

Geospatial Advisory Council

12/9/2015

State Preparedness Training Center Oriskany, NY



In attendance:

Alex Chaucer
Doug Freehafer
Austin Fisher
Eric Herman
Jeff Herter
Bill Johnson
David Jorgensen
Sheri Norton
Matthew Owen
Mike Ross
Julie Tolar
Frank Winters
Jeff Quackenbush

Members Absent:

Jim Daly
Colin Reilly
Matt Knutzen
Todd Nelson
Ann Deakin
Glen Cutter

Via Phone:

Laura Feitner Calarco

Craig Cheeseman

10:35 – Meeting **called to order**. Eric Herman reviewed the agenda.

Review minutes from the September meeting: Motion made and carried to approve the minutes with correction to the attendance list.

Chair Report on Follow-up Items

Eric led a discussion of action items from our September meeting including the Governance Document wording for the nomination process and the election of the Council Chair. A motion was made and carried to approve document as modified by the discussion. The Governance Document is posted at: http://gis.ny.gov/coordinationprogram/workgroups/wg_10/documents/GAC-Governance.pdf

There was also a quick discussion of Eric's brief presentation at the NYGeoCon event, which gave an overview of the Council.

Executive Director Report

Bill led a discussion of initiatives at the state which will empower GIS growth in every sector. He highlighted that a lot of great activity is going on, and we should all work to promote the value of these activities.

GPO Director Report

Frank gave an update of activities in the GIS Program Office including the *ShareGIS* initiative and staffing of the Core Services Team, the statewide parcel initiative, licensed content on the NYS Streets data, and orthoimagery.

Council Membership

Eric presented certificates of appreciation for our outgoing members (Craig Cheeseman, Julie Tolar, Jim Daly, Glen Cutter, and Matt Knutzen).

The nominating committee chaired by Dave Jorgensen, and including Jeff Quackenbush, Craig Cheeseman, and Todd Nelson, proposed a slate recommending the following for the eight openings on the Council:

Sector Opening	Region	Candidate	Organization
Local Government	Long Island	Michael Naughton	Town of Huntington (Suffolk Co)
Local Government	Western	Jonathon Mayr	Southern Tier West Regional Planning & Development Board
Local Government	Western	Sheri Norton	Ontario County
Academia	Capital	Alex Chaucer	Skidmore College
Academia	Western	Ann Deakin	SUNY Fredonia
Non-Profit	Capital	David Richardson	The Nature Conservancy
Non-Profit	Northern	Dick Johnston	Tug Hill Tomorrow Land Trust
Federal	Capital	Doug Freehafer	US Geological Survey

Blue shaded rows indicate a Council member recommended for re-nomination to an additional term.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the slate as proposed.

There was general agreement that the nominating committee did an outstanding job.

The Council will hold an election for the Council Chair and Vice Chair using Election Buddy within the next few weeks. Eric led a discussion of eligible members and duties, and took the action to set up the poll.

Makeup of Council

Jeff Herter led a discussion of the makeup of the Council for future consideration. His premise is that the makeup of the Council should mirror the makeup of the GIS Association by sector. This included suggestions of an ex-officio membership from the NYSAPLS organization. There was good discussion on a variety of aspects of the initial proposal Jeff provided. **Jeff will incorporate the suggestions, and provide an updated recommendation.** A revised plan would not be implemented until September.

Associate Organization & Work Group Reports

NYS GIS Association:

Julie asked the Council's opinion regarding when the Association Past President term should begin. It was agreed that Association representative terms should coincide with those of other representatives.

Julie provided an Association update including a discussion of the NYGeoCon and the upcoming GIS Summit in October.

Funded by a grant from the Fund for the City of New York, the Association conducted interviews of GIS Stakeholders. **A summary of the survey and a video showing excerpts from the interviews will be coming soon.** Next year the Association would like to focus on survey legislation.

NYS GIS State Agency Advisory Group:

Eric announced that the next advisory group meeting will be on 1/12/2016. There had not been any state agency meetings since the last time the Council met.

Follow-ups on Select Topics Planning Session

Strengthening Data Sharing/Status of Cooperative:

The Council discussed status of the Data Sharing Cooperative and how it relates to key GIS layers. The layers which most often are the impetus for organizations to join the Cooperative are parcels and streets (with full attribute content). Efforts to make both of these layers openly available are being pursued. Once the majority of GIS data is openly available, the need for the Cooperative will have faded in favor of openly shared data.

Clearinghouse Redesign:

The Council discussed the upcoming Clearinghouse redesign, considering the GIS Program Office's web presence, the GIO web presence, and the ShareGIS initiative.

Lis will come to the next meeting to work through the communication and marketing plan including a LinkedIn presence for the GAC, with the goal of handing off responsibility to pursue to volunteers on the Council.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was passed.