

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of 11/30/95

Attendance

Representatives

Scott Leachman(LPJA)	Fred Whitrock(AG)	Glen Daigne(DOA)
Joe Holmes(DEQ)	Keith Cascio(WLF)	Paul Adams(DED)
Sharon Balfour(DOTD)	Blanche Cretini(CRT)	Zella Scheve(LMA)
Mike Brown(OEP)	Kathleen Randall(HOUSE)	

Others

Lynda Wayne(LSU)	Philip J. Meric (OPH)	Joel Register (LSU)
Sharon Kleinpeter(LPJA)	Harold Fiebelman (USGS)	Karen Paterson (DOA)
Jane Goodman (DOTD)	Josh Gilbert (USGS)	Rick Kasprzak (WLF)
Arleather Hutchinson(DOA)	Christine Hill (BR)	
Bo Blackmon(DNR)	Mark Swan (TNC)	

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. The chair asked for corrections to the previous Meeting Summary. No corrections were forthcoming and Ms. Balfour moved acceptance and was seconded by Ms. Scheve. With no objections the Summary was adopted.

Ms. Balfour provided a brief report on the activities of the LAGIC Funding Committee. Bob Harper, Kathleen Randall and Sharon Balfour met with LSU'S Vice Chancellor for Research, Harvel Eaton, to discuss the use of Petroleum Violators Escrow (PVE) funds for the establishment of LAGIC. Dr. Eaton seemed open to this idea. *Discussion followed on several items of detail. Several members emphasized the need to continue to find ways to fund LAGIC beyond the PVE funds. The chair indicated that this was a duty of the Funding Committee.*

Ms. Randall next provided a written and oral report from the Liability and Public Access Committee. (She also provided a written copy to all members present. Written copies of all committee reports will be maintained on file in the Chairman's Office.) She indicated that this report was a preliminary view of the complex issues facing the committee. The report was an attempt to raise questions, prioritize issues, and to begin determining what influence the Council can have to help resolve issues. *The Chair commended the committee on its work and requested the committee provide the Council a time line for actions which must be taken to work toward any needed legislation in the 1997 session. Mr. Holmes commented that the development of a standard disclaimer would be useful. Mr. Leachman indicated interest in establishing a fee structure. There was considerable discussion on this issue.*

Mr. Joe Holmes next presented the report of the Data Sharing Committee. He also provided a written report. *There was lengthy discussion on the proposed policies, particularly on the policy related to data sharing. It was the consensus of the Council to fully discuss the proposed*

policies at the next meeting. (A copy of the written report will be included in the next meeting notice mailout for members of the Council.)

Ms. Cretini brought up the issue of establishing a homepage for the Council. Mr. Holmes informed the Council that his department, Environmental Quality, was offering the use of its server and some personnel time to put up an interim home page. After some discussion, Ms. Randall moved that the Council develop a homepage by accepting DEQ's offer to put it on their server. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cretini and with no opposition was accepted by the Council.

The next item considered by the Council was a Resolution of commendation of Sharon Balfour. Mr. Paul Adams moved for the acceptance of the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scheve and Mr. Whitrock. The motion was accepted by acclamation.

The Resolution regarding the 12th Annual GIS Workshop was considered next. Ms. Scheve moved acceptance and was seconded by Mr. Leachman. The Chair opened the floor to discussion. Ms. Randall questioned whether there were any costs involved. Mr. Blackmon replied that there would be no cost to the Council. He further stated that the Workshop serves as a forum for agencies to display GIS products, to plan joint products, to disseminate data, and to coordinate data needs. Ms. Scheve indicated that the Council should consider this only a one-time approval since the Council might want to have its own conference in the future. Ms. Balfour explained that the GIS Task Force had a conference in 1993 with LAURISA. In 1994 the Task Force did co-sponsor the Workshop. She indicated that there were problems with the Workshop being in Lafayette and more difficult for most of the Council members to attend than a Baton Rouge site. Additionally, she indicated that the Workshop is very technically oriented while the Council is a policy group. The Chair indicated favor for approving the resolution. There was no opposition and the resolution was adopted. The Chair appointed Sharon Balfour as the Council's representative to coordinate with the planning group for the Workshop.

The next item was a request by the Chair for the appointment of a committee to oversee by-laws and procedures. Mr. Whitrock opined that the Council would not have problems in this area. The Chair indicated that he would like some assistance and feedback on procedure during meetings. Ms. Scheve indicated that being concerned with procedures would contradict the informal tone which was agreed upon in early Council meetings. The Chair agreed that this was the case but indicated that at the previous meeting of the Council someone had questioned whether something in the meeting was in concurrence with the bylaws. The Chair stated that it is difficult to conduct the meeting, follow discussions, and be concerned with the bylaws at the same time. Mr. Whitrock suggested that the Vice-Chair could assist with this. There was more discussion and the Chair concluded that there was not support on the Council for the establishment of the committee.

The Chair then asked if there was any new business and Ms. Balfour announced a URISSA conference the following day. No other new business was brought up.

The next meeting date was set for Thursday, January 25, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. The deadline for

submitting items for the agenda is January 11, 1995.

The Chair then introduced Mr. Butch Fiebelman of the Program Management Branch, National Mapping Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. Mr. Fiebelman reported on U.S.G.S. digital raster graphics products.

After Mr. Fiebelman's report the meeting was adjourned.