



## **President's Message September 2005**

Hello BAAMAonians! New BAAMA Officers were elected at the June Board meeting. I am pleased to announce that Scott Gilliland will continue as Secretary, Bruce Joffe will continue as Treasurer, Dennis Wuthrich will serve as Vice President, and yours truly will serve as President. I was involved in the very early BAAMA days and recall vividly helping to organize the 2nd Annual CalGIS Conference held in San Francisco. BAAMA and the CalGIS Conference continue to be great local GIS resources.

I feel very fortunate to be involved with such a great organization that is so active in the GIS community. The Board meets monthly to focus on the question: "Are we serving you?" We had a huge turnout at the joint BAAMA/APA GIS in Planning meeting in July. Elsewhere in the newsletter you will see details on the September Spatially Enabled Databases meeting. Just last night the Board was firming future meeting dates and identifying potential topics of interest. I encourage you to use the [www.BAAMA.org](http://www.BAAMA.org) home page form to suggest topics.

In November, we move to a non-traditional meeting date so that our membership meeting can coincide with GIS Day with an event at Mulford Hall, UC Berkeley. The event flyer is available on the BAAMA web. To close 2005 we plan to bring you another holiday networking party.

Behind the scenes we held a Strategic Retreat to identify new initiatives, and validate current initiatives, that will keep BAAMA as the organization "Connecting people who need GIS with those who know GIS." Previous retreats have launched the now operational web-enabled membership database and sparked the idea of the BAAMA Journal which will launch next year. We should have some exciting volunteer opportunities to announce soon.

Thank you for your membership.

Ciao, Malcolm