

01/14/2003 Quarterly Meeting

Quarterly Meeting minutes

Minutes IGIC Quarterly Meeting via ICN; January 14, 2003

Attending: Board Members: Joe Artz, Terry Brase, Cory Brockman, Gary Brown, Steve Cooper, Brad Cutler, Micha Cutler, Joe Eckmann, Jim Giglierano (for Todd Bishop), Rick Havel, Kevin Kane, Andy Kula, Herb Kuehne, Roger Patocka, Bill Schuman, Kristen Tuttle, Ray Willis

Exec. Director: Alan Jensen

Others: Barb Berquam, Dan Corbin, Michelle Field, Gregg Hadish, Dawn Jones, John Lupke, Mark Moran, Beth Pauls, Nicki Price, Mark Tully, and others.

Agenda Items: After the roll was taken, Kevin Kane reported on efforts to find funds for full-time IGIC director. At present, \$24,500 was available...(DOT [\$17-\$18K]; Iowa State GIS Dept [\$2K]; IGIC [\$5K]; ICIT [\$500—and \$500 more, as discovered later during discussion]. Kevin hopes to obtain additional funding from the ITD. And Steve Padgett of the Iowa Extension Agency is contributing another \$35K, but allowing A.Jensen to work 90% of his time for IGIC.

Kevin asked for volunteers for various committees.

The Nomination committee needs to identify any empty Board slots and propose a slate of officers for election in April. Cory Brockman, Kristen Tuttle, and Barb Berquam volunteered.

A Membership committee, especially now to help develop a way to recruit members when individuals sign up for this summer's conference. Steve Newman, Brad Cutler, Kristin Tuttle joined Cory and Kevin on the committee.

A Newsletter Committee has been requested by Alan. Nicki Price, Terry Brase, Roger Patocka, Jim Giglierano, Herb Kuehne and Marc Moran offered to serve on that committee.

Terry Brase gave the Treasurer's report. From a Jan 1, 2002 balance of \$21,543.76 in the CTRE account, IGIC now has a balance of \$19,583.09, plus possibly an additional \$17,000 left from the Storm Lake Conference.

Alan Jensen gave a report of his activities and described the Work Plan that he follows based on input from the October 14th meeting. Both reports will be accessible shortly through the IGIC website. His Work Plan focuses on three major tasks: communication/networking; data development and sharing; GIS training.

Andy Kula reported on preparations for the summer Conference at Ames. The committee has been very active. Arrangements and program are coming together nicely. Announcement cards have gone out. The conference will be held on June 30 and July 1-2 of 2003.

The Clearing House committee will showcase its on-going work on a meta-data server in the Educational part of the meeting

Jim Giglierano (sitting in for Todd Bishop) reported on the Remote Sensing Committee. Maps are being received from the agency that flew the photography. About 50% of CIR maps and about 2000 DOQQ's have been received. About 700 maps are coming each month. The Committee hopes to have an FTP server making maps available in the summer. Some priority is given to serving partner requests for maps.

Ray Willis noted that the resurrection of the ICIT might make it more sensible for IGIC to drop its own Cadastral Committee and work in partnership with the ICIT. Kevin asked that the committee study that idea and make a formal recommendation to IGIC.

The E911 Committee has not met nor has the GPS committee. Kevin wondered if anyone wanted a GPS committee. Steve Cooper expressed interest as did Alan Jensen, Roger Patocka, Dan Corbin and Gregg Hadish.

The Natural Resources Data committee will be meeting in Iowa City in the near future. Interested parties should contact Kevin.

Andy noted that the Weather, Climate and Environment Committee is scheduled to meet in February. He noted that he would be interested in having IGIC support bringing the Science on a Sphere program to Iowa. He announced other meetings and exhibits that might be of interest to IGIC members.

There is not an active Education committee, but Alan has been working with ISU to develop programming.

Kevin invited proposals for the 2005 Conference site, noting that we need to identify a location so that we can secure a facility for dates which will be more convenient to attract participants. Andy thought that Marshalltown might be interested. Barb Berquam noted that if IGIC worked through Hawkeye Community College, IGIC might be able to hold the conference without needing to pay high rental costs. Micah Cutler suggested that something might be held in the SE portion of the State.

Before adjourning for lunch, Kevin invited descriptions of GIS day programs. Barb Berquam reported on a workshop-like event that involved 10 vendors, speakers, and approximately 125 attendees. Kevin described a mini-conference event at ISU that drew about 200 people and highlighted a GPS cache treasure hunt.

After a 20 minute lunch break, the meeting continued with three presentations.

1. Pat Brown from ISU described efforts to place map metadata on a specialized server at ISU. The plan is to make as much metadata on Iowa maps available to all as well as to enable others to post metadata directly through the internet, as long as their postings follow guidelines from the FGDC. Interested parties can visit the site at: www.maps.gis.iastate.edu/clearinghouse/explorer.jsp
2. Howard Butler from ISU described the AVTera Software that extends Arcview. The software won first prize among Software Integration applications at the summer ESRI conference. Butler first got interested when he saw similar software developed at MIT. AVTerra allows users to download images served on the Microsoft Terra Server in JPEG format. Image quality is not as good as DOQQ's, and Butler suggested using the extension only in situations where better images are not available. Interested parties can download the Arcview extension at www.hobu.stat.iastate.edu/avTerra.
3. Bill Schuman from the DOT described efforts to develop centerline road data for the entire state. The DOT has developed a process for rectifying centerline data from several sources. The process has been tested on Des Moines data, and has worked well. The DOT is looking for "partners" to collaborate on testing the system and producing accurate centerlines. Some examples of current work can be seen at www.iowadotmaps.com.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 pm. Parties at respective sites were asked to advise Alan Jensen about the numbers of individuals who attended any portion of the day's meetings. Kevin figured that at least 77 persons were present.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, April 15, 2003.

Respectfully submitted Herb Kuehne, Secretary