

Iowa Geographic Information Council
Summer 2006 Quarterly Meeting
 Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 10:0 am
 Central College, Pella, Iowa



Type of Meeting: Quarterly Board Meeting
Chair: Brad Cutler/Herb Kuehne

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Brad Cutler at 10:04am. All members present introduced themselves.

Board Members: An X next to the name indicates that the Board Member was present.

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Private Enterprise	Joe Eckman X Gail Brown Lang Deng X Anne Packard	X Jeremy White
Municipal Government	X Dave Croll X Herb Kuehne X Steve Cooper	Jake Sheets
County Government	X Micah Cutler X Lawrence Hartpence X Paula Lemke X Ron Koch	Ray Weiser Bob Heien
Regional Agency	X Brad Cutler X Ben McConville	John Thomas Mark Warren
State Agency	X Chris Ensminger Jon Paoli X Adam Kiel X Eric Abrams	X Jim Giglierano Kate Bussanmas Tom Samson
Federal Agency	X Gregg Hadish X Robert Lemen	Jim Phillips Kimberlee Barnes
University	X Dr. Anya Butt X Patrick Brown X Chris Seeger Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran	Matt Eastin Kevin Kane X Marc Peterson
Community College	Terry Brase Scott Ermer	Barb Berquam

Other members participating:

Mary McLaughlin (Benton Co.), Alan Jensen (ISU), Heather Roberts (League of Cities), Kris Tuttle (City of Des Moines), Ray Weiser (Scott Co.)

Bob Lemen requested that a discussion on USGS was added to the agenda. Micah made a motion to approve the agenda and Anya Butt 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye. The minutes from the Spring 2006 Quarterly meeting were discussed. <http://www.iowagic.org/about/meetings/2006/4-18-06-igic-quarterly-meeting-minutes.pdf>. Herb Kuehne made a motion to approve those minutes and Bob Lemen 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye. There were no committee minutes to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conference Committee – Ron Koch was nominated to be the conference committee chair by the committee. A brief meeting of the committee was planned for after the IGIC Quarterly meeting. The committee was aiming for 50 exhibitors; currently 22% of the exhibitor space has been filled. Ron asked people who work with various vendors/suppliers to feel to mention the conference, and send them a welcome sheet. The cost of exhibitor registration is \$550 and that includes 3 registrations. Micah Cutler will post an Exhibitor Information Sheet to the IGIC website and will send the link to the IGIC Board. Regular conference registration will be \$125 and workshop fees have not been set, but will likely be around \$50 for ½ day workshop. Clarion hotel is connected to the Sioux City Convention Center during the week of April 21st, 2007.

Finance Committee – Terry Brase was not able to attend and sent Gail Brown the Treasurer’s Report to submit to the board. IGIC has a balance of \$19,787.57. USGS money is what is left of the USGS CAP grant money that was earmarked for Metadata training and it will be used for the Metadata Retreats that Patrick Brown and Micah Cutler are organizing. Herb Kuehne had spoken with Terry and discussed that IGIC has never filed a report with the IRS. Herb would like to form a Treasurer Committee to review it – Anya Butt and Herb Kuehne volunteered to work with Terry Brase.

Membership & Nominations Committee – Micah Cutler reported that elections through the IGIC website went very smoothly. A total of 81 people voted during the elections. Micah asked for people to submit the name of his or her alternates to her. Patrick Brown and Brad Cutler discussed different technologies that would allow people to receive information that new data was added to the IGIC website, such as RSS feeds.

Micah Cutler handed out IGIC Board Member cards with each board member’s name on it. These cards can be used for identification purposes and to verify board membership for the GISP program.

Education Committee – Gail Brown reported that they attended a Bettendorf AEA Conference. IGIC is signed up for the Iowa Teacher’s Conference in Cedar Rapids this fall. IGIC will have a booth at this conference. Hawkeye Community College is loaning panels. Scott Ermer and Anne Packard will be working on a banner. Someone from ESRI will man the booth as an Education GIS expert. Gail asked for people to send her posters/graphics that they could use for promotional materials.

Strategic Planning & Bylaws Committee – Brad Cutler reported that the committee hasn’t done much. He hoped to meet after this meeting to organize the next steps.

