

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council  
Meeting of 7/18/96

Attendance

		Representatives	
Holmes(DEQ)	Ronnie Mayeaux(PS&C)	Glen Daigre(DOA)	Joe
Whitrock(AG)	Sharon Balfour(DOTD)	Sherel Martin (LAA)	Fred
(LMA)	Keith Cascio(@F)	Blanche Cretini(CRT)	Zella Scheve

		Others	
Fontenot(OEP)	Lynda Wayne(LSU)	Bob Hagstad(DOA)	Sean
Bisch(Intergraph)	Arleather Hutchinson(DOA)	Mark DuBos(EBR)	Tim
Mitchell(LSU)	Joel Register(LSU)	Jane Goodman(GeoQuery)	Jim

Meeting Summary

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m. Ms. Balfour moved acceptance of the summary of the 6/13/96 meeting. Ms. Scheve seconded this motion. The summary was accepted without objection.

The Council initially discussed the next actions to be taken to ensure the use and usefulness of the Louisiana Metadata Standards. Mr. Register indicated that LSU would complete the final organization of the standards and would subsequently conduct a training session. This would be accomplished under their grant from the Federal Geographic Data Center. The chair and others indicated that there would be a continuing need for this type of training. Possible means for funding were discussed. Ms. Scheve informed the Council of the establishment of the Senate Finance Subcommittee on Information Technology and suggested this might assist in securing funding. She also asked if there were any funds available from the Department of Econ@ Development. The chair said he Nwould contact the appropriate person at the department to see if there is a possibility of funding. Mr. Register brought up the availability of on-line metadata checkers (parsers). There was considerable discussion on how a checker could be modified to fit the Louisiana standards. Mr. Register agreed to check on this issue. The Council then discussed the promulgation of the standards. The authority of the Council was debated. The general consensus was that the heads of departments should be put on notice

of the requirements to prepare metadata so resources could be made available to accomplish the task.

Mr. Cascio reported on the possibility of having a strategic planning retreat. He listed several places (State Parks, Wildlife and Fisheries facilities) that were possible. There was various discussion on how to focus the strategic planning process. The consensus was to begin the meeting near noon on the first day and continue until about noon on the second day. The date will be probably the last two weeks in October. Mr. Cascio will follow up on this and report further at the next meeting.

Mr. Scan Fontenot then provided a report on the activities of the Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP). Hurricane Andrew made clear to OEP that the agency needed to update their computer system. Mr. Fontenot said that the agency first acquired their GIS in May 1995. OEP uses ARCVIEW 2000. The office does not generate data; the system is used to provide information only. OEP plans to provide each parish emergency management center with certain emergency management software which will include a copy of ARCVIEW 3.0. The parishes will have to put any data on their systems. Many parishes do not have sufficient hardware to support these software. Hardware will not be provided. It is hoped that parishes will acquire the data and hardware they need.

The next item discussed was the failure of several agency representatives to attend meetings. The consensus was to provide gentle reminders to those persons.

Under new business Ms. Balfour announced that LAURISSA will sponsor a workshop on GIS solutions on November 19 and 20 at Pennington in Baton Rouge. The cost will be \$35 for members and \$40 for nonmembers (after 10/1-this will increase to \$65 and \$75 respectively.) Ms. Balfour then reported that the National States Geographic Information Council will meet in Tucson, Arizona, September 14-18. She announced that she had prepared a draft letter to request recognition by the Federal Geographic Data Center as a cooperator in the National Spatial Data Infrastructure. The chair read the draft to the Council which approved of sense of the letter. The chair volunteered to provide some letterhead, edit the letter and mail it. Ms. Balfour said that FGDC had indicated they were anxious to meet with the Council to provide whatever assistance it could and to work with the Council to further define our cooperative role.

Mr. Hagstad brought to the attention of the Council that the Louisiana State Board of Registered Engineers and Land Surveyors were proposing legislation requiring the supervision of an engineer or land surveyors over geographic information systems in certain cases. The proposal was discussed by the Council and it was agreed to request that the Board send a representative to the next meeting to discuss their position.

The next meeting date was set as September 5, 1996 at 1:30 p.m. and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.