

**National States Geographic Information Council
Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 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); Danielle Ayan (GA); and Ivan Weichert (KS), Treasurer.

Staff and Others: Ed Arabas (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

Geospatial Revolution project was added to Unfinished Business; AAG's resolution on Geographic Education (COGO) was added to New Business

III. Consent Items

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

- Minutes from March 30
- Membership Report

IV. Treasurer's Report

Weichert reported on the December 31, 2009 year-end report as performed by KBST&M.

The fund balance for the month ending March 31, 2010 was \$417,698; up considerably from March, 2009.

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

Weichert reported that the NSGIC Investment Policy is in need of review, at the request of RBC Dain Rauscher. The Financial WG will be reviewing that in the coming weeks and will be making a recommendation to the Board.

IV. New Business

A. Lobbying Status – Burgess discussed the brief that was distributed prior to the call regarding the lobbying laws and how they apply to NSGIC. Burgess suggested that NSGIC meet with a lobbying firm with

expertise on the matter (OFW) for an opinion on whether NSGIC should be registering as a lobbyist or how to modify our activities in order to avoid registering (consultation at an estimated cost of \$5,000). Concern was expressed that some current NSGIC members may not be able to participate in the Council if it is a registered lobbyist. It was suggested that the Board approve “up to \$5,000” for this review, to determine how we can adjust our activities to avoid registering as a lobbyist. It was suggested that, in such a meeting, we get advice about proper protocol and procedures with regard to advocacy efforts.

Moved, seconded and carried to authorize Burgess to conduct a “first meeting” with OFW to determine how simple/complicated NSGIC’s situation is with regard to lobbying. In preparation for the meeting, Burgess should prepare a draft document outlining NSGIC’s outreach efforts (with Outreach Committee and Board input). The Board approved expenses of up to \$2,500 associated with the first meeting and preliminary review, if it is determined that a simple review is adequate.

B. COGO Resolution Supporting K-12 Geography Education – Moved seconded and carried to approve the proposed resolution from COGO. If the resolution does not garner sufficient support within COGO, NSGIC will support the initiative as a NSGIC resolution.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. Review of Action List – Updates were provided.

Geospatial Revolution Project

Vanhook reported that he had spoken to representatives at Penn State Univ. regarding the Geospatial Revolution documentary. They do not yet have complete funding for the project. They currently have the first four sessions funded. They are seeking sponsorship/outreach partners for the remaining episodes. Vanhook proposed that we show a 12-minute clip during the NSGIC Annual Conference (launch scheduled for September 15). Vanhook suggested that a COGO sponsorship (\$20,000) might be the best way to leverage support, with credit given to each partnering organization. The money needs to be submitted by June, 2011. Mahaffie/Communications Committee would assist with social media promotion of the information.

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

- Put together the initial draft of the NASCIO GIS Chapter and distributed it to the team for their contributions. First draft should be available some time next week for review.
- Followed-up on the advocacy review issue and drafted a brief for the Board.
- Coordinated final draft and review of letter to NTIA regarding fund expenditures for years 3-5 of the Broadband Mapping Program.
- Hosted two President's Calls to keep leadership engaged in current issues. Notes were issued for the calls.
- Hosting a WebEx session today on NHD as a follow-up for Will Craig's meeting with USGS. The states have shown significant interest in this session.
- Drafted a presentation for the NASCIO Conference with Jon Gottsegen that will be used in two sessions with State CIOs at their conference in Baltimore this week.

For the Nation Activities

- Met with Jim Lacy and Tim Rhuren to review issues that may be addressed during the upcoming NDOP Committee meeting in Charleston, SC and prepare for our participation.

Fifty States Initiative

- Worked with AppGeo and FGDC to develop a survey intended for the states to help determine the effectiveness of the CAP grant programs. Survey will not start until mid to late May. Help may be required from the Board to motivate all states to respond.

GIS Inventory/State Summaries

- Updated the training program used for GIS Inventory training.
- Conducted a training program for Idaho State on the use of the GIS Inventory System.
- Both Idaho and Mississippi appear to be adopting the system at this time.
- Actively participated in the meetings of the Geospatial Maturity Assessment work group. Drafted and suggested an alternative approach for an interim assessment that could be used for this year's state summaries.

