

Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes: January 15, 2015

(Approved March 19, 2015)

The January 15, 2015 meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Council – Executive Committee was held at 9:30 a.m. in Room B09 (Basement), Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Alternate(s) Present:

Anne Kawalec, Ada County Assessor (Chair)
Brynn Lacabanne, ITD District 3 (phone)
Jerry Korol, NRCS
Bruce Godfrey, University of Idaho (VTC)
Frank Roberts, Innovate! (phone)
Donna Phillips, City of Hayden (phone)
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello
Tom Carlson, USGS (phone)
Keith Weber, ISU (phone)
Pam Bond, Dept. of Fish & Game

Others Present:

Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO
Nikolaus Sterbentz, ITD District 5 (phone)
Coy Chapman, Ada County Assessor
Bob Smith, Office of the CIO
Angela Vander Pas, Clearwater County

WELCOME

Ms. Kawalec called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Welcome and introductions were made.

MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Bond moved and Mr. Hill seconded a motion to approve the November 7, 2014 minutes; the motion passed unanimously.

ISPLS LETTER OF SUPPORT

Ms. Kawalec briefly discussed the letter of support which the Idaho Board of Professional Engineers and Professional Land Surveyors (ISPLS) had requested from the IGC-EC committee. ISPLS is seeking to amend the definition of land surveying in Idaho code (Idaho Statute 54-1202). Ms. Kawalec stated that she felt comfortable signing the letter, as she believed the committee was in support. Mr. Weber added that he and the members of the Geodetic Control TWG had discussed and approved of the letter of support.

MOTION: Mr. Korol moved and Ms. Lacabanne seconded a motion to approve the signing of the letter of support by Ms. Kawalec, as the committee chair, and Mr. Farnsworth, as the Geospatial Information Officer, on behalf of the IGC-EC, in favor of the proposed legislation to amend the definition of land surveying in Idaho code; the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Phillips joined the meeting at approximately 9:45 a.m.

ITA REPORT

Ms. Kawalec reported on the November 20, 2014 ITA meeting. Items of note:

- Rep. Woodings had asked whether elections information could be obtained in GIS. Ms. Kawalec reported that her response was that there was currently no GIS component in the state voter registration database, although hopefully there would be in the future as databases are updated.

Ms. Bond asked if they were going to start having spatial datasets for voting information, and whether a specific department would be responsible, or whether it would be up to each county.

Ms. Kawalec responded that counties are responsible for the voting, and track the voter registration, but it is the state's database.

Mr. Hill added that the difficulty with boundaries lies not with the general elections, but with the districts since those boundaries differ from district to district.

- Dr. Mike Rush, Office of the State Board of Education (OSBE) had asked about the collecting and verifying of school district boundaries, for which OSBE is responsible. He did not know who the authoritative source was for this data. Ms. Kawalec has since met with Dr. Rush and several of his staff members, and Jeff Servatius, Tax Commission, to discuss this. The Tax Commission is the authoritative source. She explained that trustee zone data is not recorded, so not everyone receives that information, and it does not consistently get communicated back to OSBE.
- Ms. Kawalec reviewed the draft statewide strategic plan for state government technology. The strategic planning session had been held in October, 2014. She noted that four of the objectives were related to GIS. She did not see anything related to ArcGIS Pro mentioned in the plan.

TWG UPDATE

Mr. Weber gave a brief update on the Geodetic Control TWG. He noted that a geodetic coordinator, Dr. Kazi Arifuzzaman, has been hired. He briefly discussed Dr. Arifuzzaman's background and professional experience. The position is a 50/50 split between ISU and ITD. Mr. Weber reviewed some of the recent items of discussion for the TWG, which have included the real-time network (RTN), and the Multi-state Control Point Database (MCPD). He encouraged anyone wishing to contribute survey points to the MCPD to get in touch with him. Dr. Arifuzzaman would be the data steward for data entered in to the MCPD.

Mr. Weber, noting the recent MCPD workshop which was held, added that he believed ITD could do one more. There has been interest, but there was a need for an "on the ground" person to help put it together. The workshop was coordinated with ITD, along with a surveyor from Dioptra.

