



## MSGIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2013

9a.m. – 12p.m.

Anne Arundel County Government, Heritage Complex Building  
(Annapolis, MD)

### Attendees:

Jim Cannistra, MDP (Chair)

Michael Scott, ESRGC/Salisbury University (Past Chair)

Julia Fischer, DoIT (Secretary)

Doug Reedy, Frederick County Government (Treasurer)

Lauren McDermott, Salisbury University/ESRGC (Education Subcommittee Chair)

Shawn Wampler, City of Annapolis (Local Government Caucus Chair)

Marshall Stevenson, KCI Technologies, Inc. (Private Caucus Chair)

Barney Krucoff, DoIT (GIO)

Jeff Cox, Anne Arundel County Government

Caroline Gaulke, Anne Arundel County Government

Doug Goldsmith, KCI Technologies, Inc.

Charlene Howard, MWCOG

Chris Knights, GeoComm

Theresa Martin, City of Laurel

Patrick McLoughlin, Spatial System Associates, Inc.

Russell Provost, DoIT/ESRGC

### On Phone Attendees:

Jennifer Chadwick-Moore, MHT (State Government Caucus Chair)

Mark Helmken, CGIS (Chair-Elect)

Scott Jeffrey, Community College of Baltimore County (Outreach Subcommittee Chair)

Jaime Alvarez, Community College of Baltimore County (Education Caucus Chair)

