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Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of 9/11/95

Attendance

Mike Brown
Bob Hagstat
Joe Holmes
Charles St. Remain
M. B. Watson
Bo Blackmon
Rex McDonald
Tom Burkes
Kabrina S. Smith
Joel Register
Scott Leachman
Keith Cascio
Zella Scheve
Sharon Balfour
Paul Adams
Bob Harper
Blanche Cretini
Sharon Kleinpeter
Richard Allen
Bob Keaton
Kathleen Randall
Fred Whitrock
Glen Daigre
Arleather Hutchinson

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 pm, 9/11/95, at the NVLF Building by Glen Daigre. The first item considered was the adoption of the bylaws. Several changes to the proposed bylaws were adopted. Joe Holmes moved for adoption of the bylaws and was seconded by Keith Cascio. The motion was called to a vote and was accepted unanimously.

The next item considered was the election of the chairman. When the floor was opened for nominations, Sharon Balfour nominated Glen Daigre. Mike Brown seconded. No other nominations were received and Glen Daigre was elected by acclamation.

The floor was then opened for nominations for the vice-chairman. Zella Scheve nominated Sharon

Balfour. Blanche Cretini and Keith Cascio seconded. No other nominations were received and Sharon Balfour was elected by acclamation.

The chairman then asked each person to give their thoughts on the role of the Council.

Bob Keaton: The group needs to move quickly to accomplish its goals. Decision makers need to be convinced of the benefit of the technology to their needs. There will be a competition for scarce funding. The Council needs to consider now how to approach a new administration and legislature.

Bo Blackmon: The Council needs to encourage the sharing of data and the reduction of duplication as a way of saving money for the state.

Paul Adams: The Council should encourage the coordination of efforts among agencies.

Shron Balfour: The Council should be the focal point for coordination with national initiatives in the GIS arena. Also the Council's role as the "board of directors" for the proposed LAGIC (Louisiana Geographic Information Center) is key. We need to work with LSU to get LAGIC established.

Blanche Cretini: The Council should quickly produce a catalog of data holdings which can be used in the effort to increase the sharing of data. This catalog should be put together by LAGIC.

Keith Cascio: There is a need within agencies to easily access existing data sets. The directory will help. A central point holding available data sets would be an assist.

Joe Holmes: The Council should function to make existing data sets available. It should help insure that metadata are properly recorded. Each member agency should bring a data set (with metadata) to the next meeting.

Sharon Kleinpeter: The development of new data sets and making existing data sets available should be priorities. (Also mentioned publication coming out soon which will feature GIS, Note: VVLF, DEQ, DNR.)

Kathleen Randall: The effort to coordinate at the national level should not be neglected. Not only data but projects should be shared among agencies. This will help to keep GIS in Louisiana at the "state of the art" level. The Council should approach its work in a high-minded way with a spirit of cooperation.

Kabrina S. Smith: First efforts should be towards updating the inventory and sharing data.

Rex McDonald: The inventory should be emphasized.

Bob Harper: Work should be accomplished toward reducing duplication of effort.

Scott Leachman: The Council should provide a roadmap for the development of GIS in local governments and a link to data sets at both the state and federal level. Local governments have data sets that the state does not have the resources to acquire.

Mike Brown: The Council should emphasize reduction and duplication.

Richard Allen: Consideration should be given to helping agencies which lack GIS.

Fred Whitlock: The Council should work toward the production of "state of the art" information.

The chairman then summarized the member's comments and made the following committee appointments:

This committee is charged with finding ways to encourage the sharing of data and recommending policies related to data sharing.

Joe Holmes - Chair

Mike Brown

Bo Blackmon

LAGIC Funding Committee

This committee is charged with finding funding for LAGIC.

Bob Harper - Chair

Sharon Balfour

Brad Spicer

Kathleen Randall

The chairman instructed both committees to provide reports at the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for 9:00 a.m., Thursday, October 5, 1995.

N.B. The WLF meeting site is not available. The meeting will be in the Committee Room on the third floor of the Capitol Annex Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.