

**National States Geographic Information Council
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2010**

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Will Craig (MN), President; Jon Gottsegen (CO), President-Elect; Learnon Dalby (AR), Past President; Danielle Ayan (GA); Bert Granberg (UT); Mike Vanhook (AL); Chris Diller (WI); Ian Von Essen (WA); Tim DeTroye (SC); Barney Krucoff (DC), Secretary; and Ivan Weichert (KS), Treasurer.

Staff and Others: Ed Arabas (OR); Mike Mahaffie (DE); David Brotzman (VT); Cy Smith (OR); Michael Ouimet (BAH); Sandy Schenck (DE); Kenny Miller (MD); Tony Spicci (MO); Dennis Goreham (NSGIC); Roger Harwell (Intergraph); Bill Burgess; and Fred Stringfellow (KSG).

I. Call to Order

W. Craig called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Changes to Agenda

III. Consent Items

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

- Minutes from February 23
- Membership Report

IV. Treasurer's Report

No report.

V. New Business

A. NSGIC Awards – On behalf of the Awards Committee, Spicci presented proposed descriptions for the Outstanding Service Awards and Lifetime Service Award. It was suggested that we discontinue the Dedicated and Distinguished Service Awards. It was further suggested that Lifetime Service Award recipients be given lifetime membership privileges and free conference registration, provided they are not eligible for dues-paying membership through a new career position.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the new award descriptions, discontinue the two awards and approve the lifetime privileges.

B. GISCI Board – Arabas discussed the two NSGIC appointments to the GISCI Board. Arabas and Vanhook are the current representatives to the GISCI Board. Arabas suggested that we consider offering GISCI's

new Executive Director a complimentary registration to NSGIC's Annual Conference, along with a complimentary booth.

Moved, seconded and carried to appoint Mike Vanhook to a two-year term on the GISCI board, and to appoint Ed Arabas to a one-year term on the GISCI board.

- C. State Caucus** – Dalby suggested that NSGIC send a letter to M. DeMulder expressing the desire to work together on the USGS budget cut, in an effort to restore funding for liaison efforts. Craig offered to visit/meet with the USGS Director while in DC in March for NGAC. It was suggested that we advocate with DOI to get a USGS liaison for each state.

Action: Stringfellow to develop a communication for NSGIC members summarizing the recent CLC meeting and discussion items.

It was suggested that a non-CLC sponsor (Silver or Bronze) be added to the CLC as an at-large member for representation purposes. Craig indicated that non-CLC members are satisfied to be briefed at the annual sponsor lunch.

Gottsegen was asked to get feedback from the CLC on how they liked the joint conference.

Stringfellow suggested that we make a decision about the 2011 Midyear Conference (whether to co-locate with MAPPS) within the next 30 days.

The CLC had suggested that we provide state summary data compilations to sponsors, as a benefit.

The Board discussed the status on Clear 30 and what NSGIC's position should be.

Conference follow up: Craig to follow up on MN letter/regrets that GIO is not reporting to CIO office; Weichert to follow up on CRS – state clearinghouse information (for NSGIC to raise awareness); making the business case for geospatial data as an asset.

VI. Unfinished Business

- A. Action List** – The Board discussed the success/lack of success of the current action list. It was agreed to continue maintaining the list in its current form, but not to review in detail on every board call. It was agreed that committees and task forces should be more proactive with

adding action items between board calls. The action list should be maintained as it has been in the past, not through Google docs.

VII. Reports

A. Washington Liaison – No report.

B. President's Call – No report.

C. Conference – Spicci reported on the success of the Midyear conference. We were down approximately 30 registrations from 2009, however, we expect the meeting to be on track with budget. The board discussed the fact that the Conference Committee is heavily weighted toward corporate membership and federal participation, rather than state participation. The Committee is in need of more state rep involvement. It was suggested that the Conference Committee turn to other committees for program suggestions (GP, Tech Issues, etc.).

Arabas suggested that dues invoices include a check-off spot asking state reps which committees they would like to participate on.

Spicci reported on upcoming meeting sites – contracted: 2010 Annual in Minneapolis; 2011 Midyear in Annapolis; 2011 Annual in Boise; and 2012 Annual in Orlando. Being explored: 2012 Midyear in Annapolis or Baltimore; 2013 Annual in Kansas City.

D. Sponsorship – J. Gottsegen reported that we will continue to look at the sponsorship model, as we approach the Strategic Planning retreat in September. Ouimet suggested that we consider reaching out to NASCIO, as the “reach” and responsibilities of our core state rep members change.

E. Communications – No report.

F. Geospatial Preparedness – C. Diller reported that the Committee met during the Midyear and is working on 6-month goals. They are working on a resource document that could be used during emergencies.

G. Technical Issues – Brotzman reported that the Broadband WG will continue to meet and will be working with the Communication Committee to post some information on the NSGIC website.

H. Outreach – Dalby reported that M. Byrne is with the FCC; the Committee will further research place-based decision and place-based document; the Committee is now predominantly comprised of CLC members.

- I. **Membership** – DeTroye proposed creating a new membership/dues category to expand NSGIC involvement within states, for a \$1,000 State Council membership (for up to 5 members).

Moved, seconded and carried to adopt a new State Leadership membership for \$1,000 for up to 5 individuals, pending review of bylaws.

NOTE: Upon review of bylaws following the meeting, it was determined that a vote of member states is required to change membership dues structure.

VIII. Adjournment

Craig adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.