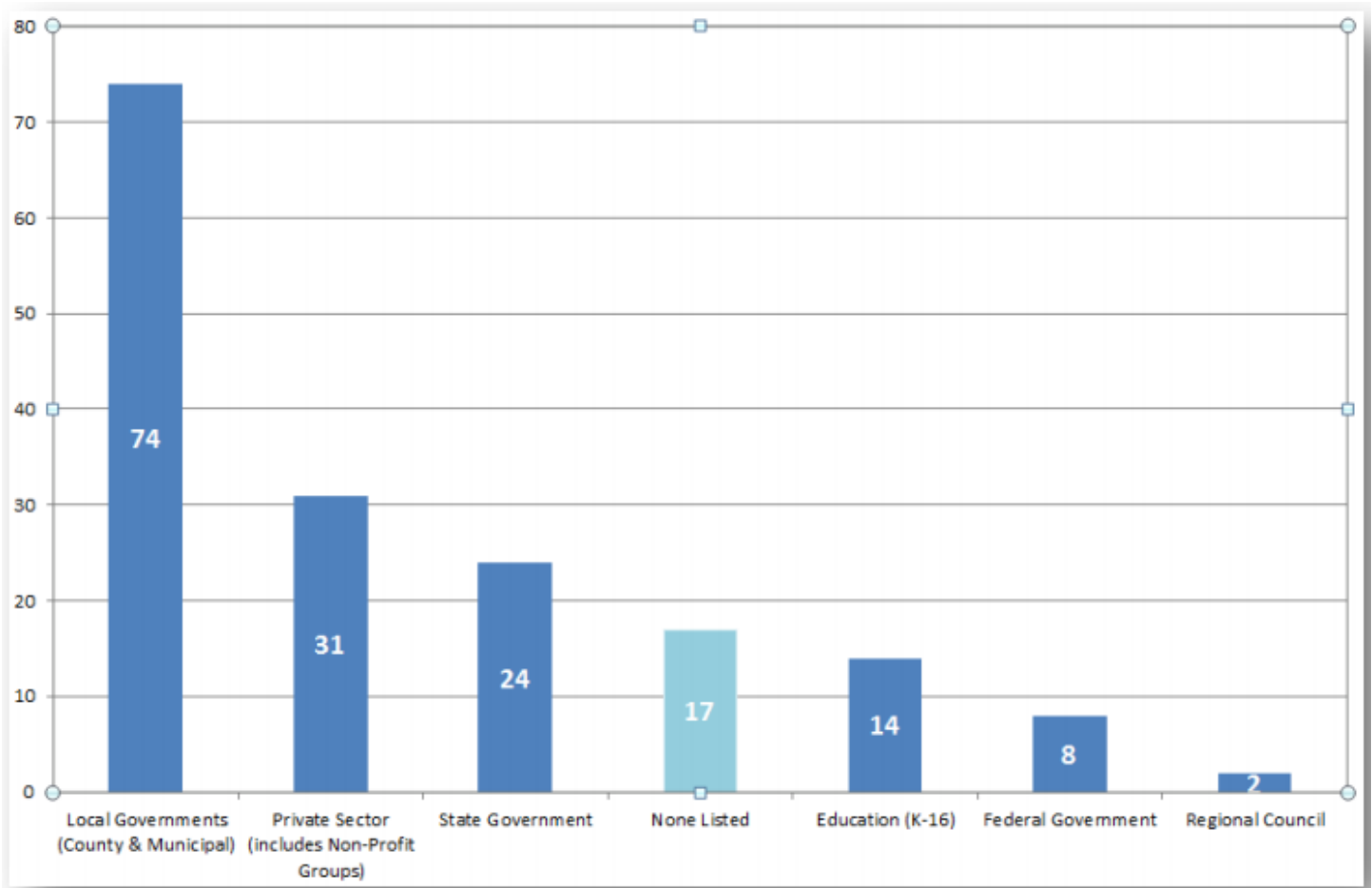
Doug Adams, Baltimore County Government

### Open Meeting – *Jim Cannistra*

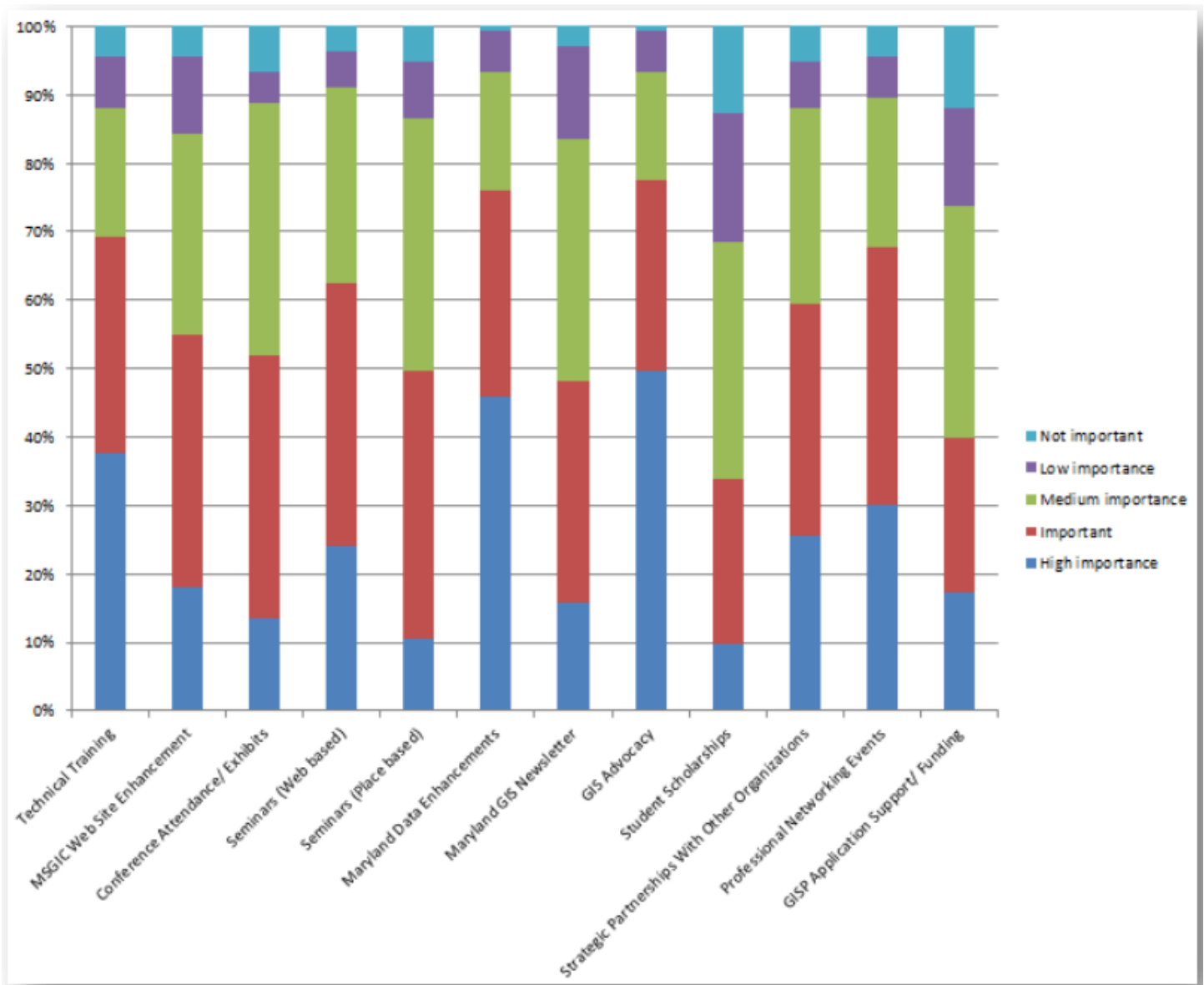
#### MSGIC Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation – *Scott Jeffrey/Doug Reedy*