Clearinghouse Committee – Patrick Brown reported that IGIC has registered a different domain for the clearinghouse – it is now IowaGIS.org. Patrick has contacted people to join this committee. He

has approached different organizations, such as USGS, DOT, Iowa State University, University of Iowa and ICIT, to form partnerships to support the clearinghouse, so it is not just an IGIC site. Patrick is planning a committee meeting this fall.

Patrick, Casey Kort, and Micah Cutler are holding a Metadata Retreat over the next two days (July 20th & 21st) at Central College in Pella, Iowa. Any metadata information that is created will be posted to the clearinghouse. There is also a place to put planned projects/data acquisitions, such as the LiDAR project with DNR, on the site. Patrick will be traveling to Arkansas for a Clearinghouse Summit to discuss various state clearinghouses. A MAGIC grant is paying for expenses.

Natural Resources Committee – Jim Giglierano reported that a 2nd LiDAR workshop was held in May at UNI in Cedar Falls, Iowa. About 25 people attended. He is tentatively planning another one for October at UNI and will likely do a workshop at the IGIC conference. The regular Natural Resources Committee meeting will be on August 15th in Iowa City.

Remote Sensing Committee – Chris Ensminger reported that the Remote Sensing committee met in Des Moines with Sanborn to discuss LiDAR. He was happy to report that the DNR is signing the contract today; just enough money was acquired so far to get the LiDAR. The funds do not include imagery, hardware, network support, etc. It is hoped that the first LiDAR flight will be in Spring 2007 and will take two years. Partners include DOT, NRCS, Division of Soil Conservation, and DNR. There will be a big marketing push to local communities, counties, etc. to know “buy up” options with Sanborn, such as higher resolution imagery. DNR will not be doing those contracts; they will be directly with Sanborn. USGS will be assisting with quality control. Chris discussed a variety of options to get the rest of the money necessary to complete the product – approach Iowa legislature, county/local cooperation, USGS funding, and the DNR revolving fund.

Gregg Hadish reported that the USDA NAIP flight this summer will be a statewide 1 m pixel resolution flight. The 2004 and 2005 NAIP flight was 2 m resolution. The 1930s USDA historical imagery project continues; 13 counties are on the website.

E911 and GPS Committee – It was noted by Brad Cutler that these two committees had not been active for some time and suggested that this might be a place for new board members to get involved. Micah Cutler suggested that E911 issues were local government issues and made a motion to abolish the GPS and E911 committee, which was 2nd by Chris Ensminger. Steve Cooper thought the GPS committee should not be abolished. Jim Giglierano mentioned that other states had a more active geodetic community and there are federal funds available, the Monument Modernization Program. Brad suggested keeping the GPS committee and investigating these fund possibilities. Steve agreed that he didn't have the time to chair such a committee. Jim suggested transforming the GPS committee to a Geodetic Committee. Micah changed her motion to abolishing just the E911 Committee and it was again 2nd by Chris. All members present voted aye. Lawrence Hartpence made a motion to change the GPS Committee to the Geodetic Committee and it was 2nd by Chris Seeger. All members present voted aye. Lawrence volunteered to chair this newly named committee and the first meeting is set for September 12th in Newton, Jasper County.

USER GROUPS

Eastern Iowa GIS Users Group – The next meeting was the following day on July 20th near Toddville. GPS issues were the topics of discussion.

Central Iowa ArcUsers Group – The next meeting was planned for the fall and would be a review of the annual ESRI conference in San Diego, CA, in August.

SLUG – There is a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in Sioux City and the public is always welcome to attend.

LIAISON REPORTS

Iowa Counties Information Technology (ICIT) – Micah Cutler reported that the ICIT Mid-Year conference was held in June 2006. The next one is planned for June 2007. Most of the county GIS Coordinators have been meeting to discuss the role of a statewide GIS Coordinator (funding, location, job description, expectations, etc.) Right now this is a brainstorming session and Micah will report any outcomes.

GeoTREE Project – Brad Cutler reported that four workshops have been planned and all have filled up. These workshops are free and there are likely to be more planned and they will be announced on the IGIC website.

