

**National States Geographic Information Council  
Board Meeting  
Tuesday, February 23, 2010**

***Approved Minutes***

**Members Present: Will Craig (MN), President; Jon Gottsegen (CO), President-Elect; Learnon Dalby (AR), Past President; Bert Granberg (UT); Tim De Troye (SC); Mike Vanhook (AL); Chris Diller (WI); Ian Von Essen (WA); and Ivan Weichert (KS), Treasurer.**

**Staff and Others: Ed Arabas (OR); Mike Mahaffie (DE); David Brotzman (VT); Bill Burgess; Fred Stringfellow (KSG) and Amy Chetelat (KSG).**

**I. Call to Order**

W. Craig called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

**II. Changes to Agenda**

**III. Board of Directors Changes**

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the appointment of Ian von Essen for the director vacancy created by Michael Byrne's departure from the State of California. Von Essen's position will run through September, 2010.

**IV. Consent Items**

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the consent items, including the:

- Minutes from January 26
- Membership Report

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Weichert reported that the fund balance for the month ending January 31, 2010 was \$269,454.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the financial statement for the period ending January 31, 2010.

**V. New Business**

**A. National Map Partnership Program/Budget Cuts** – Craig discussed the announced USGS budget cuts (\$3.5 million); and efforts to encourage advocacy to restore this funding. C. Smith suggested that NSGIC encourage and "sign on" to a COGO-generated letter in support of this funding. Action: Burgess was charged with modifying the NSGIC letter for COGO purposes.

**VI. Unfinished Business**

- A. Review of Action List** – Craig discussed the Ongoing Action List document and the process for updating it. It was suggested that we post the action list, moving forward, on Google Documents to maintain it as a “live” document that allows directors and chairs to edit it as changes are made. In the short term, we’ll continue to include it on the board agenda as well.

## **VII. Reports**

- A. Washington Liaison** – B. Burgess has been engaged in the following activities since the last Board Meeting that are either 1) activities that required significant time or 2) represent issues that should be reported to the Board.

### **Board Activities**

- Began dialog with Al Leidner (BAH) about drafting a GIS section for a new State CIO handbook to be published at the end of the year by Public Technologies, Inc. for NASCIO. Reviewed his section in the local government CIO handbook and plan to draft an outline for the new piece. Tim DeTroye, Will Craig and Bill Burgess have volunteered for this effort. Are there any other volunteers?
- Drafted a letter for Will Craig’s signature to the House Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, asking them to restore the \$3.5 million budget cut in USGS Partnership funds. Also coordinated with MAPPs on this cut to describe the impact on their membership.
- Attended the first day of the UCGIS meeting and circulated notes regarding the presentations (primarily place-based initiatives) and their significance to NSGIC.
- Working to bring together DHS, Interior and NOAA to discuss possible synergies in their programs with the new place-based initiatives – potentially at the Midyear Meeting. There are many possible ways to develop a synergy between Digital Coast, Virtual USA and the place-based initiatives.
- Hosted three President’s Calls to keep leadership engaged in current issues. Reports were issued for each call.

### **For the Nation Activities**

- Related matter – Developed a state survey on LiDAR usage with assistance from Cy Smith and hosted the survey through last Wednesday. The results of the survey were used to draft a State and Local Government section for FEMA’s RiskMap report that will be delivered to Congress in April. This information was also run past ASFPM for their concurrence and made available to USGS for the National LiDAR Study.
- Attended a TFTN session at the ESRI Federal User Conference to help facilitate the discussions about the planning effort that is about to start. Suggesting that the new FGDC Transportation Subcommittee should add

membership from all affected stakeholders and that it should be the Steering Committee for the planning effort. This will avoid separate, but parallel activities which is where we are currently headed.

### **Fifty States Initiative**

- Working with AppGeo and FGDC to prepare for the Fifty States Workshop at the Midyear Meeting.

### **GIS Inventory/State Summaries**

- Continued meetings with Boice Tomlin (System Administrator), AJ Wortley (Technical Manager) to determine the system changes that will be made this year.
- Met with representatives of DHS and the project team to discuss DHS requirements for a data registry system. We indicated that the GIS Inventory can be modified for this purpose and are awaiting their requirements.

