

Iowa Geographic Information Council
Winter 2006 Quarterly Meeting
 Wednesday, January 18, 2006 at 10:30 am
 Iowa DOT Facility – Ames, IA



Type of Meeting: Quarterly Board Meeting
Chair: Brad Cutler

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Brad Cutler at 10:30am.

The following Board Members were present:

SECTOR	REPRESTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Private Enterprise	Joe Eckman, Gail Brown, Dan Corbin	
Municipal Government	Chad Olson, Herb Kuehne, Kristen Tuttle	
County Government	Micah Cutler, Ron Koch	
Regional Agency	Brad Cutler, Mark Warren	
State Agency	Eric Abrams, Teresa Taylor	
Federal Agency	Gregg Haddish, Robert Lemen	
University	Dr. Anya Butt, Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran, Kevin Kane	Patrick Brown
Community College	Scott Ermer	

Others participating:

Ryan Lafrenz (Jones Co.), Tom Samsen (IDOT), Paula Lemke (Cerro Gordo Co.), Lawrence Hartpence (Jasper Co.), Ann Packard (Fox Engineering), Stephanie Andersen (Southern Iowa Council of Governments), Rod Odom (Watershed Concepts), Steve Cooper (City of Cedar Rapids), Jeff Combs (City of Cedar Rapids), Chris Solberg (The Schemmer Associations)

One item was added to the agenda - discussion of the 501(3)c status of IGIC. The Executive Order discussion was moved to the end of the agenda because Kevin Kane was going to be at the meeting at a later time. Mark Warren made a motion to approve the agenda and Kris Tuttle 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye.

The minutes from the Fall 2005 Quarterly meeting were discussed. Herb Kuehne made a motion to approve those minutes and Joe Eckmann 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye. There were no committee minutes to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Conference Committee – Brad Cutler reported that the Conference Committee had a “wrap up” teleconference meeting the previous week. This next conference will see a lot turnover – several local Ames people have been involved in the last two conferences and are going to be stepping down from the committee. There is a need for volunteers to plan the 2007 conference in Sioux City. The time commitment will not be great – everything is done by teleconference. Herb Kuehne indicated that there was a strong interest from people in South Dakota. Micah Cutler mentioned that she would speak to ProMap about having a function with the IGIC conference because they have a large number of clients in South Dakota. Kris Tuttle wondered if there was any connection we could make with Gateway for workshops/labs/presence, etc. The convention facilities have three labs and we can use an education site license for ESRI software. Joe Eckmann mentioned that ESRI had a mobile laptop lab that could be made available. The conference will run from April 23-25th with workshops on Tuesday. There will be an evening reception at the Arts Center and two lunches.

1. Finance Committee – Terry Brase was not able to attend the Quarterly meeting. He sent the current balance report (Please see the attached Financial Report). The current balance is \$21,000 and Brad Cutler reminded the Board that we have to live on that money for another year. Kris Tuttle made a motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Anya Butt 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye.
2. Membership & Nominations Committee – Micah Cutler said that if people applying for the GISP need proof of IGIC membership, they should contact her. Sector nominations will be at the Spring 2006 Quarterly meeting and all sectors can vote for each other, not just in his/her own sector. Micah Cutler will be sending out reminders on the listserv about elections.

Patrick Brown has been working on an online membership registration form. This would be tied to the logon process for the IGIC website. Membership information, including committee preferences, will be collected and tied to any other database. People would have to acknowledge that they are in fact a member of IGIC, not just the email list, and it will send out an automatic renewal reminder and print a membership certificate. Mark Warren suggested a “disclaimer” of sorts that the IGIC Board is reviewing a nominal membership fee for future registration. Ron Koch mentioned wanting to create a “hierarchy” of email possibilities. Possibly a member could indicate that they only wanted to be on an event email notification list, and not the general IGIC list. There might also be the option of indicating on the registration form if you want to receive committee list emails, even if you are not on the actual committee.

3. Education Committee – Gail Brown said that the Education Committee met that morning. They are in the process of creating an outline for an educational Powerpoint presentation for Area Education Agencies that had been previously contacted. The presentation would cover GIS and GPS at the K-12 grade levels. She would like to see a Powerpoint library created on the IGIC website or a page of links to educational Powerpoints hosted at other sites.
4. Strategic Planning & Bylaws Committee – Barb Berquam has put together a list of examples of GIS uses in Iowa since the last meeting. It was originally created to show decision-makers the vast array of GIS uses. Brad Cutler has compiled a list of past strategic plan initiatives. He commented that it is remarkable how similar the goals and objectives have been over the past

eight years. The outline for the strategic plan is on the IGIC website. Brad would like to set up a 2-day session to work strictly on the strategic plan and got a list of interested participants. Micah Cutler and Patrick Brown are working on a possible USGS CAP grant that could be used for strategic planning purposes.