##### Membership Survey Results

- Results of survey – 133 responses – about 20% of entire membership
- 70 or 80 bounce backs from the 700 email addresses the survey was sent to
- Compared respondents to membership and extracted response by groups



- First question asked whether or not members support the dues structure
  - 72.2% support dues structure – considered overwhelming positive support of the initiative
  - 27.8% did not approve the structure
  
- Second question asked about where dues should be directed
  - Bar chart distribution available, sorted what was most important selection
  - Top 5 in decreasing order of importance to respondents:
    - GIS Advocacy
    - MD Data Enhancements
    - Technical Training
    - Professional Networking Events
    - Strategic Partnerships with Other Organizations
  - Although website was not in the top ranking it was agreed by the Executive Committee that this needed to be a real priority too



**Question:** Are we still going to leave all meetings open and free?

- Yes, provide separate and distinct benefits for paying dues
- Also use the opportunity of the Quarterly meetings to recruit new members
- Extracted comments without names and included them in the survey report verbatim
- Comments included:
  - Concern that the individual membership costs are too high
  - Once dues are charged they will no longer participate
  - What happens if your organization won't support, but you come in as an individual
  - Clarification is needed for the relationship or representation of organization vs. individual
- Be prepared to address people's concerns about how these dues will actually be applied once collected
- Contact Scott Jeffrey with questions

**Question:** Would fulfilling a request for more information, about purpose of the dues, change the responses?

- Survey was put out for initial feedback, which can be followed up with additional surveying to allow for more targeted feedback concerning how the dues should be applied

**Question:** Is the Conference Attendance/Exhibits indicating use of dues to offset individual’s attendance fees or to exhibit at conferences?

