

Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes: September 17, 2015

(Approved December 10, 2015)

The September 17, 2015 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee was held at 9:30 a.m. in Conference Room B09 (Basement), Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Pam Bond, Dept. of Fish & Game (Chair)
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center (phone)
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Brynn Lacabanne, ITD (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Wendy Hawley, US Census Bureau (phone)
Brian Liberty, Idaho Power
Wilma Robertson, Tax Commission
Frank Roberts, Innovate! Inc. (phone)
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (phone)

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor's Office
Sherman Kester, CenturyLink
Bob Smith, Office of the CIO
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce Tribe
Matthew Syphus, LHTAC (phone)
Stephen Cox, Dept. of Agriculture
Danielle Favreau, IDWR

Members Absent:

Tom Carlson, USGS
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Stewart Ward, Dioptra Geomatics
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Jared Stein, Bannock County Assessor
Bruce Godfrey, U of I

WELCOME

Ms. Bond called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. Welcome and introductions were made.

MINUTES

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Ames seconded a motion to approve the July 16, 2015 minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

RATIFICATION VOTE FOR HYDROGRAPHY STANDARDS

Ms. Favreau reported that the Hydrography TWG, at its September 10th meeting, approved the Hydrography Data Exchange Standard (Version 2.0), and requested that it be ratified by the committee.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Bond seconded a motion to approve the Hydrography Data Exchange Standard (Version 2.0) as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

ITA GUIDELINES

Ms. Bond reported that Guideline G420 (Roles of GIS Participants) had been revised and updated to remove references to the Executive Order, which had expired. Mr. Farnsworth explained that the Executive Order, which originally created the IGC-EC, was not renewed because the authority of the IGC-EC now comes from statute through the ITA, which was created in 2013.

MOTION: Mr. Farnsworth moved and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to approve the revisions to Enterprise Guideline G420 (Roles of GIS Participants) as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bond encouraged the TWGs to consider reviewing their guidelines, as well as to discuss creating new standards, although she acknowledged that the outcome of the Federal Geospatial Data Act (FGDA) may impact how the standards are used. She stated that she would continue to watch this.

In response to a question from Ms. Favreau, Mr. Weber stated that he and Dr. Kazi Arifuzzaman, the statewide geodetic coordinator, are working on standards for geodetic control, but he did not have anything to report yet. He hoped to be able to report back within the next couple of months.

Mr. Farnsworth reported that the Data Sharing TWG would be working on the data standard, and he hoped to have a draft to present for discussion at the next IGC-EC meeting.

ITA REPORT

Ms. Bond reported on the most recent ITA meeting, held on September 2, 2015. Items of note:

- Mike Teller, Idaho State Tax Commission, presented the draft policy for cloud computing (Enterprise Policy P1080). After discussion, ITA agreed that further revisions were needed. The draft will be revised and presented at the next ITA meeting after review by the IT Leadership Council.
- Rob Feeley, Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS), gave a presentation on FirstNet, which is a program for a wireless broadband network for public safety. BHS is facilitating the FirstNet implementation in Idaho. The anticipated deployment of the network is in 2018.
- Greg Zickau discussed the RFP results for the telecommunications contract for broadband services.
- Max Davis-Johnson, BSU, discussed cyber liability risk and the prevalence of hacking attempts on higher education institutions.
- Greg Zickau discussed mobile device usage by Idaho citizens and the importance for state agencies to be able to disseminate information in a way that is accessible on mobile devices. He also discussed the need to create a positive customer experience for citizens and invited agencies who are working on ways to improve the customer experience to speak at the next ITA meeting.

Discussion and comments followed Ms. Bond's report:

- Policy P1080 will affect numerous agencies, and pertains to GIS quite a bit. It was agreed that the draft policy would be forwarded to the listserves for review.
- State agencies also experience a high volume of hacking attempts, especially on the state network, although attacks are typically stopped before they reach agencies.
- Mr. Farnsworth was excited that ways to increase a positive user experience were being discussed. He noted that state websites are beta tested with agencies before they become public facing. He explained that as more agencies post maps to their websites using ArcGIS Online, they need to be aware that they also need to build apps so that the interactive features work for the user. He would like to see the committee discuss possible mechanisms for feedback.