MAGIC – Herb Kuehne reported that the March 2006 MAGIC Conference in Kansas City, MO, was a success and profitable. There was a meeting planned for the following week to start planning the next conference. Tony Spicci is the next symposium chair. Alan Jensen was contacted and volunteered to be a Project Showcase chair – Chris Seeger volunteered to assist.

NSGIC – Brad Cutler reported the next NSGIC conference is Oct 1-5, 2006, in Little Rock, AR. The deadline to apply for MAGIC travel grants to the conference is August 4th. Alan Jensen will continue on the NASA committee. NSGIC dues are coming up. Bob Lemen made a motion that we pay \$250 dues for one voting person to NSGIC for the next two year. Chris Ensminger 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye. Brad Cutler was appointed IGIC's NSGIC representative for the next two years.

IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES – Heather Roberts is here at the quarterly meeting to assist with GIS Coordinator discussions and to be a resource for IGIC, workshops, etc.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Brad Cutler reported that the Imagery for the Nation survey deadline is Friday, July 21st. Please respond; it is really easy and fast. There is a link on the <http://nsgic.org> website. There has been over 1,000 respondents so far.

CAP grants open August 18th, 2006. Micah Cutler is planning to apply for one regarding strategic planning and plans to do one for Strategic Planning and Jim Giglierano is going to apply for one regarding the LiDAR acquisition.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Herb Kuehne becomes the 2006-07 Chair and Brad Cutler becomes Past-Chair. Terry Brase has agreed to continue on as Treasurer (2-year position). All members present voted in favor. Micah Cutler has

agreed to be Secretary (2-year position) for IGIC. All members present voted in favor. Brad nominated Anne Packard as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations. All members present voted in favor.

NEW BOARD ORIENTATION (Q & A)

Brad Cutler asked the Board if there were any questions from new or recent Board members. There were none at that time.

LIAISON REPRESENTATIVES

These representatives will serve for the next two years.

ICIT: Ray Weiser, Scott County.

MAGIC: Alan Jensen and Herb Kuehne are going to keep involved, but would like to see someone be “officially” involved.

NSGIC: Brad Cutler, Golden Hills RC&D

Iowa League of Cities: Steve Cooper, City of Cedar Rapids

State CIO Meetings: Kris Tuttle suggested that Jon Paoli (Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management) might be a good candidate. Brad Cutler was going to talk to him.

NSDI PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

Bob Lemen discussed what the NSDI partnership agreement was looking for. This is basically a framework to describe how IGIC is going to work with USGS. This document doesn’t commit any specifics – just says that we are going to work together to develop spatial data infrastructures. Brad Cutler asked the Board if this was something that IGIC should pursue. Patrick Brown said this would help IGIC promote itself. This will be discussed among the Board for comments and will be discussed as a business item at the October Quarterly meeting.

A NHD workshop will be held next Tuesday, July 25th at the GIS lab at Iowa State University.

IOWA PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES FOR CHARITABLE NONPROFIT EXCELLENCE

A document has been put out by the Secretary of State’s office that discusses the responsibilities of Board members and practices that members of a non-profit organization should be aware of.

BYLAWS CHANGES

Herb Kuehne will draft language to formally change the IGIC By-Laws so that the Vice-Chair is not necessarily the Chair of the IGIC Conference committee. He will bring that to the next Quarterly meeting for Board voting.

NEW OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has found that there are not many resources to use to promote IGIC. Brad Cutler proposed the creation of an Outreach Committee to address issues such as: promotion of IGIC and to create materials available to IGIC members for presentations or conferences. Brad asked for any volunteers to sit on this committee to see if a charter could be established that would address committee goals and purpose. Among the first items to be examined by this committee will include preparation of IGIC themed materials for the October education conference as well as looking at communications tools available to IGIC. Besides Brad, others volunteering to assist with this activity included Anne Packard, Eric Abrams, and Ben McConville.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the Iowa DOT facility in Ames, Iowa. Eric Abrams is going to check which dates are available for that space. Tentative meeting dates are set for Tuesday, October 10th or Tuesday, October 24th, 2006. Herb Kuehne will notify the Board by email.

Respectfully submitted,
Micah Cutler
IGIC Secretary