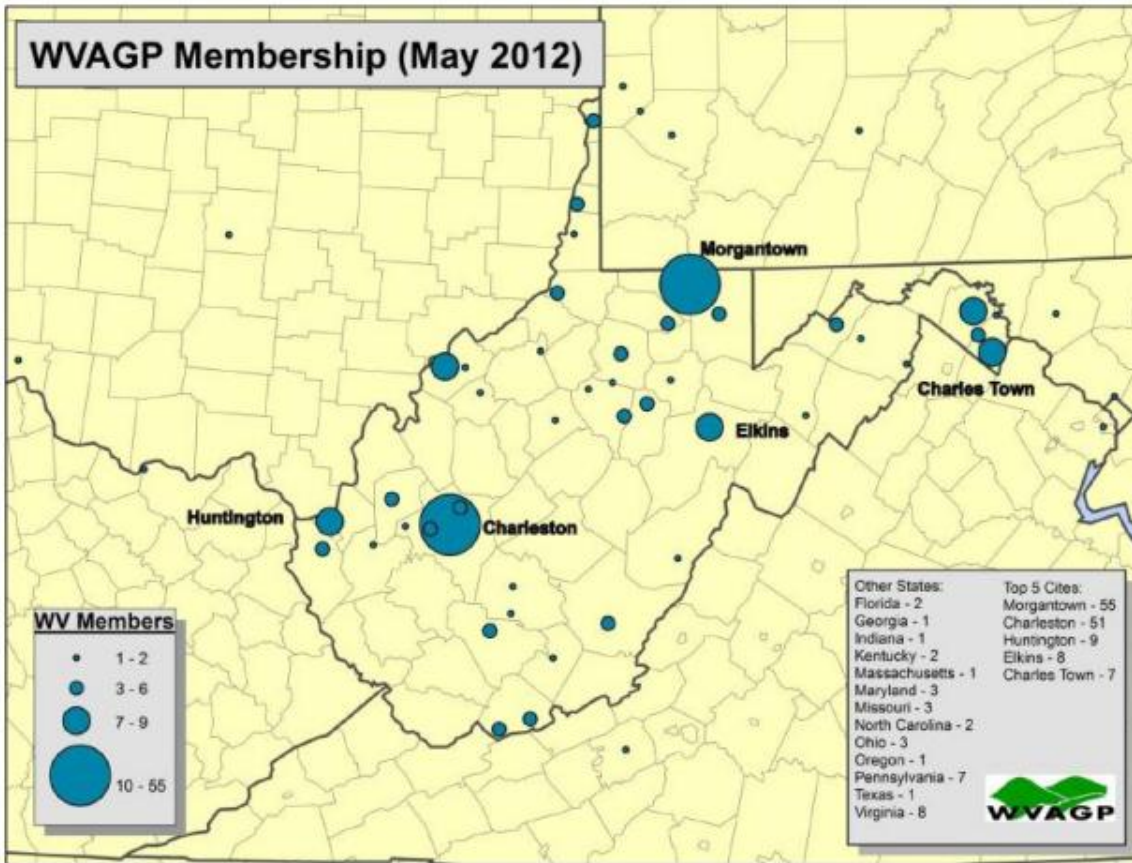
- Anticipate this dues application being for space at conferences, not individual support
- Maryland Data Enhancements – do not know that MSGIC will ever have enough funds to directly impact data collection
- Continue to influence and impact standards and practices, specifications and provide guidance of the collection, but not conduct the collection itself
- Encourage people to reach out and share their ideas at any time and not wait for a survey to voice them
- Level of communication between the membership and the direction of the organization is pretty good
  - We are not just imposing rules, but keeping all engaged
- Survey shows:
  - We are investigating the future of MSGIC
  - There is a plan
  - We are going to have our hands in the pot concerning lobbying and how GIS/IT moves forward in the State
  - We are going to make something out of the organization and not just be passive
- In general, very few professional organizations are completely free, no professional organizations which cross our work sectors are completely free

West Virginia Lessons Learned

- West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals has 254 members
- Membership has grown over the past 4 years
- Growth has plateaued, but the membership is holding at this point

CONSTITUENCY GROUP	MEMBERSHIP (May 2012)	BOARD OF DIRECTORS (Voting Members)
Federal Government	11	2
State Government	50	3
Regional and Local Organizations	82	3
Education and Research	34	1
Private Sector	77	2
total	254	11

- Majority reside in Morgantown and Charleston which are separated geographically



- One of their challenges is the shape of the state and communication with all of the members located geographically across the state
- \$90 for non-student membership dues annually
- Sponsor a conference every 2 years
- Offer bundled packages to their members
  - At conferences do a 2 for 1 deal, go to conference and get a reduced dues fee
  - Promote membership **and** conference attendance
- Use most dues for training, which is free for all members and provide 50% of GISP application fee
- Sponsored Training (2011 – 2012)



Instructor-Led Workshop	Training Dates	Location	Training By
ArcGIS 10.0 Desktop 2 and 3	Dec 5-9 & July 25-29, 2011	Morgantown	WVGISTC
What to Know About ArcGIS 10	June 14, 2011	Shepherdstown	WVGISTC
ArcGIS 10.0 Tips and Tricks	May 11, 2012	Morgantown	WVGISTC
Internet Mapping Applications and Services in WV	June 14, 2011 May 11, 2012	Shepherdstown Morgantown	WVGISTC WVGISTC
ArcGIS 10 Parcel Management Tools	June 15, 2011	Shepherdstown	ESRI
ESRI Land Records Seminar	Oct 19-20, 2011	Mgmt., Charleston	ESRI
IAAO GIS Workshop for Assessors	Nov 15-16, 2011	Flatwoods	IAAO
Cartography and Map Design (URISA)	April 7, 2011	Charleston	URISA/WVGISTC
Understanding Coordinate Systems / Surveying Principle	June 14, 2011	Shepherdstown	Precision Laser
Census 2010 data, application, and analysis	June 14, 2011	Shepherdstown	Census
Understanding GPS / Coordinate Sys. Best Practices of GPS	June 14, 2011 May 11, 2012	Shepherdstown Morgantown	Precision Laser Earth Vector Sys.
FGDC Metadata	December 7-8, 2010 January 19-20, 2011	Huntington Morgantown	RTI RTI
Writing effective RFP's for geospatial products and services	December 7, 2011	Clarksburg	Woolpert, Inc.
National Hydrography Dataset	May 11, 2012	Morgantown	USGS/WVGISTC
URISA Lidar Workshop	June 10, 2011	Huntington	URISA/Merrick
Lidar Processing & Viewing in ArcGIS	May 11, 2012	Morgantown	WV DEP
Census Boundary and Annexations Surveys (BAS)	January 11, 2012 January 12, 2012	Morgantown, Charleston	Census Census

