

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of January 15, 2009
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) called the meeting to order at 1:37 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held in Room #214 at Efferson Hall on the LSU Campus in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Department of Agriculture & Forestry

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

Joe Holmes, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals

Clay Trachtman, **Designee**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Bo Blackmon, **Member**

Department of Transportation & Development

Jim Mitchell, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Ian Beer, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning and Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Police Jury Association

Shane Breland, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Military Department

Bryan Haviland, **Designee**

US Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Health and Hospitals

Kate Streva

Department of Justice

Will Paulson

Department of Transportation & Development

Doug Albert

Leo Boles

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Scott Armond, **Designee**

Fred Hagaman

Division of Administration,

Tai Istre

Karen Paterson

Environmental Systems Research Inc. (ESRI)

Veronica Schindler

Governors Office of Homeland Security

Tamera Hewitte

IEM Inc.

Matt Diez

Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)

Craig Johnson

Joshua Kent

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

St James Parish Government

Scott Locque

Tangipahoa Parish Government

Bill Moorman

University of Louisiana Lafayette – NIMSAT

Rusti Liner

U.S. Geological Survey

Pierre Sargent

Watch Systems Inc.

Fran Perrin

3. Approval of December 2008 Minutes

The December 2008 Minutes was accepted, on a motion by Shane Breland (LPJA) and seconded by Jim Mitchell (DOTD).

4. Chair's Report

Chair David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the LouisianaMAP Committee had met earlier that day. He mentioned the Base Map Data sets that are listed in the White Paper and the essential web services that were discussed in the meeting.

Chair Gisclair noted that LOSCO is working with the Sea Grant Program to develop an online system for accessing the Marina and Boat Launch data.

Chair Gisclair noted that it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as the Chair of the Louisiana GIS Council for the last two years.

5. 2009 Louisiana GIS Council Election

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) read the Election Report listing all those who had been nominated for Chair; David Gisclair (LOSCO), Brad Mooney (DWF) and Shane Breland (LPJA). Of those nominated only David Gisclair had agreed to serve this year. Joe Holmes (DEQ) then asked for nominations from the floor. Not hearing any, Mr. Holmes called for a vote and Mr. Gisclair was unanimously selected as Chair of the Louisiana GIS Council.

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) read the Election Report listing all those who had been nominated for Vice Chair; Shane Breland (LPJA), Brant Mitchell (GOHSEP) and Lynn Dupont (LAPDD). Of those nominated only Shane Breland had agreed to serve this year. Joe Holmes (DEQ) then asked for nominations from the floor. Not hearing any, Mr. Holmes called for a vote and Mr. Breland was unanimously selected as Vice Chair of the Louisiana GIS Council.

6. LAGIC Report

We have scheduled the Council Introduction for new members for this meeting, that presentation will follow the LAGIC Report.

LAGIC has scheduled the first two of a series of five GNIS Workshops in North Louisiana for next week, January 20th in Alexandria and January 21st in Natchitoches. Our first two GNIS workshop will be followed by a workshop in Shreveport on February 17th and one in Monroe on April 1st.

LAGIC's GIS Training Coordinator, Ala Shams will be teaching ArcGIS I, II and III in March. Alaa has flyers and registration forms for anyone who is interested. As suggested by the LAGIC oversight committee, LAGIC has conducted a survey of Council members and friends as to their GIS training needs. We will use the results of that survey to develop our annual training plan. We have some extra training survey forms on the back table if you did not get a chance to complete it.

7. New Member Presentation

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) gave a short presentation that explained the history of the Louisiana GIS Council its enabling legislation and the creation of LAGIC. Mr. Johnson noted that the Council has both standing committees and ad-hoc committees. He distributed a list of the LGISC Committees and their Chairs. He noted the primary purpose of the GIS Council (from the statute that created it) and LAGIC's responsibilities as outlined in the statute. He gave a short description of the process for appointing members and designees, which differs slightly between state agencies and local government representatives.

8. Old Business

2009 RS/GIS Workshop

Bo Blackmon (DNR) noted that the RS/GIS Workshop will be held at the Cook Conference Center from April 14th to the 16th. There will be training workshops on Monday and social events on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. ULL now has online registration for the workshop. It is \$100 for early registration (before 3/27). Mr. Blackmon noted that the organizing committee is still looking for papers for a number of sessions. He listed the sessions that will be featured, including; a North Louisiana GIS session, local government session, emergency data session, etc.

LIDAR Report

David Gisclair (LOSCO) noted that the LIDAR data is now complete and Farrell Jones is working on posting the data to ATLAS. He noted that the last shipments of LIDAR data are much denser (1 meter posting) than the first batch of LIDAR data (5 meter posting). The increased density results in increased file size.

DOQQ Update

Chris Cretini (USGS) gave an update on the status of the current DOQQ flight over coastal Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama. The flight is currently underway. The imagery vendor, Photo Science, has provided 4 sample DOQQ images from the SW Louisiana area for initial review. He noted that the samples look good with good color balancing and no visible seams. The imagery is 4-band with 1-meter ground resolution and is available as a GeoTiff. The imagery should be available within a month. David Gisclair (LOSCO) asked about the turnaround time, to which Chris Cretini noted that, "it should be fairly quick".

The whole project is approximately 470 GIG and will be distributed by both ATLAS and DEQ. The 30 meter DEM's were used for rectification so as to match up with the 2005 Coastal flight.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that the three Louisiana urban areas of Shreveport, New Orleans and Baton Rouge flown in 2007 will be available this summer. She also noted that the Corps of Engineers has been asked to perform an elevation survey to certify the levee heights in the New Orleans area.

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Chris Cretini (USGS) is putting together a Post Hurricane Gustav Workshop on January 29th at the State Library downtown. He noted that John Perry (FEMA) will join the meeting by conference call.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that Southeastern Louisiana will be flown in January and February of 2009 at 1 foot ground resolution.

Winchester Jordan noted that he will be reconstituting the Louisiana Chapter of URISA. You will be hearing more about La URISA functions in the near future.

Clay Trachtman noted that DHH has a new website with both public and private hospitals listed. The website is used in-house but should be available soon for the public.

The letter to the Ethics Commission drafted by Ryan Seidemann (Justice) was mailed to the Ethics Commission. Mr. Seidemann noted that a decision on who must comply with the various levels of disclosure will be decided at their January 29th meeting. There was some discussion as to what entities have full membership on the council. Mr. Seidemann noted that whoever must file disclosure forms will be required to do so by May 15th. He stated that the most stringent requirements that Council members would be likely to face would be the Level III requirements which are the minimum.

9. Next Meeting – February 19th at the State Library on 4th Street in downtown Baton Rouge.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 4.08 on a motion by Jim Mitchell (DOTD) and seconded by Ryan Seidemann (DOJ).

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Summary of Action Items

2009 Louisiana GIS Council Election

Mr. Holmes called for a vote and Mr. Gisclair (LOSCO) was unanimously selected as Chair of the Louisiana GIS Council for 2009.

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