

NY State Geospatial Advisory Council

Minutes for Dec 11, 2024 Meeting

10 am – 3 pm

Webex open / gather 9:45 am

NYS Harriman Campus, Building 5 Room 202 & 204, Albany NY

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Mission: Advise the State on effective use of geospatial technology resulting in tangible benefits to NYS.

The NYS Geospatial Advisory Council (formerly called the GIS Coordinating Body), operating under the auspices of the NYS ITS Geospatial Services, coordinates, promotes and facilitates the development, effective use, and sharing of geographic information. It also removes barriers to implementing geographic information technology to improve the delivery of public services, protect the public and the environment, and enhance the business climate for the benefit of the State, its municipalities, businesses, and citizens.

Attendance: Ana Hiraldo-Gomez, Chis Holewinski, Erin Tylutki, Karyn Tareen, Roy Garfinkel, Joanna Craigmile, Dave Genaway, Christina Croll, Sylvie Brown, Lis DeGironimo, Katie Duncan, Jochen Albrecht, Rebecca Newell, Emily Fogarty, Alex Wolf, Keith Ducett, Zach Simek, Dawn McCall

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

- Sylvie Browne welcomed everyone and initiated the review of the Agenda and September 2024 minutes
 - Christina motioned to approve the minutes, Dave seconds
 - Sylvie all in favor
- Motion to approve agenda
 - all remaining unanimously approved
- Vote to approve, all

Announcements: Emily and Ana's last meeting, and May 15th user meeting -Westchester

10:10 Introductions/Discussion

- Who you are, where you come from, what sector do you represent, what sort of GIS work are you engaged in? Icebreaker – *What kind(s) of pie did you have for Thanksgiving?*

10:45 Nomination Committee (Newell)

- Awards presented to Ana and Emily
- Meet the new Chair, elect new Chair-Elect
 - Dave Genaway has been nominated as chair-elect
 - Sylvie motioned to accept, Christina seconds
- Proposed slate of new Local Government and Academia members to recommend for appointment
- Rebecca reviewed all the possible Candidates for Local Government and academic vacancies
 - Voted to accept the Nominating Committee Recommendations, all approved
 - Lis will send out letters to the new members
- NYC ex officio representative (DeGironimo)
 - no voting needed on NYC ex officio representation
- New members:
 - Local Gov – Shannon Dolte and Bryan Goodrich
 - Academic – Wayne Howard

11:25 GAC Governance Document Ad Hoc Committee (Browne)

- Need members to review outstanding issues and report back in March
 - Sylvie would like to form a committee
 - Sylvie motions to vote on having a committee, Zach seconds
 - Sylvie (Chair), Erin, Dawn, Dave, Chris
 - Add a NYC GIO/ GISMO
- All in favor – 11:00 no opposed

11:30 Federal admin change and any changes we see (Newell)

- Are other agencies preparing for data loss after the recent administration change? Are agencies preparing to back up data in case things go missing?
 - Rebecca is currently downloading 200 federal data sets; the list will be posted on the GAC SharePoint
- Open Discussion:
 - NSGIC - Lis will post to a forum to see if others are doing a similar thing?
 - If the data is downloaded and published there will need to be a legal warning
 - Katie – has not heard anyone talk about this in USDA, but agrees that Citing the data is important
 - Zach – grassroots climate data to be downloaded by January
 - Rebecca has an automatic way to check if the rest service link has changed. The state owns the power automate.
 - Toni Suggest this is a great resource to share with other organizations
 - Could be posted on the future Geospatial Office GitHub
 - Emily - Perhaps the state could leverage SUNY collages for data sharing and have things in a centralized location
 - MOU may be needed to partner with SUNY
 - Sylvie – suggests the GAC briefly discuss every meeting

12:00 Break for Lunch

1:00 Standing Reports

- Geospatial Services Report (DeGironimo)
 - Working on modernizing the geocoding service
 - Deployed 3 staff to disasters in NC and NYS
 - Completed the statewide DEM coverage with 1-meter resolution
 - Created Board of elections layers
 - Esri EA – the retirement of ArcMap and concurrent license is ending, and everyone needs to be converted to named users
 - Hiring slow down at ITS – able to add a staff member and an intern
 - New member from Florida – help document our best practices and governance
 - Determining our work plan for 2025
 - Current items:
 - Increase outreach
 - Continue governance
 - GIS architecture modernization - GeoHub
 - Modernizing CIRIS and Discover GIS Data NY

- GIS day in Feb – a showcase of our work in NY. Dawn would like to attend, present, and prompt awareness for the technical working group where she needs help with getting legislative attention.
 - Data Service Update
- *[NYC GIS]*
- NYSGISA report (McCall)
 - Dawn gave an update on the digital mapping round table of surveyors
- Federal report (Duncan) – sent via email
- State Agency Advisory Group report (Croll) – no report
- NYSAPLS (Garfinkel)
 - Progress since the fall of 2022
 - DOT relationship committee to help increase our ability to access records
 - Host another round table trying to get Lis to come to the round table

1:45 New Business

- GAC SharePoint demonstration (Goyer)
- Feb 2025 RFP for NYS statewide orthoimagery program (Langella)
- Outreach for 2025 (DeGironimo, Kate) – outreach for 2025
 - This year the Parcel Program and Geospatial services would like to reach out to more counties, and interface with problem counties.
 - Thoughts on NYS Association of Counties is it helpful? General suggestions
 - Towns themselves may be a good contact – Association of Towns
 - Outreach to western NY
 - Some counties use their parcel programs as a source of income and are not willing to change

2:50 Brainstorm ideas for future meetings

- March – Governance Committee recommendations
- Hydrography in NYS after NHD Lock (Langella)
- March – 2022 Datum update – Dan Martin, National Geodetic Survey
- June/September – possible Sovereign Nations discussion
- Census work in NYS, Richard Tobe?

3:00 Meeting adjourns

Future 2025 Meetings

March 12

June 18

September 10

December 10

Guests - Toni Goyer (ITS), Jeff Langella (ITS), Kate Kiyanitsa (ITS)