

**Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**  
Meeting of August 13, 1998

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Joe Holmes called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 P.M. in the Fourth Floor Conference Room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Eight members were present.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members:**

*Joe Holmes, Department of Environmental Quality*  
*Sharon Balfour, Department of Transportation and Development*  
*Bo Blackmon, Department of Natural Resources*  
*Fred Whitrock, Attorney General's Office*  
*Glen Daigre, Division of Administration*  
*Scott Leachman, Louisiana Police Jury Association*  
*Brad Spicer, Department of Agriculture and Forestry*  
*Kathleen Randall, House of Representatives*

**Others (including Alternates):**

*Lynda Wayne, LA Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)*  
*Joel Register, LA Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)*  
*John Freeman, LA Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)*  
*Gene Stephens, Department of Economic Development*  
*Keven Roth, U.S. Geological Society*  
*Kay Henderson, Department of Transportation and Development*  
*Peter Norris, Spin-2*  
*John Anderson, Spin-2*  
*Rob Cunningham, LSU CCEER*  
*Larry Handley, USGS/National Wetlands Research Center*  
*Steve Hartley, USGS/National Wetlands Research Center*  
*Marty Beasley, USGS/CRPO*  
*Bobby Taylor, USGS/WRD*  
*????????? Collins, USGS/WRD*  
*Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC*  
*Keith Millet, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources/CRD*  
*Eric Jeansonne, Department of Transportation and Development*  
*Jim Mitchell, Louisiana State University*  
*David Gisclair, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office*  
*Ed Leachman, Louisiana Database Commission*  
*John Sheeman, CEI*  
*Doug Bryant, LA DCRT*

3. John Anderson, Sr. V.P., and Peter Norris, Pres., gave a presentation on Spin2's aerial mapping images and services. Spin2 formed a partnership with the Russian space agency in 1995, which gave them the rights to market and distribute Russian satellite imagery. Spin2 data has been featured on the TerraServer project (a collaboration between Microsoft, USGS, and Spin2 that is available online at <http://www.terraserver.com>).
4. Kevin Roth (USGS) gave a presentation on 'The National Hydrology Dataset'. The dataset is a joint effort with EPA and USGS to integrate the DLG hydrology layers with the EPA River Reach system. Projected to be completed in 1999, the dataset will include a Feature Operational Database (FOD), a mechanism that will allow states and local entities to extend the dataset by adding higher resolution data. The FOD will assure that additions to the data will not invalidate the integrity of the original data.

#### **5. Chairman's Report:**

- Chairman Joe Holmes (DEQ) declared a quorum was present at approximately 2:30 P.M.
- The minutes of the July 09, 1998 meeting were submitted and unanimously approved after a motion to accept was made by Brad Spicer (LDAF) and seconded by Scott Leachman (LPJA).
- LAGIC's Year Two Kick-off Meeting was discussed. The meeting took place on July 24 and included Lynda Wayne (LAGIC), Joel Register (LAGIC), Ed Leachman (LDBC), and Sharon Balfour (DOTD). Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) summarized the meeting as helping to clarify and revise the task and deliverable list.
- In an effort to put together a proposal for completing the Digital Orthophoto Quadrangles (DOQQs), David Gisclair (LOSCO) sent out a draft Technology Innovation Fund Proposal. Comments and contributions from multiple agencies were solicited in an effort to secure funding for the completion of the DOQQs for the northern half of the state.

#### **6. LAGIC Report**

Status of the Inventory and Metadata Input Forms: Joel Register (LAGIC) said that the dataset (metadata) entry programs have been completed. New versions of the LGISNet are being installed and tested. On-site visits to train LGISC members and their staffs will begin on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **7. Old Business**

- Bo Blackmon (LDNR) presented the LGISC Archive Committee Report on the document types in the archive and suggested the addition of a resolution and policy statement. The Archive Committee Report will be added to the next meeting agenda.
- Glen Daigre (DOA) received approval from NSGIC to carry over the \$1000.00 to state agencies to next year's meeting in New Orleans.
- Glen Daigre (DOA) suggested a resolution requiring that 1) each agency provide metadata for all new datasets created after 11/1/98; 2) each agency must provide LGISC with a plan for the documentation of legacy data by 2/1/99; 3) each agency must complete the process of documenting all their GIS data by June 30, 2000. The LGISC will discuss this measure at the next LGISC meeting.

## **8. New Business:**

- Bo Blackmon (LDNR) announced that the civil service increase for GIS state personnel will be effective August 15, 1998. DNR's oil and gas project will be available on their internet site by mid-September.
- Sharon Balfour (DOTD) recommended that LGISC meeting agendas be posted on LAGIC's website two weeks in advance.

## **9. Next Meeting Date:**

The next meeting date was set as September 24, 1998 at 1:30 in the Fourth Floor Conference Room at the LA Wildlife and Fisheries Building.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:35 p.m., based on a motion by Brad Spicer (LDAF) and seconded by Bo Blackmon (DNR).