Idaho Technology Authority (ITA)

IDAHO GEOSPATIAL COUNCIL – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (IGC-EC)

DRAFT MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 20, 2025 | 9:30 a.m. *(Mountain)*

Microsoft Team link (with video): IGC-EC bi-monthly meeting

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Teleconference (audio) only/dial-in:

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Physical Location: Office of IT Services

11341 W. Chinden Blvd, Building 4, 2nd Floor, Suite #200 Boise Idaho

Members Present:

Sydney Lewis, ITD (Chair)
Keith Olson, Office of IT Services
Cyndi Andersen, City of Meridian
Bruce Godfrey, U of I- Inside Idaho
Keith Weber, ISU
Katey Jones, Idaho Power
Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe
Gabe Osterhout, SOS
Eric Buehler, USDA FPAC GEO
Ryan Howerton, NNL
Tom Kearns, Dept. of Lands
Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls
Sue Parsons, City of Chubbock
Jackie Reader, GIS Consultant
Stewart Ward, Dioptra

Others Present:

Robin Dunn, IDL
Josh Enterkine, BSU
Wendy Largent, NLI Cooperative
Cory Scoffield, ISU
Margie Wilkins, IDWR
Heather Studley, Bannock County
Megan Wheatley, IDFG
Bill Reynolds, Nez Perce Cnty
Brad Bean, Office of IT Services
Orion Cardenas-Ritzert, Office of IT Services
Jennie Anderson, Office of IT Services
Lexci Armstrong, Office of IT Services

Members Absent:

Elaine Guidero, USGS

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

ICG-EC Chair Sydney Lewis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:34 am MST. Roll call attendance was taken, and a quorum was established.

MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Ms. Andersen moved, and Mr. Osterhout seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2025, meeting; the motion passed unanimously**.**

CHAIR AND STATE SEAT

Ms. Lewis announced she will step down as IGC-EC Chair and from State Seat One effective Nov 20, 2025.

Ms. Lewis appointed Cyndi Andersen as Chair Pro-Tem.

Ms. Andersen appointed Megan Wheatley to State Seat One.

Ms. Andersen nominated Megan Wheatley as the new IGC-Executive Committee Chair.

MOTION: Ms. Osterhout moved, and Ms. Ames seconded a motion to approve; the motion passed unanimously**.**

Ms. Wheatley's nomination for IGC-EC Chair will be presented at the next ITA Committee meeting.

OFFICE OF GIO

Keith Olson, the new GIO, comes from the Idaho Military Division where he was an analyst and GIS coordinator. Prior to that he managed a GIS development team for Colorado State University.

The GIO office is currently restructuring and developing projects and tasks. Supporting the IGC-EC council is high on the list of priorities.

BROWN BAG SERIES FOR IGC

Ms. Lewis reported on the TWG engagement survey. Results indicated the necessity for a brown bag meeting or lunch series to spark reengagement within the larger IGC community. Ideas were discussed ranging from two in person meetings in Spring and Fall, to individual or specific group meetings every other month, and avoiding scheduling meetings on Fridays.

Mr. Buehler suggested defining the role of TWG Chairs and setting a term limit. Mr. Osterhout agreed and recommended a formal outline or description of the duties of TWG Chairs and Members.

Mr. Osterhout proposed consolidating the number of TWGs. Mr. Bean added that some groups are working well and to handle consolidation carefully so as not to disrupt them.

Ms. Wheatley suggested starting a program or mentorship to involve college students/grad students and GIS consultants. Ms. Wheatley will follow up with individual chairs and members, gather comments, and report back.

TWG REENGAGMENT

For reengagement, Mr. Kearns stated the importance of showing the value of membership through certificates, professional development credits, and/or other incentives. Mr. Kearns also agreed with the group discussion to revisit the strategic plan and how IGC is currently operating.

As part of the re-evaluation, Ms. Andersen suggested allowing Mr. Olson to review the data she gathered from other states and GIO officers regarding their job duties and involvement.

Ms. Lewis mentioned Gartner Research Services could be a good resource since they provide unlimited analyst calls. She suggested having one of their strategic analysts present at a meeting.

Ms. Wheatley added the following to her task list:

- Work with Mr. Olson and the committee to define the GIO's role.
- Engage in deeper conversations with TWG Chairs and Members about consolidation.
- Follow up with Kimberly Love about Gartner Research Services
- Contact TWG Chairs for ideas and further suggestions for brown bag series and presenters

OTHER BUSINESS

- Orion Cardenas-Ritzert introduced himself as the new ITS GIS Analyst Three.
- Ms. Studley mentioned the upcoming Intermountain GIS Conference April 19 – 23 at the Red Lion in Pocatello, Idaho. She noted that the call for presenters was extended. Registration will be open at the end of November.
- Ms. Wheatley thanked everyone who attended the Northwest GIS Conference held in Boise from October 21 to 23, 2025. The next conference will be in Tacoma, Washington with more details coming soon.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Mr. Weber moved, and Mr. Olson seconded a motion to adjourn; the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 am MST.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2025 9.30a.m. MST

J Anderson, Office of IT Service