

**Iowa Geographic Information Council**  
**Spring 2006 Quarterly Meeting**  
 Tuesday, April 18, 2006 at 10:30 am  
 IDOT Facility – Ames, IA



**Type of Meeting:** Quarterly Board Meeting  
**Chair:** Brad Cutler

**AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order by Brad Cutler at 10:35am.

The following Board Members were present:

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Private Enterprise	Dan Corbin, Gail Brown	Kim Burns
Municipal Government	Chad Olson, Herb Kuehne, Kristen Tuttle	
County Government	Micah Cutler	
Regional Agency	Brad Cutler	
State Agency	Eric Abrams,	Jim Giglierano
Federal Agency	Gregg Haddish, Robert Lemen	
University	Dr. Anya Butt, Dr. Sunday Tim, Kevin Kane, Chris Seeger	Marc Peterson
Community College	Terry Brase, Scott Ermer	

**Others participating:**

Tom Samsen (IDOT), Patrick Brown (ISU), Paula Lemke (Cerro Gordo Co.), Lawrence Hartpence (Jasper Co.), Ann Packard (Fox Engineering), David Croll (City of Johnston), Steve Cooper (City of Cedar Rapids), Chris Solberg (The Schemmer Associations)

No items were added to the agenda. The minutes from the Winter 2006 Quarterly meeting were discussed. One item was corrected – Dr. Tim was in attendance and had been left out of the minutes. Kris Tuttle made a motion to approve those minutes and Chad Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All members present voted aye. There were no committee minutes to approve.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Conference Committee – Brad reported that the Conference Committee had a teleconference in early March for the April 2007 conference. A theme has been selected: Connecting People, Places, and Possibilities! The conference will be April 24-27<sup>th</sup> in Sioux City, Iowa. They are working on keynote speaker possibilities. Kris Tuttle mentioned that the ISU Extension has laptops that could possibly be used for labs.

Finance Committee – Terry Brase reported that the current IGIC balance was \$21,325. (Please see the attached Financial Report). There was an income of \$90,482.57, which include roughly \$44,000

with the statewide educational ESRI license and \$28,000 metadata grant. Expenses totaled \$84,198.84, which was largely money from those aforementioned programs. Terry recommended that we consider an audit in a year or so, once the records have been kept in detail for over three years.

Membership & Nominations Committee – Micah Cutler reported that elections will be online from May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be an election link on the main IGIC home page. She encouraged all to participate and reminded people that even if they are not elected, they can still be actively involved in IGIC. That would also help with name-recognition if they are relatively new to IGIC. People can currently view the candidate list and a short bio the IGIC website. Micah also reminded the candidates that he or she (or an alternate) must attend 3 of the 4 quarterly meetings to be a member of good standing.

Patrick Brown has been trying to reconcile the email list and registration on the website list. Soon the online member registration will collect basic contact information, put the person on the website, and on the IGIC email list. There may be a need for “special interest/committee” email lists. First we have to set the domain addresses to have those special lists. To register on the IGIC website, the members must contact Brad Cutler, Micah Cutler, or Patrick Brown to get a username and password. This prevents just any person from signing up on the IGIC website.

Education Committee –Gail Brown reported that the committee hasn’t formally met, but has been rather active. There are two definite invitations to work with Area Education Agencies (AEA) in Bettendorf and Cedar Rapids. This movement is actually going faster than the committee is prepared for; they need an educator to be involved. They would like to come up with a method to find people who are suited for this type of education – matching people with the skills. They would like to utilize the online registration to look at people’s interests and skills, not just what committee they would like to be on. Patrick Brown mentioned that the website has a questionnaire feature that could be used in the future.

Strategic Planning & Bylaws Committee – Brad Cutler, at Barb Berquam’s suggestion, sent out a request to all IGIC board members and candidates for an objective they would like to be included in the Strategic Plan. The Board would be looking at those later in the meeting.

Clearinghouse Committee – Lawrence Hartpence is testing publishing directly to the Clearinghouse from ArcCatalog. Patrick Brown is looking to the Ramona Inventory site for a list of who has data and then contacting them directly to publish their metadata on the Clearinghouse.

Natural Resources Committee – There was a LiDAR workshop with 18 people in attendance on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Another one with 16 people signed up is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. The watershed modeling meeting in April or May is not likely to happen.

Remote Sensing Committee – There was a LiDAR technical discussion with Sanborn on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion included: what it is, how it’s produced, what the products would be under the statewide program, price changes for the LiDAR and accompanying orthophotography. The legislative approach to fund a statewide LiDAR failed – there was one meeting with the Natural Resources committee. The latest plan involves borrowing money from the DNR state revolving fund, which

can be used for infrastructure programs. The money would have to be paid back within 10 years and no interest – DNR is looking for another state agency like the DOT to co-sign.