5. Clearinghouse Committee – Patrick Brown said to talk to him if you need assistance putting up metadata on the clearinghouse site. Patrick is going to be contacting people that he knows has good data to put their metadata on the site..
6. Natural Resources Committee – There will be three meetings in the next 6 months. 1) March 7th, 2006, will be a LiDAR workshop at ISU. Participants will get the opportunity to explore the data. 2) During the week of May 2nd, 2006, there will be a watershed modeling meeting. 3) The regular Natural Resources Committee meeting will be in August 2006.
7. Remote Sensing Committee – Jim Giglierano mentioned there will be a NAPE flight in the summer 2006 with 2-meter resolution. There is talk about getting funding partners in 2007 to obtain a 1-meter flight. Historical photography is being scanned and put onto the ortho server – about 10 counties are done. DNR is continuing to try and put a LiDAR flight into the budget. They are working on obtaining funds from a few “pots of money” available and if that fails, then they will try to obtain partners.

USER GROUPS

Eastern Iowa GIS Users Group – The next meeting is on January 25th in Toddville and LiDAR will be the topic of discussion.

Central Iowa ArcUsers Group – The next meeting is on March 8th at the Ankeny City Hall and the topic will be the new ESRI Image Server and ArcWeb server.

SLUG – There is a meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month in Sioux City and the public is always welcome to attend. There are currently around 90 members.

LIAISON REPORTS

Iowa Counties Information Technology (ICIT) – ICIT will have their spring meeting at the ISAC Spring School of Instruction. They are holding joint session with the Sheriff’s Association on the Sex Offender Registry and the 2000 foot buffer law. The ICIT Mid-Year will be in Mason City on June 14th – 16th, 2006.

MAGIC – MAGIC Conference is April 23rd-27th, 2006 in Kansas City, MO. There are over 20 vendors registered so far. Bob Lemen mentioned that there will be USGS mapping workshop during the Monday of the MAGIC Conference. This is for state representatives and USGS liaisons. He got the names of 4 or 5 people who are likely to be there and might be involved.

NSGIC – The NSGIC Mid-Year conference is in Mid-March. Kris Tuttle mentioned that there are scholarship funds available to send a representative. Brad Cutler went to the annual conference in October and may go to this meeting if funds are available.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIVITIES

State CIO Summit – This meeting was held on November 18, 2005, in Des Moines. There was an excellent turnout of GIS users. Much of the discussion centered on the need for a GIS Coordinator for the state. ICIT will sponsor the next meeting in May 2006.

ESRI/IBM Roundtable was on December 8th, 2005. The keynote speaker was Jim Geringer, former governor of Wyoming and ESRI employee. There was a responsive audience, but not as many “decision-makers” attended as hoped. There was a CIO meeting and a snowstorm that hampered the activity.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES – PAT DELUHERY

Pat Deluhery with the Iowa Department of Administrative Services spoke about the services that DAS has to offer various organizations within Iowa. The biggest use for GIS users might be the state contracts that DAS has with various companies, such as Hewlett-Packard. As a former Senator, Mr. Deluhery gave some insight into the legislative process and some advice on our quest for a GIS Coordinator.

Tips on public policy:

1. Define the problem – don’t start with the solution
2. Work to attract allies – emergency response, planning, business development
3. Be downright – simple and friendly with legislators and decision-makers; don’t get worked up or use a “verbal punch”

Effective Arguments for a Statewide GIS Coordinator

1. Other states have this and Iowans don’t.
2. Citizens are denied the value of their investment; you’ve already paid for this, let’s put it to some effective use (ex: E911).
3. Iowa is missing federal grant opportunities because there is not a central coordinating structure in place.
4. Our economic development is being hampered by our failure in this area.
5. The quality of your decision-making can be enhanced.
6. We locate information by boundaries on a map; GIS allows you to transcend these boundaries.
(Ex: flu in Illinois is going to affect Iowa)

IGIC EXECUTIVE ORDER

Kevin Kane, Brad Cutler, Joe Eckmann, ESRI’s Steve Kinzy and Governor Geringer talked to John Gillespie, State CIO, on December 7th about GIS Coordination in Iowa. Kevin reported that Gillespie is open to ideas, but there is no drive to make them happen. It will have to come from us. He would be supportive of an Executive Order and might be willing to push it to the Governor’s Office. He would support working with Iowa State to make state GIS Coordination go through them. Kevin’s boss and Gillespie are meeting the following week. Kevin recommended a small sub-committee get together and draft a new Executive Order to take to Gillespie within a month.

The 501(3)c status is not finished, as was previously thought. There is still one form left to fill out – Terry Brase will be taking care of it.

