyek

KFO:

Big Stone Gap FO: Morris

PRIORITY:

TOPIC: The parting of Steve Parsons and Kevin Garnett

DISCUSSION: Both Steve and Kevin will be missed greatly by TIPS. Discussions have started in who will take over their roles in TIPS and as software managers. The CAD team will need a new team leader. Someone will have to take over the large watershed and Geoflu software testing.

TOPIC: Customer Questionnaires

DISCUSSION: Welsh reported that the mobile computing team was satisfied with the survey. The software use survey has also been reviewed. There was discussion that Adobe Professional was not needed to fill out and send the survey. It was also discussed that it would be best if both the mobile computing and software needs surveys were sent to the customers together.

DECISION: Hamm will review and then distribute to the Team for final review.

TOPIC: Software Distribution

DISCUSSION: There have been some difficulties with the use of USB hard drives for software distribution. Alternatives are being evaluated.

TOPIC: TIPS Steering Committee Meeting

DISCUSSION: The meeting is happening in Baltimore May 9-11. The final list of attendees will be posted to the share point site. The agenda has been set. Award nominations are needed.

DECISION: Please send your award nominations to a member of the coordinating team or Lois Uranowski

TOPIC: TIPS National Team Meeting Update

DISCUSSION: The team is looking into hotels in Breckinridge and Colorado Springs. The agenda and participant list is nearly complete.

TOPIC: Training Program

DISCUSSION: Evans is working on a calendar in Outlook that would allow users to view the course schedules for the different training centers.

TOPIC: ERDAS 9.0 Deployment

DISCUSSION: The latest and greatest version is here and looks to be very functional. Hopefully deployment will occur by mid-April.

DECISION: Service managers should contact their customers to see who is interested in using ERDAS so a census can be reached. Please email Diane Osborne for more information.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2006