



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

April 15, 2015

- **Call to order at:** 1:35 PM
- **Location:** DCA
- Introductions –
- **Approval of Minutes:** Lisa Westin made a motion to approve the February minutes, Tim Poe seconded the motion and the minutes were approved. No minutes for March GISCC meeting. It was held in conjunction with the sustainability report study meeting that was held in March.
- **Presentation:**
- **Update on the creation of the GIO:** The job has been posted at this time and applications are being received. Lisa Westin reported that the application process will close on April 27. Currently there are approximately 15 applicants. The first round of interviews will be done by phone and/or video conferencing. GARC will fund this position for the first two years and DCA will provide office space.
- **Developing an MOU establishing GIO authority:** Jimmy Nolan discussed the need for an MOU between the GIO and various state agencies. This MOU would help to establish a working relationship between the GIO and these agencies across the state. He believes these state agencies would like to have a hand in drawing up this agreement. This leads to an opportunity to create another working group related to the GIO position.
- **Report on GIO sustainability report:** Meeting was held in March for the report to reviewed. The actual report written by the POLIS Center and can be found on our website at <https://www.georgiaspatial.org/>.
- **Future of GGAC and mission of GISCC:** Continued discussion about the future role of the GISCC after the GIO positions begins. Jimmy discussed the possibility of the GISCC morphing into a role more like the GGAC, which would be more of an advisory council rather than a coordinating committee. The group discussed what the GISCC role should be. It was mentioned that the GISCC should be a support group to the GIO by continuing to meet and bring ideas and suggestions to the GIO. The role of GGAC was discussed



and how they were formed with a specific mission to report to legislature. The possibility of GISCC to be allowed to take on part of that mission was also discussed. How will the GIO, GGAC, and GISCC all work together? This is the question that has been raised for further discussion. Jimmy Nolan mentioned the possibility of an MOU that outlines GISCC responsibilities and participation with the GIO. There was also discussion around the idea that GTA should be the origin of this MOU outlining GISCC roles and responsibilities. Ernie Smith made a motion to authorize the chairman of the board of the GISCC to approach GTA for their wishes and understanding about an MOU and how that relationship with the GIO will continue and report those findings back to the GISCC body as a whole. Tim Poe seconded that motion.

- ***Emergency Management TWG report:*** The group met on March 16 in Canton, GA at the county GIS offices. There were 6 people in attendance. The GIS coordinators and two GIS analysts from Cherokee and Forsyth counties who focus on supporting fire and public safety were in attendance. The group decided the first step was to connect with Emergency Managers to make sure that the GIS layers and processes that would be recommended would be useful and useable by the EMA's. The group also wants to make sure the EMA's know what data is available. The next step in this process will be to pull in several EMA's and work on carefully crafting a survey to perform a Needs Assessment study. After this, a phase to assess available GIS datasets and gradually work towards best practice recommendations and encourage a level of standardization will be performed. At this time the working group felt the pilot project should be delayed until a better understanding of the needs of emergency management agencies had been achieved. The group does feel that the translator projects will have significant value to this project.
- ***Ga. Mountains Flight report:*** 22 counties are getting new aerial photography. 6 counties are getting LiDar. 6 counties have already received the data they obtained from Pictometry.
- ***GEMA WinGAP translators:*** Scope of work has been finalized and the contract needs signatures for its completion. It is anticipated that upon completion, work can begin sometime this summer. The contract includes adapting the WinGAP HAZUS Building Inventory FME translator to include parcel, land use, and addressing standardization. Partnering with GEMA's translators for the remaining counties in Georgia not covered in the previous projects. This will establish FME translator tools for all Georgia counties.
- ***LiDar Workshop report:*** A LiDar seminar was hosted by Baldwin County on March 27th. There were approximately 60 people in attendance. 4 vendors presented. These vendors were Quantam Spatial, Woolpert, Surdex, and ESRI. Jimmy suggested a spinoff



seminar for informing county commissioners, city and county managers about LiDar and helping them to better understand what it is and its uses.

- ***LiDar TWG report:*** Trying to organize a meeting in May. The date is TBD. The membership of this group is still be organized and determined as well. Mark Heffley was invited to work with this group and agreed. Mark works with GA Power. He attended the meeting. Jimmy wants to contact all counties that received LiDar in the Georgia Mountains RC flight and show them how to use.
- ***Committee Reports:***
 - Vice Chair: Hunter Key-
 - SP&P: Nick Kouloungis- No Report
 - Frame work: Scott Bales- See above on EMA TWG report and LiDar TWG report
 - Education and Outreach: Paula Edwards-
 - Website: Siva- No Report
 - Regional Commission Member: Vacant- No Report
 - GDOT Representative: Tim Poe- No Report
- ***Chairman Executive Committee Report:***
- ***Current Business:***
- ***Announcements and Public Comments:***
- ***Adjournment:*** Ernie Smith asked for motion to adjourn. Jimmy Nolan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.
- **Attendees**
 - Ernie Smith
 - Jimmy Nolan
 - Heidi Penny
 - Tim Poe
 - Keith McFadden
 - Lisa Westin
 - Mark Heffley
 - Amber Keller



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- Scott Bales
- Leanora Style

- Online Attendance
 - Terry Jackson
 - Paula Edwards
 - Chris Canalos
 - Rick Wallace
 - Nick Kouloungis
 - Chris Sapeta
 - James Smith
 - John Kilgore
 - Aaron Stone