



Meeting: 2026 Winter Quarterly Business Meeting

Time: Wednesday, January 14th, 2026 – 10 AM

Executive Committee:

Chair:	Travis Gerrish	Franklin County
Vice Chair:	Freddy Segura	Iowa DOM
Past Chair:	Nicole Shippers	Marion County
Secretary:	Anya Butt	Central College
Treasurer:	Josh Obrecht	ISU

Board Members

Sector	Name	Organization	Present at Meeting
Private	Tracy Jo Engel	Practical Farmers of Iowa	X
	Louise Jennings	HNTB	
Municipal Government	Greg Jameson	City of Grimes	X
	Ben Wagner	City of Waterloo	X
County Government	James Worm	Clay County	X
	Nicole Schippers (past chair)	Marion County	
	BJ Covington	Polk County	X
State of Iowa	Adam Shell	Iowa DOT	X
	Brad Cutler	Iowa DOT	X
	Patrick Wilke-Brown	State of Iowa, Office of the CIO	X
Regional Organization	Zhi Chen	Des Moines Area MPO	X
Federal Government	Chris Hawes	US Army Corp of Engineer, Rock Island District	
Education	Anya Butt (Secretary)	Central College	X
	Josh Obrecht (Treasurer)	Iowa State University	X
	Ryan Pettit	Iowa State University	
At-Large	Debbie Stevens	William Penn University	
	Travis Gerrish (chair)	Franklin County	X
	Freddy Segura		X
	Matt Boeck	Story County	X
	Matt Hoehn	Esri	X
	Jeff Miller	Dubuque County	X
	Joey Reid	Sioux County	
	Molly Steger	Dubuque County	X
	Nathaniel Story	Cherokee County	
	Sarah Haberl	Carroll Country	X

Also present: Wael Ahaj, Jason Dolf, Evan Sinnott, Jim Sholly, John DeGroote, Heather Kircher, Laura, Lawrence Hartpence, Amy Logan, Jack McGrane, Melanie Ewalt, David James, Colton Clack.

1. Welcome and Opening

- a. Roll call and introductions
- b. Approve Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Greg Jameson, Jeff Miller seconds. Motion approved.

Minutes from the last meeting were not received yet and thus will need to be approved at a later date.

2. Treasurer's Report – Josh Obrecht

- a. Current status

Since the start of October, there were several previously approved payouts that occurred. These include the support for the user groups, the gift cards that were disbursed for strategic planning, the support for MAGIC and the support for the ISU orthoserver. Also, since October, our taxes got done and we received the remainder of last year's ITAG conference. The current balance is \$44,638.72

- b. Site License

Josh need to get the revised values to the schools. Graceland will not be proceeding next year, so there will be a small adjustment. Also, ESRI is lowering the amount of credits that schools are getting and the users per type. That will likely be coming into effect this coming license year. We may be able to by-pass this another year by renewing early.

The site license cost itself will change overall in 2028, but that was expected.

3. Updates from Committees & Representatives

- a. Strategic Planning and Bylaws – Greg Jameson

- i. Update Provided

The board have been going through strategic planning. We have had about 4 meetings since October, looking at the current state of IGIC, the future state of IGIC and anticipated future structure and support. After all these meetings, there are some things the board would like to share with the membership:

- 1) there is strong interest in a newsletter and we are trying to figure out how to deliver that
- 2) we need to re-energize our committees and readjust how we supply energy to them. That may require us to shrink them down and make them more focused

We also tried to come up with some smart goals. A lot of that is in preparation for the upcoming elections. In addition, we have been working on bylaws updates.

- ii. Temporary Committee Assignments

For the next three months, we would like to invite the membership to attend and participate.

We are going to take all 25 board members and divide them into 3 committees in order to focus on membership engagement, governance, sustainability and data and standards.

The membership & engagement committee will be primarily focused on outreach. Louise Jennings and Ben Wagner have already indicated interest in serving on this committee and will take point.

The committee on governance and sustainability will be primarily focused on updating the bylaws. Greg Jameson will take point on this.

The last committee will be led by Freddy Segura, which will focus on getting our website and data up to date, especially in preparation for our April board meeting.

