

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of July 09, 1998

1. Call to Order

Chair Joe Holmes called the meeting to order at approximately 1:35 in the Third Floor Conference Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA. Fifteen members/alternates were present.

2. Roll Call

Members or Alternates:

Joe Holmes, Department of Environmental Quality
Sharon Balfour, Department of Transportation and Development
Gene Stephens, Department of Economic Development
Fred Whitrock, Attorney General's Office
Virginia Smith, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Glen Daigre, Division of Administration
Scott Leachman, Louisiana Police Jury Association
Brad Spicer, Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Skip Rhorer, Department of Agriculture and Forestry
Herman Melancon, Department of Environmental Quality
Truman McDaniel, Department of Health and Hospitals
Kathleen Randall, House of Representatives
Kay Henderson, Department of Transportation and Development
Jay Isacks, Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism
Marvin Lyons, Louisiana Police Jury Association

Others:

Joel Register, LA Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)
Joshua D. Kent, DOA/State Land Office
John Freeman, LA Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)
Karen Paterson, Division of Administration
Aimee Preau, Department of Environmental Quality
Eric Jeansonne, Department of Transportation and Development
Ryan Coulombe-Moore, Department of Environmental Quality
Brad Mooney, Department of Environmental Quality
Daniel DuVal, Department of Environmental Quality
Rob Cox, Louisiana Police Jury Association
Bob Zurfluh, National Geodetic Survey
Jim Mitchell, Louisiana State University
David Gisclair, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office
Tim Bisch, Intergraph Corporation
Ed Leachman, Louisiana Database Commission

1. Bob Zurfluh (NOAA - National Geodetic Survey) gave a presentation about converting data from the North American Datum of 1927 to North American Datum of 1988. Mr. Zurfluh then fielded questions.
2. Ed Leachman (LDBC) was introduced to LGISC as the new LDBC Chairman and spoke briefly about the LDBC.
3. The minutes of the April 16, 1998 meeting were submitted and unanimously approved after a motion to accept was made by Sharon Balfour (DOTD) and seconded by Scott Leachman (LPJA).
4. David Gisclair (Louisiana Oilspill Coordinator's Office – LOSCO) spoke about the status of the Digital Orthophoto Quads (DOQQs) for the state and brought a sample finished printed map, which passed around. Although all of the state has been flown, funding to process the film and produce the DOQQs for the area of the state north of I-10 was not passed during the recent legislative session.

5. Chairman's Report:

- LAGIC's Year Two: Status and Tasks
Comments by Joe Holmes (DEQ), Joel Register (LAGIC), and Glen Daigre (DOA) all noted that as of 30 June the contract is still in budget review.
- Rotunda Day was declared a success by Joe Holmes (DEQ) with 6 participants from State GIS organizations.
- Louisiana IT Master Plan – GIS Focus Group. A questionnaire to determine "Best Practices" in GIS is presently being administered by Don Callais (DOTD).

6. LAGIC Report

- Data Resource Inventory: Login IDs and passwords were handed out to LGISC members chosen as Points of Contact (POCs).
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- A sheet describing the procedure for logging into the site and filling in the resource inventory and user expertise surveys was distributed to attendants. Others were to have the instructions emailed to them in the following days.
- LAGIC and LGISC Websites:
Edits and updates to the LGISC mailing list continue. Joel Register (LAGIC) explained the procedure for logging on to the website using the newly created passwords for each Agency. The design of the site and its relationship to the online metadata collection tool being developed by Mr. Register was discussed. Mr. Register then fielded questions.

- Metadata Development

LAGIC continues to work on a metadata entry system that guides users through the Content Standard for Digital Geospatial Metadata (CSDGM) and provides agency password protection. Beta testing of the system and training program will focus on the data distribution efforts of DEQ, LOSCO, and Office of State Lands.

7. Old Business

- LGISC Archive Committee Report
This report was postponed until Mr. Bo Blackmon (LDNR) was present.
- \$1000.00 NSGIC Fund for members who would like to attend the conference was discussed. Glen Daigre (LDOA) explained that there had been no resolution of the issue after he spoke with representative of NSGIC.
- The 1998 NSGIC Conference will be held 12-17 September at the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Annapolis, Maryland.

8. New Business

- Glen Daigre (DOA) gave an update on his FGDC steering committee meetings in Washington, D.C. Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is supportive of spending new money on the National Spatial Data Structure and providing more grant opportunities.
- The LGISC committee passed a resolution to award Zella Scheve (LMA) a Council service award. LAGIC has been assigned to design and develop the award. The resolution was motioned by Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Fred Whitrock (Att. Generals Office).
- Glen Daigre (DOA) suggested that metadata deadlines need to be set. The LGISC will discuss this measure at the next LGISC meeting.

9. Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date was set as August 13, 1998 at 1:30 in the Third Floor Conference Room at the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Building.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m, based on a motion by Sharon Balfour (DOTD) and seconded by Scott Leachman (LPJA).