OUTREACH MATERIALS

Tri-Fold Brochures – Micah Cutler has created two brochures, one explaining IGIC to potential members and outside organizations and one outlining the need for a statewide GIS Coordinator. Jim Giglierano wondered who the intended audience was. Micah explained that the original audience was attendees of the CIO Summit and ESRI/IBM roundtable. Kris Tuttle said that we could use these materials at the MAGIC conference. Someone suggested creating a brochure explaining “the problem” – counties that don’t have GIS, can’t do such activities such as creating sex offender buffer maps, etc. Theresa Taylor mentioned that focusing on the local issues and getting a directive from the legislature is a better direction than expecting state department heads to create a position – they don’t have that type of control or priority.

Website – Kris Tuttle had investigated alternative URL addresses for IGIC and had previously sent out an email for responses. The overall favorite was IowaGIC.org with IowaGIS.org being a close second. Micah Cutler made a motion to purchase both URLs and additional extensions for at least 5 years. It was seconded by Kris Tuttle. All members present voted aye. Patrick Brown will make arrangements to purchase IowaGIC.org/.com/.net and IowaGIS.org/.com/.net.

METADATA RETREAT

Micah Cutler said that she was looking at possibly March 14th and 15th for a Metadata Retreat at Kirkwood Community College. It would be 1 ½ days with lunches, evening meal, computer labs, and in metadata advisors at hand. Many people felt that those dates during spring break would not be a good idea. Micah is going to send out an email to the IGIC list to get a better possibility of dates. She will look at making a smaller scale meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at the same Iowa DOT facility east of Ames on Tuesday, April 18th at 10:30 am.

Mark Warren made a motion to adjourn and Kris Tuttle 2nd the motion. All members present voted aye.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Micah Cutler
IGIC Secretary

IGIC Accounts - 2004-05

Date	To/From	Check #	Code	Inv./Deposit #	Description	Amount	Balance
9/2/2005	Terry Brase	537	Education		reimb copying of ESRI CD	(100.80)	\$ 11,159.67
9/2/2005	Kris Tuttle	538	Travel		reimb travel to MAGIS planning	(882.80)	\$ 11,058.87
9/2/2005	Deposit 1 of 2		conf		conf t-shirt/reg/booths/spons	10,970.40	\$ 21,146.47
9/2/2005	deposit 2 of 2		Education		ESRI license	3,500.00	\$ 24,646.47
9/2/2005	hickory Park	539	conf		Reiman garden reception	(969.90)	\$ 23,676.57
9/12/2005	ron koch	540	travel			(21.00)	\$ 23,655.57
	void	541	VOID				\$ 23,655.57
9/12/2005	Graphix Products	542	conf		pens - promotional	(661.85)	\$ 22,993.72
9/16/2005	Deposit		ed and conf			20,050.00	\$ 43,043.72
9/19/2005	Chase Card Services	543	conf		door prizes for conference	(378.16)	\$ 42,665.56
9/26/2005	Automated Deposit					1,492.49	\$ 44,158.05
9/30/2005	Kris Tuttle		travel		Travel to MAGIC planning mtg	(350.00)	\$ 43,808.05
10/17/2005	iowa state university	544	conf	00008516	Reiman garden reception	(70.00)	\$ 43,738.05
10/17/2005	Des Moines Water Works	545	meeting		meeting room charge	(100.00)	\$ 43,638.05
10/25/2005	Deposit 1 of 2		ed		ISU payment for ESRI license	19,000.00	\$ 62,638.05
10/25/2005	deposit 2 of 2		meeting		meals for quarterly meeting	110.00	\$ 62,748.05
10/25/2005	ESRI	546	Education		Statewide License	(44,000.00)	\$ 18,748.05
10/26/2005	A+ Conferencing	547	meeting	0000536071	Conference calls	(37.34)	\$ 18,710.71
11/3/2005	Inya Onwa	548	conf		award for poster	(50.00)	\$ 18,660.71
11/3/2005	Tony Spicci	549	conf		keynote speaker	(750.00)	\$ 17,910.71
11/3/2005	Nadler Bros	550	conf	77373	shirts	(334.20)	\$ 17,576.51
11/3/2005	A+ Conferencing	551	meeting	542304-06	conference calls	(17.53)	\$ 17,558.98
11/7/2005	Deposit					177.40	\$ 17,736.38
11/21/2005	A+ Conferencing	552	meeting	545084	conference calls	(150.00)	\$ 17,586.38
12/1/2005	iowa state university		conf		conference income	4,330.77	\$ 21,917.15
12/15/2005	University of Missouri-Columbi	553	promo		MAGIS Platinum level support	(600.00)	\$ 21,317.15
1/5/2006	A+ Conferencing	554	meeting	544046	conference calls	(54.70)	\$ 21,262.45
1/12/2006	Des Moines Botanical Garden	555	meeting	18129	subsidized meal costs	(422.00)	\$ 20,840.45
					2nd Qtr income	59,631.06	
					2nd Qtr expense	(49,950.28)	