

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of February 18, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:36 PM, a quorum was present. The meeting was held at the Claiborne State Building in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

2. Roll Call

A sign in sheet confirmed attendance.

Member Agencies/Organizations Present:

Culture Recreation and Tourism

Rachel Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Vinny McDonald, **Member**

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

Brad Mooney, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Designee**

Louisiana Chapter of NENA

Kathrine Cargo, **Member**

Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association

Rusti Liner, **Member**

Louisiana Municipal Association

Warren Kron, **Member**

Louisiana Senate

David Gisclair, **Designee**

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

United States Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Health & Hospitals

Allen McDonald

Department of Natural Resources

Cole Russell

US Census Bureau

Monica Mardel

3. Approval of the December 2015 Minutes

The November 2015 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by David Gisclair (LOSCO).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to sign in.

Ms. Liner noted that she has built a simple GIS Council website but could use some assistance from Council members. Clay Trachtman (DHH) volunteered to help with the website and Rachel Watson (CRT) noted that she might be able to volunteer a CRT staff member to assist. Ms. Liner said she would like the website to list all of the members and designees as well as a list of various GIS Council subcommittees and their members.

Ms. Liner contacted three agencies that are members of the GIS Council but have not participated in any Council activities for over three years. Those agencies are the Surveyors Association, the Military Dept. and the Louisiana workforce

6. 2016 Election of Officers

The LGISC Election Committee confirmed the nominations submitted for Chair and Vice Chair. A written ballot was distributed and the votes were counted. Rusti Liner (LEPA) was elected as our 2016 Chair and Warren Kron was elected as 2016 Vice Chair.

7. Old Business

The Addressing Resolution discussed at the December GIS Council Meeting was approved without opposition.

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8. New Business

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9. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, January 21st at the Claiborne Building.

10. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:01pm on a motion by David Gisclair (Senate) and a second by Brad Mooney (DW&F).

Summary of Action Items

Chair's Report: Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and introduced Monica Mardel with the Census Bureau.

Presentation: CIMS - "Cemetery Management Software", by Brandon Finley with Ramaker and Associates. Mr. Finley described his work mapping gravesites in large cemeteries. He got started in 1998 in Wisconsin assisting municipal owned cemeteries track the location of graves. By 2003 his company was managing over 100 cemeteries with web based software that allowed clients to print out a map with the location of every grave.

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