



Meeting Minutes

December 16th, 2009

- Call to order
- Introductions
- Presentation(s): Voting and Membership Discussion
 - Who should be on committees?
 - Should vendors have a vote? What about conflicts of interest?
 - What is the process for adopting or implementing bylaws?
 - Template for bylaws for multiple organizational structures will be developed to accommodate current organizational structure needs and facilitate future if it changes. Need a template for a non-profit style, agency sponsor, or executive/legislative order organization.
 - Membership should not have fees or barriers to participation
 - Want to be clear that the GISCC is a governing body and not a user group. How does the GISCC distinguish itself from other organizations?
 - We could use a user group within the state, but be separate
 - What if visitors only want to attend and not participate/vote?
 - If we had dues, we would need a treasurer, account, etc. how would we spend it? It might be more harm than it's worth due to audit/accountability structures needed for finances
 - Dues apply to user group and not a governing body
 - Transition organization structure
 - Under the current governor we did not become a formal governing body
 - Opportunities exist to approach multiple gubernatorial candidates before they enter office. However, we do not want to appear that we are engaged in campaigns or biased to any candidate.
 - Recommended to partner with other organizations to develop strategies to adopt bylaws, take it to state leadership, and submit letters of support from:
 - GA URISA
 - Georgia Municipal Assn
 - ACCG
 - Regional Commissions
 - GISCC focus is a statewide steering committee. Our organizational focus is different from our program objectives. As an organization the purpose of the



GISCC is not to further the pursuit of the GIO, Clearinghouse, basemap, etc. However, we may choose to do so as a part of our policy objectives.

- The key is developing the message and sending the package to state representatives
- Promoting membership
 - DCA/RC trainings – November annual meeting
 - Develop a class instructed training for Regional Commissions on the goals of the GISCC or come up with some kind of class for coordination
 - Regional trainings are conducted once a quarter
 - URISA meetings may assist
 - Need to use more video capabilities in GISCC meetings
- Approval of Minutes – Minutes were not approved
- Officer Reports
- Committee Reports
 - Data Committee – No report
 - USGS Report
 - Ortho's of urban area as part of the 133 cities program are being take of the Ft. Benning-Columbus area. They are working with the city and military base for 6" and 1' Color. NGA is providing the funding.
 - LiDAR in watershed around Lake Lanier with ARRA funding, USACE will fund orthos. The contract is still in development/discussion. No shoreline this year is expected.
 - Outreach Committee – The committee is reaching out to the Regional Commissions to get more participation.
 - Education Committee – No report
 - Strategic Planning Committee – No report
- Current Business
 - GIS Software/Services Agreement Update
 - We believe the current discussion is in regards to the percentage of discount that would be available to participating agencies. DOAS is requesting 18% discount and ESRI is offering a discount of 15% as per the same cost of the GSA Schedule 70 agreement with federal government agencies.
 - A multipart motion for clarification on the status, terms and agreement was requested by Terry Jackson and is incorporated into the minutes. A significant concern was raised that the GISCC at large has not seen any documentation or draft pertaining to the potential agreement. A request was made by the Chair to defer the vote to allow wider hearing of the issues. The GISCC bylaws do not require a quorum for voting and a vote on the motions were called.
 - Motion Part 1 Vote: 7 Approve, 1 Oppose, 1 Abstention



- Motion Part 2 Vote: 7 Approve, 1 Oppose, 1 Abstention
- Motion Part 3 Vote: 9 Approve, 0 Oppose, 0 Abstention
- Legal Status Update – Materials were provided to Tiffany Lucas at the Attorney General’s Office for legal review.
- “GIS Day” at the Capitol – Discussions are continuing as separate meetings on the content and material of staging the event. A recommendation was made to incorporate the GIS software/services agreement into the information packet for legislators.
- Web Pages – The GISCC website materials were provided by Frank Howell and will be loaded to a Google Site for demonstration to the GISCC for evaluating web page formats.
- Announcements
 - FEMA at JFO in Doraville until February. Once they cease operation, they may move around to another location.
 - Take a look at the materials and see how our agency/job fits into emergency operation roles.
 - FEMA is here to help and should be consulted if anyone has questions.
- Adjournment
- Action Items
 - Teague Buchanan
 - Address passed motions
 - Create templates of draft bylaws reflecting discussion on organization and membership
 - Update meeting minutes
 - Upload GISCC materials to Google Site for evaluation/assessment
 - Publish survey of web page needs to GISCC email listserver