2015 IGC-EC ELECTIONS

Ms. Kawalec briefly discussed the upcoming 2015 IGC-EC election, including the seats up for election this year, and the election timeline. She noted that her seat was up for election, and that she did not plan to run again. New members would begin their terms on April 1, and would need to elect a new chair this year. She asked for volunteers to join the ad hoc nominating committee, commenting that this would be a good way to bring some new people in to the IGC. Several members volunteered.

Mr. Hill commented that they have a new assessor who might be willing to run for a seat on this committee. He asked for feedback from the members about having an assessor on the committee.

Ms. Kawalec responded that she thought that was a great idea, and did not believe an assessor had served on the committee before. She pointed out that the committee needed the support of this committee. Mr. Weber added that the new assessor for Bannock County was also very supportive of GIS.

PLANNING OF 2015 IGC BI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

Ms. Kawalec thanked Ms. Phillips for her comment letter on the IGC meeting held in November. She agreed that there was a need to improve the bi-annual meetings, and members needed to be involved in planning for future meetings. She asked the members to consider what kinds of topics they would like to see covered at these meetings. Discussion followed, with the following points being raised:

- It was agreed that the IGC meetings should be moved around the state, like the SWIG meetings. It was proposed that the spring bi-annual meeting be held in Boise at a more convenient location than the statehouse, and the fall meeting be moved around the state to coincide with other GIS events.
- A suggestion was made that there was a need to consider who the desired audience should be.
- Due to the May meeting date falling on the Thursday before Memorial Day, it was agreed that some alternate dates would be offered for consideration.

- Ms. Kawalec stated that she would be seeking people locally, as well as around the state to discuss items of interest for the IGC meeting agenda, and possible locations.
- It was agreed that there should be more TWG updates, but that they needed to be more concise and less technical. Ms. Kawalec would be reaching out to the TWG chairs to see how they were doing.
- Mr. Weber discussed two ISU students who had done an independent study project about spatial data infrastructure. Ms. Bond asked that they be invited to present their reports at the next meeting.
- Mr. Weber suggested forming a subcommittee to review and revise the SDI strategic plan. It was agreed that it was too big and too broad, and should be revised to be more relevant, simple, obtainable and measurable. Mr. Carlson suggested that it should also include a business plan.
- Mr. Roberts suggested including vendors to do re-training sessions.
- Ms. Phillips suggested holding the fall IGC meeting in Spokane to coincide with the Northwest GIS and URISA GIS-Pro Annual Conference in October.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Kawalec reported on the working group for Guideline G350 (Methodology for Recognizing a TIM Framework Dataset), noting that they had recently met to discuss updating the guideline to include exclusions. Ms. Favreau was taking the guideline back to the Hydrography TWG, and then the working group would meet again to work on the revision.

Ms. Kawalec shared that the working group also discussed ArcGIS Online (AGOL), and how it's being used and administered across the state. Mr. Farnsworth has been asked to discuss how it is being used at an upcoming IGC-EC meeting. She noted that there probably should be some standards put in place.

Ms. Bond commented that they hoped to leverage AGOL Gallery as open data, and noted that she would be working with Mr. Godfrey to possibly get that tied to INSIDE. She explained that there has been a lot of confusion about how everything is tied together and that there was a need for some standardization so that data is represented well and end users know they're getting authoritative data.

Mr. Hill informed the members that FEMA was back on for LiDAR collection in case they had not been contacted. His IT director recently received a letter from the Chief Scientist at the Oregon Dept. of Geology and Minerals (ODGM) stating that ODGM would be collecting high-resolution LiDAR topographic data this spring for FEMA, within a few miles of Pocatello. The letter stated that ODGM could extend their coverage to the entire state for about \$500 per square mile.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 a.m. The next meeting was scheduled for March 19, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., Conference Room B09 (Basement), of the Len B. Jordan Building, 650 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

Respectfully submitted,



Erin Seaman, Office of the CIO