



Meeting: Summer 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting **Time:**

Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting Option through WebEx

Executive Committee

Chair:	Greg Jameson	City of Grimes
Vice Chair:	Niccole Schippers	Marion County
Past Chair:	Ben Wagner	City of Waterloo
Secretary:	Anya Butt	Central College
Treasurer:	Josh Obrecht	Iowa State University

Board Members

Sector	Name	Organization	Present at Meeting
Private	Micah Cutler	Schneider Geospatial	
	Matt Hoehn	Esri	
Municipal Government	Cory Hines	City of Cedar Falls	
	Ben Wagner (Past-Chair)	City of Waterloo	XX
County Government	Matthew Boeck	Story County	XX
	Niccole Schippers (Vice-Chair)	Marion County	XX
	Penny Vossler	Boone County	XX
State of Iowa	Adam Shell	Iowa DOT	XX
	Brad Cutler	Iowa DOT	XX
	Patrick Wilke-Brown	State of Iowa, Office of the CIO	XX
	Zhi Chen	Des Moines Area MPO	XX
Federal Government	Chris Hawes	US Army Corp of Engineer, Rock Island District	
Education	Amy Logan	Iowa State University	XX
	Josh Obrecht (Treasurer)	Iowa State University	XX
	Adam Skibbe	University of Iowa	

At-Large	Anya Butt (Secretary)	Central College	XX
	Travis Gerrish	Franklin County	XX
	Greg Jameson (Chair)	City of Grimes	XX
	Brandon Lane	Warren County	XX
	Sunshine McDonald	City of Cedar Rapids	
	Jeff Miller	Dubuque County	XX
	Joey Reid	Sioux County	
	Debbie Stevens	William Penn University	XX
	Nathanial Story	Cherokee County	XX
	James Worm	Clay County	XX

Additional Attendees

Robin McNeely, ISU GIS Facility; Wael Alhaj, ISU GIS Facility; Jim Sholly, Cerro Gordo County; Sarah Murphy, Dallas County; Sarah Haberl, Carroll County; Jason Dolf, Dewberry; Shawn Blaesing, Iowa DOT; Laura Mott, Mason City; David Kroll, City of Johnson;

Welcome and Opening

Greg Jameson called the meeting to order at 10:03 am. General introductions and roll call.

Approve Agenda

The agenda was amended to move Penny Vossler from county government to at large.

Debbie Stevens made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and it was seconded by Penny Vossler. All members present voted aye.

Treasurer’s Report

Josh Obrecht gave a Treasurer’s Report. All site licenses have money has been received, a renewal fee for Quicken was paid, as was website support (approved last meeting). The current balance as of 10/19/2023 is \$32,094.89. Taxes should be done in next week or two. There are no big items coming up.

Discussion on Indian Hills curriculum

Debbie Stevens requested feedback on the Indian Hills curriculum and skill sets being taught. Information had been sent out prior to the meeting and, with approval from the Indian Hills advisory board, input was sought as to what products should be taught. They are using Survey123, getting more into field maps and quick capture, but wonder what they are missing for the associates’ program?

Brad Cutler said the list shared appeared to be a robust list, as it included: ArcGis Online, as well as Desktop with ArcPro. There was some discussion regarding the need to still teach ArcMap, since some counties and organizations are still using it, but our site license will not support ArcMap next year.

There was a suggestion to include more cadastral work. Also, since the site license gives access to Enterprise, they might want to explore teaching publishing and maintaining data on it. There may also be a need to consider the role of AI in the future. A discussion about the use of handheld GPS units revealed that many entities still use them, but a greater focus should be just how to collect data inside Field Maps. Debbie asks for other suggestions to be emailed to her.

Updates from committees and representatives

Education Committee Report

Robin McNeely will be retiring at the end of the year and will need someone to take on her role on Education Committee. Currently she focuses on internal member focused education, and outreach events for cities or organizations, Amy Logan and Debbie Stevens have been working on training teachers and students.

Debbie and Amy offered a K-12 teacher training recently with 5 teachers attending. They taught the teachers about different resources with the end goal to build a story map. Teachers can then know how to use story maps and hopefully have students join Iowa Map contest.

Information on the next map contest is getting ready to out. T3G sent out a call to recruit more teachers and students into the program. In November, Debbie will send out more information for teachers.

An Earth Observation Day event was held last week, with a lot of turnout from IGIC, including lots of IGIC speakers.

ITAG Venue Planning

Report by Niccole Schippers: The contract has been signed by ICIT and ITAG. The location is Prairie Meadows for the next 4 years. 2024 will be the last year at the Sheraton. Greg and Niccole will chair the conference in 2025, as it will be IGIC's year to chair the conference.

911 Liaison

The 911 council is on the governor's list to eliminate. Other than that, they are just working on a couple of minor issues, including transferring calls from cell phones in Iowa that route to out of state towers and some funds for training. Further clarification will come in the next meeting.

State of Iowa updates

Report by Patrick Wilke Brown: They are getting ready to announce \$150 million dollar grants for broadband. The next focus will be BEAD, and there may be some opportunities, particularly for county folks to get information about the application process.

Patrick recently returned from the National GIC. The main focus was on web accessibility and guidelines, especially accessibility guideline requirements, which are important to entities publishing information. Information how to design for better accessibility can be found at:

<https://www.esri.com/en-us/accessibility/resources>

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/08/04/2023-15823/nondiscrimination-on-the-basis-of-disability-accessibility-of-web-information-and-services-of-state>

Lunch and learn topics

Next week, Lauren Volker will be talking about ArcGIS image online. An email has been sent out and another will be sent out. November will coincide with GIS day, so it will be superseded by GIS day. In December, Tommy Larson will speak, topic TBD.

Please send topic suggestions for next year to Micah or Tyler Danielson.

Other projects, conferences, representatives and regional user groups

a. GIS Day – November 15th

ISU will have an event in the library. Details will be sent out as details are determined.

The Eastern Iowa User Group will also have an event. Information has been sent out.

- b. MAGIC will be April 15-18, 2024 in Omaha. The board sponsors this, usually around \$250.
Call for presentations will be coming out soon. IGIC board members should think about presenting or doing a workshop/mini-workshop (1.5 hours)

2024 schedule

January 17th, 2024

April 24th, 2024 - **this is a change to avoid a conflict with the 2024 MAGIC conference**

July 17th, 2024

October 16th, 2024

Other business

Debbie Stevens wondered if anyone is interacting with any 4H or extension offices, since the National 4H GPS/GIS program is looking for Iowa to get back involved. Debbie is will to help out, but they are looking for volunteers that can get involved to work with the students.

Congratulations to Robin McNeely on her retirement

Meeting Summary

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 am - next meeting Wednesday, January 17th at 10 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anya Butt