- Send out a survey at the beginning of the year to get information on what training and topics to be addressed for the upcoming year

#### Current Sponsors/Payment System – *Doug Reedy*

##### 501(c)3 application status

- Almost 20 pages, taking a while to get through this application and the attachments required
- Still working on it, have it out the door soon
- PayPal account has been setup, work to connect it with Columbia Bank internet account
  - Setup to get PayPal payment button on website or membership form once connection is made
  - People can be invoiced and pay from within an email
  - Also have the free card swipe to connect to a mobile device
    - 2.9% plus \$0.30 for a transaction fee
    - Once non-profit it will be reduced to 2.2% plus \$0.30
    - PayPal fee 2.7% per transaction
- Need to get website off of the state website before the pay button is added to the website
- \$2,522 currently in the checking account – MDP, DoIT and ESRGC sponsorships have come through
- Print out of account activity upon request
- Dedicated location at TUGIS Conference for MSGIC registrations and would be ideal to have the mobile device swipe to pay on-site
- Invoicing through email would be the last resort for payment

- Sending out welcome packets after the meetings to visitors attending these meetings
  - This has been working to increase the number who are registering as members
- Created database fields to check organizational memberships, rather than individual membership dates allowing for tracking
- Also adding a field to track when dues were paid for next term payments
- Workflow for sponsorships
  - Need to get names into the database
  - Suggest creating a template for the sponsors to sign up their members paid under the sponsorship
  - This information would then be entered into the database appropriately
- Want to use TUGis Conference to focus on getting more sponsors
  - Make a point of contact or pitch while all of the sponsors are in the same room
  - Marshall Stevenson to spearhead this effort
- Might be premature to collect individual memberships at TUGis, but don't want to dissuade people from paying their dues
- Website fixed, there were 2 separate membership databases
  - 92 people who had signed up via the website, information went to the old database and is now being moved to the new database by Michael Scott and team

**Question:** Have we been cross referencing those who have joined MSGIC LinkedIn site and those who have become members through the website?

- Work to check these correlations

**Question:** Can 2 emails be entered into the database for a single member?

- Broadcast emails can go to one email and another email can be put in for personal contact
- Not setup to get 2 emails to receive broadcast emails, such as personal and work emails
  - There is no reason why we could not make this available, but not currently available
  - Personal account might not have all of the filtering or blocks that the work email might have
- GIS Mentorship Program – would it make sense to add into the database whether or not someone is interested in being a mentor or is a mentor, yes/no
- LinkedIn connectivity is only reaching a small part of the membership
- Need to rethink the database, because there is not a clear way to enter people as members of a subcommittee

Next Steps

- Summarize and post the results of the survey on LinkedIn has been suggested
- Need to communicate some message
  - Scott Jeffrey to generate a consolidated summary for posting on LinkedIn and MSGIC website

- Note that the selection to implement the dues was highly supported
- Put together the common message this week and message out to the rest of the membership

## **Announcements & Recent GIS Meeting(s) Debrief**

ESRI K – 12

Datastory Consultants – <http://www.datastoryconsulting.com/>

### MSGIC Quarterly

- Need to have a little more networking time
- Well received and professional speakers
- Perhaps not the best location since there is not a central location for lunch which is good for networking
- Perhaps consider another location where a sponsored event can occur after the meeting's conclusion

### CMUG Meeting

- Last meeting Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 30 – 35 in attendance
- Several student presentations from Geospatial applications program were well received and well done
- Kristi Uunila and Eric Benson from Calvert County Government, along with Brad Songer of Esri presented on the Calvert County Heritage Tours map story application – well received
- Site worked out well, at CCBC (Essex Campus)
- About 20 stayed for GISP workshop held in the afternoon and presented by Doug Adams
  - Displayed use of an Excel spreadsheet for logging events and activities which meet requirements for GISP certification or re-certification
  - Not something to turn in to GISCI directly, but helps keep track of items along the way
  - Excel spreadsheet currently being modified
  - Once modifications are complete, this resource will be made accessible via the CMUG blog

