

## **Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council**

Meeting of January 19, 2012

### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Ian Beer (LMA) called the meeting to order at 1:30 P.M., a quorum was present. The meeting was held in the State Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

### **2. Roll Call**

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

#### **Member Agencies/Organizations Present:**

##### **Department of Agriculture and Forestry**

Gus Rowland, **Designee**

##### **Department of Children and Family Services**

Michael Eleam, **Member**

##### **Department of Environmental Quality**

Andy Venuto, **Designee**

##### **Department of Health and Hospitals**

Kate Streva, **Designee**

##### **Department of Public Safety**

Michael Henderson, **Member**

##### **Department of Wildlife and Fisheries**

Brad Mooney, **Member**

##### **Division of Administration**

Marty Beasley, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Assessors Association**

Pam Jones, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts**

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Chapter, National Emergency Numbering Association**

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Police Jury Association**

Jack Gardner, **Designee**

##### **Louisiana Municipal Association**

Ian Beer, **Member**

##### **Louisiana Senate**

David Gisclair, **Designee**

##### **U.S Department of Homeland Security (FEMA)**

Aimee Preau, **Member**

##### **US Geological Survey**

Chris Cretini, **Member**

#### **Others Present:**

**Atkins Global**

Jim Stevenson

**Baton Rouge Water Company**

Dina Knight

**Geo Digital Mapping International Services**

Sean Hodges

**Louisiana Geographic Information Center (LAGIC)**

Craig Johnson

Chris Pennington

Alaa Shams

**Navigation Electronics Inc.**

Bernard Lemoine

**South Central Planning and Development District**

Scott Leger

**Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East**

Roger Colwell

**St James Parish Government**

Scott Loque

**St Tammany Parish Government**

Katie McBay

**Terrebonne Parish Assessors' Office**

Duffy Duplantis

**3. Approval of November 2011 Minutes**

The November 2011 Minutes were accepted with minor revisions on a motion by Marty Beasley (DOA) and seconded by David Gisclair (Senate).

**4. Approval of December 2011 Minutes**

The December 2011 Minutes were accepted on a motion by Gus Rowland (DAF) and seconded by Marty Beasley (DOA).

**4. Chair's Report:** Chair Beer thanked all the members for their support in his year as GIS Council Chair. He recommended that everyone serve as a GIS Council Officer at some time. He noted that we have had difficulty in getting the 2/3rds quorum necessary to pass the proposed Bylaw changes. His last action as Chair will be to preside over the 2012 GIS Council election.

**5. LAGIC Report:**

**Training:** LAGIC is co-sponsoring a free one day workshop on Address Data Standards on Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at the State Library. The workshop will be taught by Martha Wells with Spatial Focus Inc, who helped develop the new Federal Standard. Martha will also address the February GIS Council meeting.

LAGIC Hosted a US Census Bureau Workshop at LSU on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We had 38 people attend that workshop which covered the Boundary and Annexation Survey Program. Meredith Gilliam, our Louisiana representative at the Census will finish out the year after which our new Census representative will report to the Atlanta office rather than Dallas due to Census Bureau consolidation.

LAGIC has scheduled ArcGIS Classes (I, II and III) workshops in Baton Rouge, Lafayette and New Orleans this winter and spring.

**Outreach:** LAGIC is over 90% complete with our Pilot Addressing Project in West Carroll Parish.

LAGIC will soon begin work on the USGS funded Structures Project, Phase III. We have already met with Cameron, Tangipahoa and Vermillion Parish staff to collect data.

LAGIC submitted a CAP grant proposal to FGDC to update the GIS Inventory for Louisiana.

**6. Presentation: Unveiling of the New GIS Council Website by Gretchen Cazalot, Louisiana Geographic Information Center.**

Gretchen Cazalot, LSU Graphics Art major, has been working with LAGIC staff to redesign the GIS Council website. She kept many of the existing functions (document search, GIS Council member contact list, etc). She simply gave the site a new, less cluttered look. After demonstrating the new website she asked for comments. One suggestion was to make the site friendlier for those with handicaps, especially those with impaired vision. Kate Streva (DHH) noted that many websites now use the “large A, small A” icon which is an application that increases web page font size to make it easier to read. Dina Knight stated that the website needed to have the state outline somewhere on the banner and that the words “Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council” should always be at the top of the webpage. Ms Cazalot thanked everyone for their comments and agreed to make changes to the site and report back to the Council.

**7. Old Business**

**Proposed changes to the LGISC Bylaws – Ryan Seidemann (Justice)**

A vote on this issue had to be postponed until we have a sufficient quorum.

**LGISC Election of Officers**

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) noted that he received one nomination for Chair (Marty Beasley) and one nomination for Vice Chair (Gus Rowland). Those nominated were asked if they were willing to serve, and they agreed.

Chair Beer asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Vice Chair.

Hearing none, he called for a vote. Gus Rowland was then elected Vice Chair by acclamation. Chair Beer asked if there were any other nominations for Chair. Hearing none, he called for a vote. Marty Beasley was nominated for Chair by acclamation.

**8. New Business**

Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted that the Louisiana Chapter of URISA was co-hosting an Address Workshop with LAGIC. She also noted that LaNENA will hold their annual conference in Marksville in April.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that St Bernard Parish has a new Assessor. A member of the Vishnu family has held that office since the late 1940's.

David Gisclair (Senate) wanted to let GIS Council members know that a California Court was in the process of deciding a case in Orange County, between the County GIS Department and the Sierra Club over access to the County parcel base map. The county argued that the map was part of a mix of data and software and therefore was exempt. The Sierra Club sued under the California Public Records Act.

**10. Next Meeting** – Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the State Library 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Seminar Room at 1:30pm.

**11. Adjourn** - The meeting adjourned on a motion by David Gisclair (Senate) and seconded by Ian Beer (LMA).

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**Summary of Action Items**

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