

Louisiana Geographic Information Systems Council
Meeting of June 16, 2016
Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) called the meeting to order at 1:35 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

Rachael Watson, **Member**

Department of Education

Steve Gunning, **Member**

Department of Environmental Quality

John Sheehan, **Member**

Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health

Clay Trachtman, **Member**

Department of Justice

Ryan Seidemann, **Member**

Department of Natural Resources

Alan McDonald, **Member**

Department of Transportation and Development

Darryl Mack, **Member**

Division of Administration

Chris Pennington, **Member**

Louisiana Association of Planning & Development Districts

Lynn Dupont, **Member**

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**

U.S. Geological Survey

Chris Cretini, **Member**

Others Present:

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, FEMA

Craig Skalet

Louisiana Geographic Information Center

Craig Johnson

Louisiana Geological Survey

Hampton Peele

University of Louisiana Lafayette, RAC

Philip Breaux

St James Parish Government

Scott Loque

3. Approval of the May 2016 Minutes

The May 2016 Minutes were adopted on a motion by Ryan Seidemann (Justice) and seconded by Kathrine Cargo (LaNENA).

4. Chair's Report: Chair Rusti Liner (LEPA) thanked everyone for attending the meeting and asked everyone to sign in. Ms. Liner noted that there was a new member representing the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Chris Wozack.

5. Presentation: "International Charter Activities and Geography as Art K-12 Program", by Brent Yantis, Fran Harvey and Philip Breaux.

Philip Breaux works with Brent Yantis as a geospatial analyst at the ULL, NASA Regional Applications Center in Lafayette. Mr. Breaux worked on two activations of the International Charter in Louisiana and Texas as an On-duty Operator.

He noted that the satellite data, most of which is proprietary, can only be used in an emergency. The operators create AOI (Area of Interest) maps for the satellite data providers and the remote sensing staff at the Wetlands Center specifies the platform and the bands required. The University of Texas provided imagery experts as well. Radar was a particularly valuable sensor in Texas and Louisiana for its ability to penetrate clouds and identify flooded areas. Much of the radar data was provided by the TerraSarX and RadarSat 2 both Canadian products. The International Charter website is Disasterscharter.org. and Mr. Breaux can be reached at phillipbreaux@rocketmail.com.

Mr. Breaux also presented some examples of the "Earth as Art" exhibit which is showing at the Manship Gallery through the 13th of July.

6. Old Business:

Lynn Dupont (LAPDD) noted that the Louisiana Chapter of URISA held a High Accuracy GPS Workshop at the LSU Union on May 18th from 11:30 – 1:30. Andrew Milanes (La URISA President Elect) and Josh Kent (with C4G at LSU) taught the workshop. LaURISA will be holding a GIS social next week in New Orleans.

Chris Cretini (USGS) thanked all who attended that Data Mining Workshop in Lafayette on June 9th. Attendees will receive a DVD with the data used in the workshop.

7. New Business:

Kathrine Cargo (LANENA) noted that URISA has launched a NG911 Task Force. NG911 requires highly accurate address data and URISA plans to assist with training and outreach to further that goal.

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Craig Skallet noted that FEMA has received a request for a HAZUS Training in Louisiana. A time and location will be worked out over the next couple weeks. Mark English will be coordinating the effort for FEMA.

8. Next Meeting – 1:30pm on Thursday, July 21 at the Claiborne Building, Room 1-136A.

9. Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm.

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Summary of Action Items

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