Digital Coast

- Participated in a two day meeting of the Digital Coast Partnership in Jackson, MS. This meeting was designed to identify a focus for the coming year for the project. Followed-up with a suggestion to focus Digital Coast on the Administration's place based initiatives under the term "Healthy Coast." The point is to help elected officials and coastal managers have a scientific and environmentally sound way to improve

local economies and create jobs. This is under consideration by the staff at NOAA and may be sent to all partners if they agree.

Homeland Security

- Worked with Bruce Oswald, Ted Koch and Chris Diller to begin drafting the HSIP Workshop Report which DHS would like delivered next week. *Action: Burgess to circulate report to NSGIC Board prior to sending to DHS.*
- Briefed the DHS, NGA, DoD and USGS Partners on the initial findings and recommendations from the HSIP Workshop.
- Reviewed and provided comments on a recommendations report by Bruce Oswald on the Geospatial Data Model that is based on his research. We are recommending that DHS stop development on the model and have discussed this with the states. The only party expressing any concern is a consortium in San Diego. We are forwarding their concerns to DHS with recommendation on how to phase-out the model. This is good timing considering the Administration's direction to all agencies to adopt the National Information Exchange Model.
- Reviewed the status of waiver requests for HSIP Partnership data with BAH and will be following-up with states to get additional waivers submitted.

Other Activities

- Attended one meeting of the Conference Committee.
- Attended one meeting of the Sponsorship Committee.
- Attended one meeting of the Outreach Committee.
- Attended the FGDC Coordination Group Meeting and reported on it during a Prez Call.

B. President's Call – Burgess reported that FEMA has put out a RFI looking for a low-cost way to meet their needs for LIDAR elevation data; Burgess will relay concerns to FEMA that exist among states. Craig will be meeting with Brian Cramer, of USGS on June 21, while in DC for NGAC.

C. Conference – Spicci reported that the Midyear Conference evaluations are being reviewed and were generally positive. Planning is underway for the Annual Conference – a theme will be reported on the May Board call. Two calls for content have been sent out. The Committee will have recommendations on the May board call for the 2012 Midyear and 2013 Annual Conference.

D. Sponsorship – J. Gottsegen reported that the Committee has begun meeting to solicit sponsors for the Annual Conference. The CLC discussed the \$1,500 registration fee for government contractors (like

the BAH contractors working with DHS). They agreed that it would be appropriate for such contractors to register as members with their respective federal agencies, rather than as non-sponsoring corporates. Such individuals should act as agents of that federal agency and be restricted from talking about their private sector firm and its products or services.

- E. Communications** – Mahaffie reported that the Committee has been discussing the use/value of our listservs. The Committee is recommending that we adjust the listserv system to: NSGIC Board; State Caucus; and Members. The State Rep list would be expanded to a State Caucus listserv, and would include anyone eligible to participate in our in-person state caucuses (i.e. all State Govt members, and most Institutional and State Council members). Mahaffie suggested that, if approved, we should better educate members in the appropriate use of the listservs vs. the Blog, etc.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the expanded State Caucus listserv to include all dues-paying State/Inst members, as well as those non-members currently on the State Rep Listserv.

- F. Geospatial Preparedness** – No report.

G. Technical Issues –

Geospatial Maturity Assessment WG – Ayan proposed an updated charter for the GMA Work Group; and reviewed the milestones outlined in the charter.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the charter.

The Broadband WG – Brotzman discussed version 2 of the NSGIC Broadband Data Model.

Moved, seconded and carried to approve the proposed version, for forwarding to the FCC and posting on the NSGIC website. The Board discussed the fact that, once passed along to FCC and other agencies, the data model will become “theirs.”

TFTN WG – No report.

- H. Outreach** – Stringfellow was asked to distribute the April meeting minutes to the Board.

- I. Membership** – De Troye reported that they will be posting survey summaries to the NSGIC blog.

J. Next meeting – Stringfellow was charged with contacting the board about the possibility of rescheduling the May board call from May 25 to May 26, due to schedule conflict.

VIII. Adjournment

Craig adjourned the meeting at 3:20pm.