

NY State Geospatial Advisory Council
September 25, 2025
10 am – 3 pm
Webex open / Gather at 9:45 am
Scenic Hudson Offices
58 Parker Avenue, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Attending:

Jochen Albrecht	Katie Duncan	Zach Simek
Santina Benincasa	Roy Garfinkel	Larry Spraker
Sylvie Browne	Dave Genaway	Karyn Tareen
Joanna Craigmile	Bryan Goodrich	Erin Tylutki
Christina Croll	Chris Holewinski	Jiin Wen
Elisabetta DeGironimo	Wayne Howard	Alex Wolf
Shannon Dolte	Dawn McCall	
Keith Ducett	Rebecca Newell	

Guests: Kate Kiyanita (ITS- Note Taker), Kimi Schmitt (DOT)

Grayed out attendees not present

10:00 Welcome / Agenda Review / Approval of Minutes (Genaway)

C. Croll made motion to accept, B. Goodrich seconded, approved unanimously

10:10 Introductions: Who you are, where you come from, what sector do you represent, what sort of GIS work are you engaged in?

- Icebreaker – *What was your favorite place to visit recently and why?*

10:40 GAC Governance Discussion

Nominating Committee Formation – Per GAC Governance, a Nominating Committee must be appointed by the GAC at each September meeting. Open positions will be presented by committee at December meeting.

- New nominating committee each year? Yes - but also a need for continuity
- Chair + 4 sitting members (with criteria) per governing docs
- Erin (chair), Lis/ITS will facilitate meetings. Sylvie, Rebecca, Joanna, Chris as members (S. Browne motioned, C. Croll seconded, adopted)

11:00 Topics of Interest in NYS

- NSRS Model Legislation Discussion (see 6/18 e-mail from Dawn McCall for background)/New Datum Update (<https://geodesy.noaa.gov/datums/newdatums/GetPrepared.shtml>)
 - Gov't Relations Committee NYAPLS, draft legislation - take out need to redo legislation each time
 - Shift to international foot vs. US foot; abandoning ground monuments
 - Obligatory to follow? More of a recognition of the accepted Datum and everyone should follow but not officially mandated.
 - DOT transition- choice of datums at first, then move to new datum
 - Metadata- need for time-stamps....revise language?...
 - The GAC proposed the following modification to the NCRS Legislation: “‘Metadata’ shall mean data that provides information about other data and shall include, at minimum, geodetic reference system utilized, applicable epoch, statement of relative accuracy, and date of observation.”
- NYS Judicial Security Act of 2024 (<https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/JUD/859>)
 - The GAC had a robust discussion which included:
 - Protected Persons - larger community...attribute flag?

- Names, addresses, school/day care, more - public data vs state/911 data
- Real Property Tax Law vs. new laws...now to reconcile?

1:00 Standing Reports

- Geospatial Services Report (DeGironimo/Ruhren)
 - New staff, NYS Spaces (indoor mapping)
 - Hydro in the future as a potential new framework data layer program
 - Parcels - open, public access is important
- NYSGISA report (McCall) - NYS GeoCon in October 2025
- Federal report (Duncan) - federal budget and staff cuts are difficult
- State Agency Advisory Group report (Croll)
 - Gray Skies monitoring of events
 - Crash location videos
- NYSAPLS (Garfinkel)
 - Job fair opportunities - get new people on board
 - Uniform practices across the State needed
 - NYC needs to be connected

2: 10 New Business

- 2026 Meeting dates / Locations (remote option?) / Discussion topics
- Ideas for future meetings - December 10th – Albany
 - Census work in NYS – Richard Tobe, DOL
 - Cornell modelling for DEC's new wetlands maps
 - Regional Coordinating Events/Meetings to informative initiatives and policies
 - Chair Elect position: Alex Wolf

2:30 Meeting Adjourns

On your Own: Tour of Scenic Hudson Headquarters – Historic/Green/Remediated building (Wolf) and/or Walkway over the Hudson

Future Meetings

December 10 – Albany, March 11th, June 10th, Sept 16th – meeting block to be sent