

Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)
IDAHO GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IGC-EC)
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 21, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. (*Mountain*)

Webex link (with video): [IGC-EC bi-monthly meeting](#)

Teleconference (audio) only/dial-in:

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Physical Location: Office of IT Services

11331 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 8, 2nd Floor, Conf Rm 215, Boise Idaho

Members Present:

Sydney Lewis, ITD (Chair)
Keith Weber, ISU
Bruce Godfrey, U of I- Inside Idaho
Tom Kearns, Dept. of Lands
Wilma Robertson, Office of IT Services
Eric Buehler, USDA FPAC GEO
Wendy Largent, NLI Cooperative
Cyndi Andersen, City of Meridian
Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls
Tom Carlson, USGS
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe
Jackie Reader, Office of IT Services

Members Absent:

Dan Determan, NOAA
Gabe Osterhout, SOS

Others Present:

Margie Wilkins, IDWR
Kimberly Jones, USGS
Elaine Guidero USGS
Robin Dunn, IDL
Stewart Ward, Dioptra
Heather Studley, Bannock County
David Duty,
Megan Wheatley, Office of IT Services
Tina Fuller, Office of IT Services
Catherine Thies, Office of IT Services

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:32 am MST. Roll call attendance was taken, and a quorum was established.

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Robertson moved, and Mr. Weber seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2024, meeting; the motion passed unanimously.

CLIMATE TWG

The Climate TWG is intended to identify datasets and work to meet stakeholder needs surrounding data to include data on meteorological conditions such as temperature, precipitation, and wind characteristics regionally and statewide over time.

MOTION: Ms. Reader moved, and Ms. Largent seconded a motion to approve the formation of the Climate Technical Working Group; the motion passed unanimously.

IGC-EC ELECTION RESULTS

Ms. Lewis announced the results of the recent committee elections. Newly elected members include: Sydney Lewis, ITD (State), Dan Determan, NOAA (Federal) and Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls (Local), Sue Parsons,

City of Chubbuck (Local), and Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe (Tribal). A run-off election is necessary for the Private Seat with results to be announced via email. The newly elected members will serve from April 1, 2024 until March 31, 2026.

IGC-EC MEMBER INTERVIEWS

Ms. Robertson discussed ideas from recent one-on-one meetings, focusing on enhancing in-person interactions, regional meetings, legislative involvement for state funding, and strategic planning for the council's goals and roles. Suggestions included creating a concise strategic plan and defining member roles more clearly. These discussions aimed to improve efficiency and effectiveness in achieving the council's objectives.

Additional dialog centered around a mentorship program inspired by Arizona's structured approach, involving a six-month commitment, and emphasizing mentees taking initiative. The group discussed adapting this model for Idaho. Another initiative discussed was enhancing collaboration and understanding of enterprise use cases through an enterprise user group, involving state agencies and infrastructure teams

PRESENTATION OF DRAFT THE IDAHO MAP (TIM)

Ms. Robertson provided an overview of the development of an Idaho map, specifically focused on organizing data sets according to technical working groups. The map aims to provide users with access to various layers of data, including floodplain data and parcel information. The interface allows users to zoom in and out, view legends, and access metadata for each layer.

The discussion also touched on the importance of ease of use and the potential for future enhancements, such as tailored tools for specific user groups. Feedback from participants was positive, with an emphasis on the need for ongoing maintenance and resource allocation to ensure the map's effectiveness.

Additionally, there was discussion about involving technical working groups in the maintenance process and encouraging data providers to publish data in accessible formats. Overall, the group expressed enthusiasm for the project and its potential impact.

DISCUSSION OF IGC-EC BRANDING

There was consensus on the importance of a recognizable image, with suggestions to rebrand and involve local universities in creating logos. It was noted that oversight would be necessary for student involvement in longer-term projects.

The conversation also touched on the idea of cataloging user groups statewide to facilitate collaboration and engagement. Overall, there was enthusiasm for these initiatives and a desire to foster collaboration within the community.

TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Elevation TWG

Mr. Weber stated that the Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) data continues to be collected and added to the servers.

The TWG meets the first Thursday of every month at 1p.m. MT.

Boundary TWG

Ms. Robertson spoke on behalf of Ms. Bond and updates were given on the completion of county boundary cleanup and pending legislation affecting county boundaries.

Progress was reported on standardizing precinct boundary data, with updates from the Secretary of State's office. The dataset aims to provide valuable information for election purposes.

The TWG meets the third Thursday of every month at 2p.m. MT.

Imagery TWG

Ms. Wilkins informed the attendees that the next TWG meeting will include a presentation by Chandler Wilkins from NearMap, a provider of aerial photography.

Also, the compressed county mosaics for 2023 are available for access from the NRCS website.

The TWG meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am MT.

Geodetic TWG

Mr. Weber shared the schedule for the next meeting with a reminder that a presentation on the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame (NATRF) 2022 is planned. The speaker will be Dan Determan of NSG/NOAA.

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every other month at 3p.m. MT.

Cadastral TWG

Ms. Robertson made attendees aware that a parcel fabric has been created and delivered to the Bureau of Land Management for review. Once the BLM returns it Tina Fuller will coordinate with Chris at the Dept of Lands on continuity between IDOL data and the new fabric. The next step would be pulling it into an enterprise geo database.

Transportation TWG

Ms. Lewis stated that progress is being made on a revision of the Trails Standard with the intent of presenting it at the next committee meeting for approval. Also in the works are standards for mileposts, signs, and historical signs.

The Working Group also has been in contact with state and federal rail representatives for increased cooperation.

The TWG meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 10a.m. MT.

Geosciences TWG

Ms. Reader reported progress was substantial on soil survey layer standards and nominations for additional standards. The standards should be ready for approval at the upcoming May IGC-EC meeting.

Next on the horizon are standards for Aquaphor and Glaciers.

The TWG meets the third Tuesday of every month at 3p.m. MT.

Energy and Utilities TWG

Ms. Wheatley discussed progress, including discussions on service area boundaries and collaboration with the Public Utilities Commission. Plans for an intern project were also mentioned.

The TWG meets the second Tuesday of every month at 11a.m. MT.

Parcel TWG

Ms. Wheatley provided updates on the availability of parcel data from seven counties Washington County, Boise County, Ada County, Minidoka County, Gooding County, Teton County and Valley County. The parcel polygons are available through the public link at [GIS.idaho.gov](https://gis.idaho.gov).

Ms. Wheatley continues reaching out to the public agencies that have agreements to share via collaboration through our GIS enterprise. Megan addressed concerns about data accuracy and the update process.

Next steps in the process are work on the centroids, which follow the same schema within the standard that has already been approved, and work on the improvement tables that also live within the standard. The goal being to present the standard for approval at the next IGC-EC meeting.

The TWG meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at 2p.m. MT.

Human Interest TWG

Ms. Fuller discussed the outreach efforts regarding stakeholders, including contact with the Dept of Health and Welfare, Dept of Labor and the Secretary of State's office.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Ms. Studley provided details about the NW URISA Meeting in Post Falls, inviting participation, and clarifying registration options for workshops.
- Ms. Lewis noted the time and location of the May 16th IGC-EC is tentatively planned to combine with the Post Falls event.
- Mr. Carlson announced his retirement and introduced Elaine Guidero and Kim Jones as his replacements, offering their expertise in cartographic design and hydrography, respectively.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Ms. Reader moved, and Ms. Robertson seconded a motion to adjourn; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 am MT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 with time TBD.

C Thies, Office of IT Services