

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of March 17, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:34 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 Transportation & Development

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Assessors Association

Louis Hebert, **Designee**

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**

Police Jury Association of Louisiana

Collin Degueurce, **Designee**

United States Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

Department of Health & Hospitals

Kate Streva, **Designee**

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

Tulane Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy

Heather Milton

US Census Bureau

Monica Mardel

United States Geological Survey

Steve Hartley, **Designee**

3. Approval of the February 2016 Minutes

The February 2016 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) and seconded by Lynn Dupont (LAPDD).

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 could use some assistance from Council members specifically with graphics to give the GIS Council Website a little more pizzazz. She noted that Clay Trachtman (DHH) had volunteered to help with the website and had added in most of the past agendas. Ms. Liner said she would like the website list the various GIS Council subcommittees and their members as well as contain the most critical Council documents.

Ms. Liner talked about the Flood mapping efforts in St Tammany over the last couple weeks. She noted that GCR had to man the GIS Desk at GOHSEP because GOHSEP was shorthanded.

5.Presentation: URISA GIS Corps, by Heather Milton, Disaster Resilience Leadership Academy, Tulane University.

Ms. Milton described how the URISA GIS Corps works. It is a strictly volunteer group with GIS skills that agrees to assist wherever their geospatial skills might be helpful. There are over 3000 GIS Corps Volunteers working on 175 different missions. Of those 175 missions, 38 require volunteers to work onsite the others are done remotely. The requesting agency, or country, pays for travel to and from the site and provides accommodations.

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For additional Information go to the web at www.giscorps.org or email info@giscorps.org.

6. Old Business:

Craig Johnson (LAGIC) noted that the Louisiana RS/GIS Workshop will be held on April 26th and 27th at the LITE Center in Lafayette. The Program Committee is accepting abstracts on a variety of geospatial topics through March 28th.

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) if anyone knew the status of Master Purchasing Agreement with ESRI. There was some discussion among Council Members as to whether we should invite our state ESRI rep to discuss this topic at a future Council Meeting.

Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA) noted that the Louisiana Chapter of URISA has scheduled a series of lunch speakers and workshops over the next couple months. She recommended that Council members pay their 2016 dues and take advantage of these training opportunities.

Chris Cretini (USGS) noted that USGS is coordinating LIDAR flights over the Louisiana Coastal Zone. Some state agencies, such as CPRA, are working with Federal partners to share the cost of these flights.

7. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, April 21st at the Claiborne Building, Room 1-153 (Iowa Room).

8. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm on a motion by Louis Hebert (LAA) and a second by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

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Summary of Action Items

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