### **Digital Coast**

- Attended the second day of the ESRI Federal Users Conference. Gave a presentation on the Digital Coast Partnership and how it serves as a model for Federal agency interaction with stakeholder groups.
- Tim DeTroye and I met with the DC Partnership Group to discuss recent activities, upcoming events and the next phase of the project.

### **Homeland Security**

- Bruce Oswald and Ted Koch are continuing work on this year's DHS contract. Bruce is meeting with the Washington State Fusion Center this week to determine their geospatial requirements for Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR).
- Regular meetings are held every Monday morning with Oswald, Koch, Diller and Burgess to continue progress on the contract. Significant time is being invested in the HSIP workshop to ensure successful results.
- Worked on analysis of the HSIP survey results to assist Koch and create a PowerPoint of the results for a meeting with NGA, DHS, and DoD.

### **Other Activities**

- Attended 2 meetings of the Conference Committee. Worked to line-up speakers for the Midyear Meeting and organize the sessions that I'm responsible for.
- Working with John Byrd of MAPPs to try and organize joint Hill visits during the Midyear Meeting.
- Reviewed several pages on the NSGIC web site and forwarded edits and modifications to the Communications Committee Chair and KSG for implementation.
- Attended 1 meeting of the Geospatial Preparedness Committee.
- Attended 1 meeting of the Geospatial Maturity Assessment work group.

- Developed and issued the Broadband Mapping Survey with Dave Brotzman.

**B. President's Call** – No additional report.

**C. Conference** – Stringfellow reported that registrations have improved from last week (101 compared to 139 last year at this time); and the hotel block has improved. We still may face attrition penalties at the hotel, but not as severe as previously expected.

**D. Sponsorship** – J. Gottsegen reported on current sponsorship commitments. Interest has been expressed by Intermap, Bentley and others who may still commit prior to the Midyear Conference. Gottsegen reported that the Sponsorship Committee will be looking strategically at the sponsorship model following the Midyear for longterm changes.

**E. Communications** – Mahaffie reported that the Committee has not yet had its monthly meeting. Google will be changing our blogging capabilities later this week, for easier posting capabilities.

**F. Geospatial Preparedness** – C. Diller encouraged interested individuals to sign up for the HSIP workshop in DC, so that lists can be finalized. Details about HSIP Gold will be provided at the upcoming State Caucus. Following the Midyear, the Committee will be spending more time on Webex sessions, etc.

**G. Technical Issues** –

Geospatial Maturity Assessment WG – Craig reported that a draft Statewide Geospatial Maturity Assessment (GMA) Model has been posted on the work group's website. Dennis Goreham was happy to see it and said it met many of NGAC's needs for NSDI Metrics.

Transportation WG – Trobia reported that the contract is moving forward. The TRB and FGDC are putting together a Transportation WG, in which NSGIC will have representation. Burgess reported that a suggestion has been made to FGDC that its Transportation Sub-Committee be used to steer this effort.

The Broadband WG will be meeting on Sunday evening during the Midyear Conference in Annapolis.

**H. Outreach** – Dalby reported that the Committee did not have a conference call in February. Dalby reported on his activities in DC during the Fed Users Conference: he met with Anne Miglarese regarding NGAC; an iMap proposal for \$15,000 was discussed (there

may be some alternative funding options); he met with Ann Neville to discuss “managing the data as it comes in, juggling states’ concerns, etc.,” (Dalby to forward TFTN contact info to Trobia and Widner); Data.gov polling continues (NSGIC is currently in second place).

- I. **Membership** – Arabas reported that the Committee is in the process of summarizing results of the recent membership survey for presentation at the Midyear Conference. The Board viewed a proposal from the Committee for the creation of a new membership category (\$1,000 State Council to include up to 5 individuals). The Board will be asked to vote on the proposed membership option at the March 9 meeting. The full proposal will be distributed to the Board.

It was suggested that mentors be assigned to new/first-time attendees at the upcoming Midyear Conference, and moving forward.

## **VII. Adjournment**

Craig adjourned the meeting at 2:35pm.