- iii. Questions:

Amy questioned if there would be information sent out (e.g., meeting times). Greg will. Travis wonders how many people are envisioned for each committee. The hope is equal distribution, so hopefully around 7 each. He will send out a survey after the meeting for board members to help assign board members to committees.

b. Education – Amy Logan/Debbie Stevens

This committee has not met recently, so things are currently on hold. There is nothing new to report currently.

c. 911 Council Liaison– Jeff Miller

Everybody continues to meet the thresholds, which is good. There will be some additional encouragement to ensure that everyone is filling the standard fields properly, but that will be after the fiscal. Folks with questions are encouraged to contact Jeff Miller.

d. MAGIC Liaison – Jim Sholly

The conference is coming up in April. Registration is open as well as for submitting abstract. Further information can be found at <https://www.magicgis.org/event-5948062>

There is a grant program for offsetting travel and registration. There is funding available, since no one has applied to date.

If you know someone to nominate or would like to self nominate for an award, please do so.

e. Awards - Niccole

no updates

f. Geodetic – Adam Shell

The last couple of meetings in 2025 were cancelled either due to government shutdown, lack of updates or member conflicts.

Adam talked to the NGS advisor from NOAA Brian Shaw. NOAA has a new advisor, Jacob Heck, and Adam is coordinating to get him on the schedule for an update.

We are doing several items tied to our GS survey web app that will be included in the next update. There have been some conversions because of the datum change and NSRS modernization to the regional coordinate systems tied to the real time network RT and RTK.

The next meeting is February 16th, at 11 am.

g. ITAG Committee Update – Travis Gerrish

There was a meeting last week. The committees are starting to pull together. If you are interested in helping, please contact either Travis or Colin Gerst, the president of ICIT. This year's theme is Clue. The hold the date postcards should be coming out soon. The conference will be the first week of June at Prairie Meadows.

4. UNI GeoTREE Center LIDAR Application – John DeGroote

Following on from ISU's request during the last meeting, John DeGroote would like to request some funding to help support GeoTREE which helps support LIDAR data dissemination. They got some funding from the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS), but that has just ended. They updated their app which allows for the dissemination of small optimized geotifs that can be used within GIS. They also developed, with funding from the Iowa Economic Development Authority, the Iowa Solar Asset Mapping portal using the LIDAR data. They currently have no continuous support and are requesting \$2000 for continued update and maintenance.

Zhi Chen notes that as a planner they have used the solar asset planner to successfully obtain a grant, so the data provided by GeoTREE has wide applicability.

When asked about the nature of this request, John indicated that he would welcome a situation of an every other year support, similar to the IGIC's support of the ISU orthoserver. Freddy Segura motions, Ben Wagner seconds the motion. **Motion passes.**

5. State of Iowa Activities – Patrick Wilke-Brown

The state just put forward their award notice for broadband. They will be working through the applications and awards, as well as working through negotiations contracts.

Their internal geospatial working group has been working on parcel assessment attributes that are a key part of doing state business. They are looking at how do we make a statewide parcel layer, if that is possible. This would require standardization of certain attributes. He proposes that we have some of these conversations more formally in IGIC. Zhi would like to know if they are looking for stakeholders to talk about things like schema or other types of stakeholders. He is willing to share the information with the American Planning Association.

Another thing of note is imagery. Federal partners in the past have flown imagery. The Assessors' Association is also interested in imagery and interested in possibly combining flights or budgets. The state office is putting together their list of desired specifications surrounding imagery (frequency, leaf off/on, etc). Right now, the conversation is driven more by vendors than by the customers. This might be a conversation that also should be within IGIC to help develop the RFPs and what our needs are. This will move forward in the next 6-12 months. It would be nice to get ahead of this beforehand. Greg is interested in the imagery conversation, since the city of Grimes has its own contract for imagery. Tracy notes that it would be nice to include the 4th band for Color Infrared imagery. Anybody who is interested, please contact Patrick.

LIDAR group: New specifications for USGS, 3DEP have been coming out regularly. They are working on a plan for the next LIDAR acquisition.

6. Other Projects, Conferences, Representatives and Regional User Groups

a. Lunch and Learns Update

There is one by Joseph Kerski presenting on AI and GIS: how, why and its impacts on GIS and society. It will be at 2:30 tomorrow.

There is nothing known a lunch and learn about next month yet.

b. Monthly Enterprise Chat – Dave Runnells

stay tuned for more information

c. SGEA Meeting - ESRI

Chris Wright and the rest of the St. Louis teams is looking at holding an April meeting, but details will be forthcoming later.

7. Upcoming meetings

Next meeting Wednesday, April 22nd, 2026, at 10 am (Q2 – Spring)

There will be some committee meetings before then, depending on committee assignments

2026 Business Meeting Dates (tentative):

- i. July 22, 2026, at 10 am (Q3 – Summer) (Week after ESRI Conference?)

ii. October 14th, 2026, at 10 am (Q4 – Winter)

Motion to adjourn. Tracy Engel motions, Josh Obrecht seconds.