

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council

Meeting of January 19, 2000

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) called the meeting to order at 1:35 P.M. in the First Floor Louisiana Room, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A quorum was presented with eleven agency/organization representatives present.

2. Roll Call

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Office of the Governor, Division of Administration

Glen Daigre, **Member**

Department of Culture, Recreation, and Tourism,

Dennis Eilers, **Member**

Department of Economic Development,

Gene Stephens, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality,

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department Health and Hospitals,

Truman McDaniel, **Alternate**

House of Representatives

Kathleen Randall, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Sharon Balfour, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

James Patton, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors' Association

Rich Bailey, **Alternate**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Scott Leachman, **Member**

Others Present:

Office of the Governor, Division of Administration

Marty Beasley, State Land Office

Department of Economic Development,

Andrew Kuyoro, **Alternate**

Department of Transportation and Development

Mary Kay Henderson, **Alternate**

John Wells

Pam Coffey

Louisiana Municipal Association

Joel Harrell, Baton Rouge Office of Community Development

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Lynda Wayne
Joshua Kent
Sastry Chundury
Dina Sa

Office of the Louisiana Database Commission

Ed Leachman

USGS / National Wetlands Research Center

Suzanne Harrison, EE-IR Center
Adam Chandler, EE-IR Center

NGS Advisor

Bob Zurfluh

3. Approval of December 15, 1999 Minutes

The minutes were submitted and approved on a motion made by Mr. Bo Blackmon (DNR) and seconded by Ms. Sharon Balfour (LDOTD).

4. Chairman's Report

Chair Scott Leachman (LPJA) reported that there are no outstanding committee reports to present.

Chair Leachman announced that a letter was presented to the council from Secretary Reilly of the Dept. of Economic Development naming Mr. Andrew Kuyoro as an Alternate.

5. LAGIC Report

Status of DOQQ data and metadata servers

Ms. Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) reported that more than half of the Phase 1 DOQQs are available online at the ATLAS web site (<http://atlas.lsu.edu>). Additionally, development of the geospatial metadata catalog continues.

Proposed Data Themes for LAGIC Thesaurus

Ms. Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) introduced the concept of Data Themes for use as geospatial data category headings. The concept of having simple/generic categories for Louisiana would make searching for data easier. These categories would be applied as a thesaurus to the metadata keywords field. Ms. Wayne (LAGIC) distributed a list of proposed categories to the council and asked that members review them for consideration. Questions and comments regarding the categories are to be directed to LAGIC.

6. Election of New Officers

Mr. Joe Holmes (LDEQ) reported that the nomination procedures and nomination forms were sent out to the council members. Mr. Holmes announced that the nomination for the 2000-2001 council chair was Mr. Bo Blackmon (DNR).

Motion to close nominations was made by Ms. Sharon Balfour (LDOTD) and seconded by Mr. Rich Bailey (LAA). Mr. Blackmon was elected unanimously as Chair of the LGISC.

Mr. Holmes (LDEQ) reported that the nominations for Vice Chair included Mr. Bo Blackmon. A motion to nominate Mr. Dennis Eilers (CRT) was made by Mr. Glen Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Ms. Balfour (LDOTD). Motion to close nominations was made by Mr. Bailey (LAA) and seconded by Mr. Holmes (LDEQ). Mr. Eilers (CRT) was elected unanimously Vice Chair of the LGISC.

Upon the conclusion of the elections, Chair Leachman turned the meeting over to Chair elect, Bo Blackmon.

7. Old Business

DOQQ Update

It was reported by LAGIC that a DOQQ presentation would be held at the Data Base Commission meeting on January 20, 2000, at 10 a.m. in the State Capitol (House Committee Room 3). 1,105 of 1,508 of the Phase 1 DOQQs were made available online and that a status graphic is accessible from the Council's web page (<http://www.doa.state.la.us/lgisc>).

NGS Advisor Status

Ms. Sharon Balfour (LDOTD) reported that NGS has agreed to a multi-party agreement and that the draft agreement is under review by NGS.

LA RS/GIS Workshop

Chair Blackmon (DNR) reported that no meetings have convened since the winter holidays. Chair Blackmon continued by stating that planning continues as scheduled and that the catering status is still in development.

State GIS Job Specification Changes

Chair Blackmon (DNR) reported that the current Civil Service job specifications remain the same and discussions for changes continue.

'Blessing' the DOTD Parish Boundary Data Set

Mr. Joe Holmes (LDEQ) presented the proposed language of the resolution to apply custodial stewardship of the Louisiana parish boundary data set. A motion to accept the resolution as displayed below was made by Mr. Glen Daigre (DOA)

and seconded by Mr. Scott Leachman (LPJA). Following discussion by the Council, Ms. Sharon Balfour (LDOTD) called the question.

“Louisiana Geographic Information Council recognizes the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development as the custodial agency for the Louisiana parish boundary digital data and recommends use of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development boundary files in GIS applications.”

Following a unanimous approval, discussion to write a similar resolution for custodian of the state boundary data set began. A motion to do so was made by Mr. Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Ms. Balfour (LDOTD).

6. New Business

Landsat Requests information from Office of the Data Base Commission

Mr. Ed Leachman (LDBC) reported that LandSat requested information regarding the distance and width of the Lake Pontchartrain Causeway span for QA/QC of LandSat 7 data. Mr. Leachman expressed the appreciation of the LDBC to Ms. Kay Henderson of the LA Dept. of Transportation and Development for providing that data.

Agency Status pertaining to the Metadata Resolution of 1998

Ms. Lynda Wayne (LAGIC) reminded the members that all agencies should have developed plans to create metadata for legacy data by the January 2000 deadline.

Proposal to add LOSCO as a member of the LGISC

Mr. Holmes (LDEQ) inquired about conditions necessary for adding the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office as a member of the LGISC.

Farewell to a valued colleague

The council bid farewell to Ms. Lynda Wayne (LAGIC). Sharon Balfour (LDOTD) presented two cards to Ms. Wayne. Chair elect, Bo Blackmon (DNR), presented Ms. Wayne with a notorious sweatshirt. Finally Mr. Glen Daigre (DOA) presented a gift to Ms. Wayne. Ms. Wayne gratefully thanked the council.

7. Determine Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2000 at 1:30 in the 3rd Floor Conference room of the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:20 P.M. on a motion by Mr. Daigre (DOA) and seconded by Ms. Balfour (DOTD).