## **USER GROUPS**

Eastern Iowa GIS Users Group – The group met the week before. There was a distance learning session with ESRI in St. Charles on Parcel Builder from Sidwell. There were also sessions on Ramona and a GIS project involving Jane Goodall. The next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2006.

Central Iowa ArcUsers Group – The format is changing to a roundtable panel format with user presentations. All presentations and topics are on the IGIC website. All the meetings are on the GISP website and you have to register online with ESRI. The next meeting is in July.

SLUG – There is a meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month in Sioux City and the public is always welcome to attend. They are currently trying to verify where all the streets in the city are.

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

Iowa Counties Information Technology (ICIT) – The ICIT Mid-Year will be in Mason City on June 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006. There will be a meeting of county GIS personnel on May 9<sup>th</sup> to discuss a state GIS coordinator position.

MAGIC – MAGIC Conference is April 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2006 in Kansas City, Mo. Registration looks to be over 500. IGIC will be offering a door prize with a limit of \$50.00. Micah Cutler suggested looking at the workshop offerings and bringing some of those instructors to the IGIC conference next year. Herb Kuehne will be teaching one workshop. Several people will be attending the USGS mapping workshop.

NSGIC – Brad Cutler went to the NSGIC Mid-Year conference in Maryland. He did not attend the Washington, D.C. portion of the conference. The focus was on strategic and business planning. Patrick Brown asked if IGIC needs to appoint one person to consistently attend the 2 NSGIC conferences each year. Brad suggested waiting to make that decision until the new Board is installed in July. Terry Brase is involved in a geospatial planning grant and might be attending the NSGIC conference in the near future. Brad and Jim Giglierano gave a Ramona Inventory demonstration. It is an online tool to take an inventory of who has what GIS data. NAIP program specifications were discussed; the information is available on the NSGIC website.

IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES – Steve Cooper, Chad Olson, and Brad Cutler met with two Iowa League of Cities representatives in April. The initial meeting was an outreach to the League to initiate communication about reaching cities regarding GIS, education, training, access to information, etc. They were well received. Steve Cooper has written several articles that he is trying to get published. IGIC might do a day-long workshop with the League that covers GIS topics.

## **CORRESPONDENCE AND ACTIVITIES**

GeoTREE – The GeoTREE (Training, Research, Education, and Extension) Advisory Board met last week. This is a technology transfer program to get NASA data to local governments. The Board is to give direction on how this should be accomplished. Dr. Ramanathan Sugumaran is administering it at UNI. Some training is planned for this summer.

### **ALTERNATIVE IGIC URLs**

The IGIC Board voted between IowaGIS.org and IowaGIC.org. A motion was made by Herb Kuehne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gail Brown to select IowaGIS.org. Dr. Anya Butt believed that IowaGIC.org fits more with organization name and purpose. A vote was taken – 3 ayes, 7 nays. Dr. Anya Butt motioned that Iowa GIC.org be the organization’s new website address. A vote was taken – 11 ayes, 1 abstained. Patrick Brown will work to get IowaGIC.org working. IowaGIS.org will still get you to the IGIC website, but it won’t be used for advertisement purposes.

### **METADATA RETREAT**

Micah Cutler requested a consensus of possible dates for a Metadata Retreat. It was decided that it would be July 20-21 at Central College in Pella, Iowa. The next IGIC Quarterly meeting will be on July 19<sup>th</sup> in Pella, Iowa.

### **STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Brad Cutler led a discussion where objectives were combined and prioritized under each of the established six goals. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet in the next few weeks in Ames .

### **GISP**

Lawrence Hartpence, Steve Cooper, Chad Olson, and Dr. Anya Butts have received a GISP. They talked about the process. Micah asked if the organization or person paid for it. The school paid for Anya and the county paid for Lawrence. It was paid personally by Steve Cooper and Chad Olson. It was stressed that there was quite a bit to the application, including a code of conduct and qualifications to meet a standard. It was not just a piece of paper.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be at Central College in Pella on Wednesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Micah Cutler  
IGIC Secretary

Date	Description	Account	Amount	Balance
1/5 /2006	A+ Conferencing	554	meeting	544046
1/1 /2006	Des Moines Botanical Gard	555	meeting	18129
1/2 /2006	A+ Conferencing	556	meeting	604317
2/1 /2006	Central College	557	con	1521
2/2 /2006	Patrick Brown	558	web	
4/4 /2006	Deposit		Education	
4/1 /2006	Iowa DOT	559	conf	48019
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				final programs for conference
				05-06 income
				05-06 expense
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				\$ 20,840.45
				\$ 20,655.88
				\$ 20,605.88
				\$ 20,546.18
				\$ 21,346.18
				\$ 21,325.18

Prepared by Terry Brase 4/18/2006

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