FEDERAL GEOSPATIAL DATA ACT (FGDA) ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Ms. Bond reported that the IGC-EC is hosting an FGDA roundtable discussion on October 22 during the URISA GIS-Pro & NWGIS 2015 Conference. Confirmation of the panelists is forthcoming, and Ms. Bond agreed to act as the moderator. She asked the committee to think about possible questions for the panel and encouraged them to review the FGDA flyer published by NSGIC.

SPATIAL DATA INFRASTRUCTURE (SDI) REVIEW

Mr. Weber reported that two of his graduate students this semester will be working on research problems with a focus on the strategic plan. Survey questions from 2008 were included in the appendices of the strategic plan, and he would like to send those questions out to the geospatial community again and compare them with the earlier responses. The committee agreed with this direction. The students will be highlighting areas needing revision, which will give them an opportunity to learn the policy side of GIS.

NSGIC CONFERENCE DISCUSSION/QUESTIONS RELATED TO FGDA

Mr. Farnsworth will be attending the NSGIC Annual Conference in October and is seeking questions from the committee for him to ask at the conference. The FGDA is already on the conference agenda and will be a big discussion item. Some suggestions for questions included:

- Ms. Kawalec asked: How is New Hampshire doing in their parcel data sharing project?
- Ms. Robertson asked: How are other states handling cloud services?

TWG UPDATE

HYDROGRAPHY – Ms. Favreau reported on the September 10th meeting of the Hydrography TWG, which meets bi-annually. This TWG tends to focus on the National Hydrography Database (NHD) and the Watershed Boundary Database (WBD) as the Idaho Framework Datasets, but also anything hydro going on in the state. At the top of the agenda was the passage of the Hydrography Data Exchange Standard (Version 2.0). More details, including TWG meeting minutes, can found on the [IDWR website](#).

Ms. Kawalec reminded the committee that working on the TWGs is not just about standards, but also about getting people together who are working on similar datasets to discuss issues they are having.

Mr. Farnsworth commented that the Transportation TWG has been very active. He noted that there is a very collaborative effort currently between the TWG, ITD and other transportation agencies. He would like to see them give a report to the IGC-EC.

OTHER BUSINESS

PLANNING FOR THE FALL 2015 IGC BI-ANNUAL MEETING – Ms. Bond commented that since this meeting had been separated from the FGDA roundtable, there was a need for agenda items for this meeting, which will be held on October 21 during the URISA GIS-Pro & NWGIS 2015 Conference in Spokane. This will be a 90 minute meeting. She asked the committee for their topic ideas. Some suggestions included:

- TWG updates
- Cloud computing policy update and how it may affect GIS specifically
- An update on FirstNet
- Quick project updates and highlights of what's going on in Idaho right now in GIS
- A presentation from the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) on using GIS to fight fires in Idaho

TRAINING CLASSES – Mr. Farnsworth reported that Bob Smith, OCIO, and several others, have held classes on topics such as building web applications, collector classes, and a variety of introductory classes. They hold about two classes per month on average and are open to suggestions for additional classes

MAPS.IDAHO.GOV – Mr. Farnsworth shared that the maps.idaho.gov website continues to be added to and promoted. This is the state's public-facing map service for Idaho citizens. He highlighted several of the maps on the site, including an interactive fires map, and a map from the Dept. of Agriculture showing the home residences of watercraft owners that were inspected at Idaho's invasive species inspection stations. He asked anyone with maps they would like highlighted on the site to contact him. The focus of the site is on maps that are of general citizen interest, such as recreation and tourism.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for November 19, 2015 in room B09 (Basement), Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO