

**National States Geographic Information Council
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 30, 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); Cy Smith (OR); David Brotzman (VT); Gene Trobia (AZ); Bill Burgess; Bruce Oswald; 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. Consent Items

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

- Minutes from March 9
- Membership Report

IV. Treasurer's Report

Weichert reported that the fund balance for the month ending February 28, 2010 was \$383,563.

Weichert reported that some conference grant recipients have requested reimbursement for incidental and per diem expenses. Weichert will work with the Conference Grants Chair to better define NSGIC's policy on this. Weichert has joined the Conference Committee and will work toward a more-detailed accounting of the Midyear and Annual Conference expenses moving forward, as part of his participation.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the financial statement for the period ending February 28, 2010.

V. New Business – none.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Review of Action List – Updates were provided.

B. MAPPS/2011 and 2012 Midyear – The Board discussed the correspondence between John Palatiello and Fred Stringfellow concerning

co-locating Midyear meetings in 2011. After research, MAPPS declined to participate with NSGIC, since the meeting will be held in February instead of March. The NSGIC Board charged staff with pursuing a hotel in Annapolis for March, 2012, as a NSGIC-only event; but one that would enable NSGIC to include MAPPS in a co-located event at a future date. Dalby recommended that, if NSGIC decides to hold a co-located event with MAPPS in the future, that an MOU similar to the one that was signed for 2010 be put into place to protect NSGIC's interests.

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 drafting the outline and text for a GIS Chapter in the proposed NASCIO handbook that will be published at the end of this year. Tim DeTroye, Will Criag, Jon Gottsegen, Ed Arabas and Bill Burgess will work on this effort. The outline is due this week.
- Drafted additional letters for Will Craig's signature to the Senate Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, asking them to restore the \$3.5 million budget cut in USGS Partnership funds.
- Drafted a suggested letter for use by COGO on the same issue.
- Drafted Will Craig's testimony and follow-up thank you letters to the House Subcommittee on Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry to inform them about our issues with the NAIP budget and requesting that they move funds to a line item for NAIP.
- Created a contact list for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees to have the appropriate contact information for letters from the states and others.
- Drafted a letter to Dr. McNutt (Director USGS) for Will Craig's signature to raise awareness of the cuts in Partnership funds and to request that she not allow this to happen again.
- Attended the NSGIC Midyear meeting.
- Hosted three President's Calls to keep leadership engaged in current issues. Reports were issued for each call.

For the Nation Activities

- Met with Sandy Schenck of DE to work on his presentation for the National LiDAR Program panel at the American Association of Geographers meeting in April.

Fifty States Initiative

- Managed delivery of the Fifty States Initiative workshop at the Midyear Meeting. Approximately 45 persons attended the workshop.

- Commented on the final workshop report drafted by Applied Geographics and it was forwarded to FGDC.
- The only remaining significant task under this contract is conducting and analyzing the State Summaries for 2010.

GIS Inventory/State Summaries

- The conversion of the MYSQL database to a MYSQL Geospatial Database is underway. This is expected to dramatically improve the system reports and provide additional information for system administrators.
- Met with Victor Leotta of Leo LLC. He has developed a system for the Louisiana Department of Economic Development that has a nice clean interface, but does nothing beyond the GIS Inventory and does not include many of its features. His system does have a companion module to ingest the data layers that are inventoried and make them available as a “clearinghouse” function. His company is marketing this system to other states which is why he was directed to me by Missouri. This effort could prove to be a significant threat to the GIS Inventory. We reviewed each other’s systems and agreed to try to work together, as appropriate, in the future.

Digital Coast

- Conducted a Coastal Caucus meeting at the NSGIC Midyear Meeting.
- Participated on a Digital Coast Partnership call to plan for the presentation in April at the American Planning Association Conference in Louisiana. Criag Johnson will represent us at this presentation.

Homeland Security

- Worked with Bruce Oswald, Ted Koch and Chris Diller to host and facilitate the HSIP Data Workshop at the NSGIC Midyear Meeting. This was an invitation only meeting that was very well received by the ~ 50 participants.
- The same team has been busy analyzing the results and assembling the workshop report. We expect to meet with DHS next week to provide a quick look at the results.
- Provided comments to Bruce Oswald on his report related to the Geospatial Data Model which should be completed in the next week (Final Draft).
- Worked with NGA, DHS, DoD, and the Geospatial Preparedness Committee to help develop the waiver request for HSIP Partnership data, hosted a WebEx on this topic and distributed information to the State Reps.

Other Activities

- Attended 1 meeting of the Conference Committee. Worked to line-up Federal speakers for the Midyear Meeting and make sure they were aware of their role.
- Attended the FGDC Coordination Group Meeting and reported on it during a Prez Call.
- Met with FCC representatives and NSGIC Broadband leaders to look at issues surrounding the National Broadband Plan.
- Attended 2 meetings of the Geospatial Maturity Assessment work group.
- Met with Federal agency representatives to look at harmonizing the A-16 Supplemental Guidance on data lifecycles with NSGICs Lifecycle Model and the Geospatial Maturity Assessment Model. Contacted Danielle Ayan, FGDC and NGAC to try and bring these efforts together.
- Assembled notes on the State Caucus meetings for CLC members.
- Created a full spread sheet version of the 2009 State Summaries to meet a request from the CLC members.
- Attended 1 Geospatial Preparedness Committee Meeting at the Midyear Meeting.

B. President's Call – Craig reported on recent discussions concerning USGS. We have communicated to USGS our concern about the way in which the budget cut information/situation came to pass. Several state reps have contacted Congressional staff regarding the proposed budget cut.

C. Conference – The Committee will begin meeting via conference call beginning the week of April 5.

D. Sponsorship – J. Gottsegen reported that the Committee will begin meeting to solicit sponsors for the Annual Conference and to review the sponsorship model.

E. Communications – Stringfellow reported that a monthly call schedule will be sent out to members via the Member Listserv.

F. Geospatial Preparedness – State Reps who participated in the recent surveys have been sent the results, but we are trying to get clearance from DHS on sharing the results with the membership. Oswald reported that he is in the process of converting interviews into a final report. Oswald reported that he is looking for Fusion Centers who are using suspicious activity report data in their workflow/operations.

G. Technical Issues –

Geospatial Maturity Assessment WG – Arabas reported that the WG met last week and is working toward getting the first draft of a document completed in time for the Annual Conference.

The Broadband WG will be meeting in mid-April. Participants are currently busy working toward the March 31 delivery date. The NSGIC data model is being used as a model for delivery of data to FCC, via M. Byrne. Granberg has proposed some changes to the model and is awaiting a response on the revision from FCC. Granberg will bring the proposed revision to the NSGIC board for review and adoption. It was suggested that this be included on the Broadband page of the website, once the page is developed.

TFTN WG – Trobia reported that NSGIC will be on the agenda for GIS-T. They are developing a comprehensive set of questions for a “lightning round” session at the GIS-T Conference. Trobia and Widner are being proposed for FGDC’s TFTN Steering Committee.

H. Outreach – Dalby reported that the Committee will be meeting April 7. The FCC is interested in seeing the iMap concept come to fruition and is working toward implementation. Dalby reported that he has already received positive feedback about the calendar sharing, concerning volunteer opportunities.

I. Membership – De Troye reported that the vote on the new State Leaders category has been very supportive (15 for; 1 opposed) and will likely be adopted.

VIII. Adjournment

Craig adjourned the meeting at 2:20pm.