

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes: October 20, 2011

(Approved December 15, 2011)

The October 20, 2011 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee was held at 3:00 in the First Room of the Boise Centre, Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Liza Fox, Chair, SUPERVALU
Bill Farnsworth, Office of the CIO
Danielle Favreau, Dept. of Water Resources
Diane Holloran, HDR Engineers
Jerry Korol, Natural Resources Cons. Services
Donna Pitzer, Bureau of Reclamation
Loudon Stanford, Idaho Geological Survey
Brian Liberty, Idaho Power
Keith Weber, ISU GIS Center
Dave Christianson, Kootenai County (phone)
James Zehner, Idaho County Assessor (phone)
James Twoteeth, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (phone)
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)

Others Present:

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO
Paul Reyes, Idaho Geospatial Office
Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho (phone)
Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor
Walt Bulawa, State Tax Commission
Dan Jensen, INL
Nathalie Smith, Esri
Terri Morganson, Esri

WELCOME

Liza Fox welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Bill Farnsworth moved and Diane Holloran seconded a motion to approve the August 18, 2011 minutes as presented; the motion passed unanimously.

CONFERENCE/MEETING REPORTS

1) NSGIC CONFERENCE (September)

Bill Farnsworth reported that this had been a successful conference; Tim Petty (Senator Risch's office) was the keynote speaker and had talked about moving GIS matters forward from a political standpoint. Senator Hill is also interested in GIS-related issues and might be able to assist with educating the Idaho legislature. There were informative breakout sessions and Idaho's work was highlighted.

2) STATE AGENCY GIS MEETING (August)

This had been convened in order to re-engage agencies and promote communication and involvement between agencies and with the IGC-EC as a sub-committee of ITRMC. There was good attendance and discussion included:

- Office of the CIO (OCIO), what the OCIO does and what is required of the OCIO;
- Infrastructure at the state level that is available to agencies and smaller counties that might not have similar capabilities;
- Esri licensing, information is being gathered in order to review how to move forward.

A listserv has been set up for agencies in order to encourage communication. Future state agency meetings will be arranged.

For the benefit of council members on the phone, Liza Fox repeated an announcement from earlier in the day that Bill Farnsworth has been appointed the state GIO. Bill said he would be focusing on communications and outreach. To this end he has been invited to visit agencies and it was likely that he would travel round the state as well (he had attended the recent county meeting in Moscow). It was noted that other communities (such as the universities) would also benefit from efforts to re-engage. It was further noted that the fledgling RRC's should not be abandoned and meetings in this regard would be arranged with the new GIO.

3) NWGIS USER GROUP CONFERENCE (This week)

Liza noted that the IGC is required by Executive Order to meet twice a year and this day (Idaho Geospatial Forum) was the second meeting of the year.

IGC-EC BUSINESS MATTERS

1) APPROVING OF GIS STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES

ITRMC has delegated responsibility to the IGC-EC for the approval of geospatial standards and guidelines. Liza Fox commented that this reflected respect for the GIS community in Idaho as well as the respect that ITRMC has for the IGC-EC. ITRMC will continue to be the authority for any policy-related decisions as they have oversight of the IGC-EC. This decision brings added responsibility to the IGC-EC but the structure of coordination already in place through the TWGs means this can be easily handled.

2) BYLAWS UPDATE

Donna Phillips led a discussion on the recent changes to the bylaws.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: Keith Weber moved and Donna Pitzer seconded a motion to adopt the IGC-EC Bylaws with the changes discussed; the motion passed unanimously.

The updated bylaws will be distributed to council members and posted online.

STATE GIO POSITION UPDATE

This was discussed under Conference and Meeting Reports – see above.

ROUND ROBIN DISCUSSION: DRIVING ISSUES FOR THE NEXT 6 MONTHS

The following items were noted as potential issues for debate in forthcoming meetings:

- GIO position reporting structure (it was suggested that Montana be invited to the next IGC-EC meeting to provide their perspective);
- Promoting GIS certifications;
- Role of the data clearinghouse and MOU with agencies;
- Regional Resource Centers (RRCs);
- Facilitating the development of tools to encourage/promote adherence to Standards;
- Parcels web service;
- Promoting inter-agency sharing of resources and skills;
- Revision of Business and Strategic Plans (within the next year);
- Revisit the state coordinate standard.

This list will be distributed to council members, posted online and announced through the listserves. The list can continue to be adjusted in preparation for the next IGC-EC meeting.

Other points raised:

- Esri licensing – Bill Farnsworth will take this on and update the IGC-EC accordingly;
- Landsat thermal imagery issues – a focus for the TWGs;
- Central state GIS infrastructure – to be addressed at the next state agency GIS meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Keith Weber reminded everyone about ISU's GIS Day on November 16.
- Donna Phillips requested adding the North Idaho RRC to the agenda for the next meeting. Their draft document will be shared after Thanksgiving.

NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 5:48 PM; the next meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "S Brevick". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Sally Brevick, Office of the CIO