



Meeting: Winter 2024 Quarterly Board Meeting

Time: Wednesday, January 17th, 2024 – 10 AM

Location: Virtual Meeting Option through WebEx

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Executive Committee:

Chair:	Greg Jameson	City of Grimes
Vice Chair:	Nicole Shippers	Marion County
Past Chair:	Ben Wagner	City of Waterloo
Secretary:	Anya Butt	Central College
Treasurer:	Joshua Obrecht	ISU

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	
County Government	Matthew Boeck	Story County	X
	Nicole Schippers (Vice-Chair)	Marion County	X
	Penny Vossler	Boone County	X
State of Iowa	Adam Shell	Iowa DOT	
	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	X
Education	Amy Logan	Iowa State University	
	Josh Obrecht (Treasurer)	Iowa State University	X
	Adam Skibbe	University of Iowa	X
At-Large	Anya Butt (Secretary)	Central College	X
	Travis Gerrish	Franklin County	X
	Greg Jameson (Chair)	City of Grimes	X
	Brandon Lane	Warren County	X
	Sunshine McDonald	City of Cedar Rapids	
	Jeff Miller	Dubuque County	X
	Joey Reid	Sioux County	X
	Debbie Stevens	William Penn University	
	Nathanial Story	Cherokee County	X
	James Worm	Clay County	X

Additional Attendees

Asmik Puckett, Iowa American Water; Colton Clack, ISU; Jim Sholly, Cerro Gordo County; Ryan Brauer, SIMPCO; Randall Cutting, Minnesota; Pete Buckingham, SAM; Lori Judge, Iowa DOT; John Nerge, City of Brooklyn Park, MN; Joe Drahos, Iowa OCIO; Erin Strickler, Cloudpoint Geospatial; Sarah Haberl, Carroll County; John DeGroot, UNI.

Welcome and roll call

The meeting called to order at 10:04 am. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jeff Miller. Josh Obrecht seconded the motion.

Treasurer's report

Josh Obrecht provided the treasurer's report. There has been one transaction since our last meeting, which was the taxes being paid. Our current balance is 31684.89. He is checking on whether the costs for site license are changing. The assumption is that it won't, and if so, we will proceed with a similar fee structure as last year.

Discussion on IGIC membership list

Greg Jameson reported that our membership list doesn't seem to be updated. Working with Niccole Schippers and Ben Wagner, he is working to update it. The list has been shared with the board, and we are asked to leverage our connections to build a better list. Adam Shell will help with the Iowa DOT side. Niccole Schippers will help. Making sure that we have lists of individuals working in GIS in private or utility organizations will be the big challenge.

Greg will make it a One drive list and the board can check through it. A suggestion was made that we could also mine data mine through <https://www.gisci.org/Recertification/GISP-Registry>

Discussion on IGIC Salary survey

The Minnesota GIS/LIS has conducted a salary survey over the last couple of years. They have a robust survey and monitor growth of salary, and the ranges, as well as the skill sets. The results can be seen at <https://www.mngisliis.org/news/626402/Results-of-the-2022-Salary-Survey-are-here.htm> and https://www.mngisliis.org/page/results_survey.

The goal is a baseline of understanding the state of the profession across the state. How do different titles pay? What are the ranges? What are the different skill sets? What is the value of a GISP as opposed to a master's degree?

Our colleagues from Minnesota report that their goals are to

- 1) promote transparency
- 2) provide GIS professionals with a resource when negotiating pay
- 3) help new and aspiring GIS pros understand what their salary could look like as they start their careers

Greg is trying to create areas for us to also do a survey and has built the survey, starting from the Minnesota one (with their permission). Some discussion on how to improve the survey ensued. The timeline for this is still to be determined.

Discussion of ITAG 2024 Conference survey

Niccole Schippers reports on an idea that's been floated around: There seems to be less GIS people than IT people at recent ITAG conferences. We'd like to boost GIS attendance. Thus, a survey to see what folks want out of the conference and if they don't go, why not seems appropriate. Help is needed in designing a survey for this. This could even be folded into thinking about re-envisioning the ITAG conference in general.

Greg feels it is important to survey the folks that do not attend. Maybe we should even think about contacting GIS adjacent positions. Patrick brings up that it could be a perception that the conference is a county based event, in the aftermath of joining up with ICIT for hosting conference.

Discussion revolved on how to make the conference better. It would help if we had more GIS presenters. Or could we do something else, rather than just presentations. Right now, there is perception that there are too many vendor presentations. Maybe we could consider adding poster presentations or short presentations, a lightning round

presentation or a moderated conversation. We could livestream some of the presentations. The lunch and learns are popular, so there is an interest in learning from each other.

Kickoff of Bylaw committee Updates

The committee section of the bylaws needs to be updated. But Ben is not present today, so we will send out an email about this and circle back on this. If you want to help, reach out to Ben or Greg.

IGIC Election Nominations

Everyone except for Niccole and Greg are up for re-election. Ideally, we'd like to get everyone's nomination shortly after April meeting. If you want to run again, let Josh or Greg know. Once the board is set, vice-chair, secretary and treasurer will be elected during the summer meeting.

ITAG 2024 Conference Update

The 2024 ITAG Conference is June 17th – 22nd. There is a kickoff meeting tomorrow at 10 am. The theme this year are the National Parks, with the tag line to be decided on tomorrow. There was a call for volunteers, especially for the food committee which would appreciate more insight on diverse dietary issues. There was a call for presenters.

Updates from Committees & Representatives

- a. Education Committee – none. A replacement for Robin McNeely is still needed.
- b. 911 Council Liaison – Jeff Miller reported that the counties are continuing to meet the next gen benchmarks.

State of Iowa Activities – Patrick Wilke-Brown

The census boundary annexation survey opened up. The state and the census signed an MOU a couple of years ago that the state can submit boundaries on behalf of counties and cities. They will take the annexation data from city development boards or the secretary of state's office (for information that does not already have consolidated files) and process those. The filing deadline is March 1st. If any cities or counties need assistance, let Patrick know. This process also allows boundary updates (state, county or city) to be updated and help with reconciling boundary issues with neighboring states.

There's a LIDAR community that meets occasionally. LIDAR is available for the whole state, either via derived products or downloadable as tiles from the National Map. There is a need to develop a new LIDAR plan for the next several years to refresh data. Currently, looking at funding opportunities for this.

Broadband: just finished up contracting for grants. Starting the duplication process for broadband and that the next broadband grant for Iowa (\$415 million). There are 150,000 locations that are eligible according to providers. The state needs to go through to see which have funding already allocated to them. There will be an announcement once the proposal is accepted. Then there will be a broadband location challenge open to providers, NGOs and private organizations. This allows communities to challenge the assertion by providers that they have adequate broadband (greater than 100MB/s download and 20MB/s upload speed). There is no information on the process of this phase yet. The grant will not be enough to serve the entire state, so the priority will be to get the unserved areas prioritized (locations without 25MB/s download or 3MB/s upload speed). There are about 5-60,000 locations across the state that do not have that level of service.

Lunch 'n Learn topics

Next lunch 'n learn is Wednesday 24th.

We are looking for a volunteer to take over organizing these, since Micah would like to step away from coordinating these. We do about 10 of these a year (skipping June and July).

Other Projects, Conferences, Representatives and Regional User Groups

The MAGIC conference is April 15th – 18th

IGIC's provides \$250 as Friends of Magic to the conference. We have done in the past. It allows our logo to be displayed on the website. It is due Feb 1st and requires board approval. Matt Boeck motions and Brandon seconds, all vote in favor of the motion.

Meeting Summary

- Adjourn (moved by Travis, seconded by Josh)
- Next meeting Wednesday, April 10th.

Respectfully

Submitted, Anya Butt