



GISCC Meeting Minutes March 19, 2008 Department of Community Affairs

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Introductions

Danielle Ayan opened the meeting, stating that it's the responsibility of all of us, as individuals to raise awareness about GIS, to spread the word throughout "government walk."

Danielle proposes a GIS in Practice Showcase at each GISCC meeting, starting in April, one or two attendees will give a presentation on GIS activities in their respective agencies. Presentations will be 8 minutes at a maximum. This will help educate new members and give the existing representatives insights on what each agency/org is doing with GIS.

Business Case for the ELA:

Danielle compiled contributions regarding the need for a statewide GIS Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) from a number of GISCC members in 3-days: 7 state agencies (GEMA, GDOT, DNR, DHR, GFC, DCA and BOR), 3 Regional Development Centers (ARC, MGRDC and LCRDC), the Metro Atlanta Public Health GIS users group (MAPH GIS) and 1 metropolitan entity (SAGIS). ESRI also provided input on current annual expenditures by state agencies (~\$1,000,000) and the cost of the first year of a 3-year contract (~\$750,000), a direct savings of almost \$300,000 in the first year. Other cost savings, including that of increased efficiency, were also noted. Given that the state is charged with serving the people of Georgia, **Frank Howell of the Georgia Board of Regents, offered to provide a page explaining how the ELA will contribute toward a more educated, healthy Georgia and to develop a Geospatial Industry Profile for Georgia.** The Department of Human Resources (DHR) Commissioner, B.J. Walker,



forwarded a call from the Governor for all state employees to identify ways to reduce costs. **Danielle proposed sending this to the Governor's office via Walker.**

CIO GIS Summit:

Sonny Beech of ESRI says they are planning a CIO GIS Summit for early May. The former 2-term Governor of Wyoming, Jim Geringer, will discuss the importance of GIS and how Wyoming integrated geospatial technology into their state government. Sonny plans to hold a 45-minute meeting for Georgia CIOs and legislators followed by a 2nd session for technical people. The Capital Education Center is a possible venue.

Geospatial Liaison Report:

Keith McFadden of USGS discussed the Coastal Elevation Workshop held at the Tech facility on the coast. There are multiple contributors, but the group is still looking for state participation. **USGS needs commitments/funding in place soon.** NGA is providing some funding.

ITOS has prepared an introductory video on LIDAR.

The Upper Flint River project continues with primarily federal funding.

Keith is working with Barbara Stitt-Allen on DNR to update watershed boundaries.

CAP Grant:

We received a USGS/FGDC CAP Category 3 grant: Strategic & Business Planning in line with the Fifty States Initiative. Funding is through USGS with matching funds provided by GA Tech. Danielle, who prepared the proposal, is the Principal Investigator and will be compiling the Plan, with formal support from the Georgia RDC's and Georgia URISA. She's scheduled a kick-off meeting for Tuesday, April 1st and needs volunteers to help in various capacities: workshop development, marketing, invitation lists, facilitating the workshops, workshop venues, etc. Georgia URISA, the Regional Development Centers, and ESRI have offered assistance. To obtain input from stakeholders for the Plan, Danielle will schedule five workshops across the state and would like to have them all completed by the end of May. Frank suggested that input from the Georgia geospatial industry, the agricultural sectors, legislators, and educators, students/young people, would be critical. He'll investigate. **The proposed focus of GISCC meetings for the next few months, meeting monthly, will be the Strategic & Business Plans.**

Clearinghouse:

The FY08 contract has finally been signed. Funding is 50% of last year with no promise of future funding. The Clearinghouse may have to move from GTA.

Other items:

Danielle and Chris Semerjian of Gainesville State University are developing a K-12 GIS curriculum.

Georgia URISA is offering student awards for GIS work. Georgia URISA will also host their biennial GIS conference in Athens in October. Visit <http://www.gaurisa.org> for more information.



The national URISA Leadership Academy will offer classes on managing geospatial groups this summer in Chicago.

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