### Tri-County Council GIS Meeting

- 2 counties were represented, but many of the jurisdictions were not represented
- Russell Provost came down and met some of the managers from the lower eastern shore
  - Received positive feedback concerning the addressing initiatives
  - Counties appreciated joint data collection effort with State Police also being implemented
  - Data request letter should go out by the end of next week
    - Has to get approved by State Police before it goes out
  - Letter going to the Eastern Shore counties first, before the rest of the state
- Worcester County moving towards sharing data more readily, but charging for it
  - Has newly adopted data distribution policy
- Trying to get everyone on the shore to TUGIS Conference
  - Worcester County set to send 3 people



- Wicomico County will be represented, not sure how many

#### ENSB (Emergency Number Systems Board)

- Good support all the way around at last meeting
- Talked about addressing, but no questions on parcels or ortho imagery

#### **MSGIC Website Updates – *Jim Cannistra & Mike Scott***

- Considerations are being made to clean up the website before moving it to its new location

#### Recent Updates – to contacts information

- Recently updated the State, Local and Federal Government contacts pages

#### Additional Updates – to University and Regional Groups

**Action Item:** Before next meeting review Regional groups list and update with contact information and additional contacts, as needed – Lauren McDermott

**Action Item:** For the next meeting review Colleges and Universities and update with contact information and additional contacts, as needed – Scott Jeffrey

#### **Question:** Will private entities be added?

- Need to determine how sponsors will be profiled on the website
- Companies sponsoring need to have their logos and links to their websites added to the website

Blast emails it would be nice to have a scroll of them or LinkedIn announcements need to be included

- Suggest page with list of all sponsors and a rotating graphic of sponsors on the front page of website
- Before TUGIS Conference have the logos and links on the website, as a selling point for additional sponsors

#### Need for Updates/Redesign Workgroup

- #1 priority is to get the website replicated in the new website domain

**Action Item:** Reach out to the membership to determine a small group to help with this move

- Now have the potential to provide a stipend or free membership in return for contributing to this effort
- Phase 1: Migrate the site to the new domain, Phase 2: Redesign the site

#### **Question:** Is there a link between the MSGIC website and TUGIS Conference website?

- Not at this time, this needs to be added

#### **Anne Arundel County Public Works, Watershed Ecosystem and Restoration Services Division (WERS) – Jeff Cox (Presentation Available)**

##### Land Use and Land Cover Project

- Invite to share this presentation at TUGIS Conference or at the next MSGIC Quarterly meeting

#### **MSGIC Coordination – Data Resources Subcommittee – *Patrick Callahan***

##### Prince George's County Data Sharing

- Jim Cannistra and Barney Krucoff recently attended a meeting with PG County representatives

- Plans to fly ortho imagery and LiDAR in Spring 2013
  - Do not think contract has been awarded yet for this effort
- Pushing hard to get ortho imagery and LiDAR, in particular, to be an open data resource from this collection
- Next is to draft a position, formalize the process more
  - Letters could come from the Governor's Office, MSGIC or both
- Made a strong case, during the meeting, of all money and work USGS has already done and all the times the data has already been collected for PG County
- Tradition is what is continuing their activities, they have always done it this way and a past memo was written and adopted, not a law or an executive order
- They are not making money on this, it costs more for them to continue to do it this way then switch
- Policy set up 15 – 18 years ago when situations were very different
- There is no champion who is pushing to change this policy
- Worry is that other counties will start collecting ortho imagery themselves also and then people start to question why Numbers Board is funding collection of the overall state
- With USGS putting in all the time and money over the years (\$600,000 to the last imagery collect), they should get the ortho imagery that is being collected by PG County
- Anticipate more on this topic in the future

#### MDE & Chesapeake Bay Program Model Update (Land Use Data Solicitation)

- Look at Maryland at being fairly organized at having a lot of state and local datasets
- Looking at collecting a significant amount of data to support this effort
- At the same time MDP is looking to collect impervious surface for land use analysis
- A recent request went out from MDE to local governments for data to use in their project
- Trying to coordinate with MDE to make sure that the data they requested does not duplicate requests coming from other state agencies for other projects or that the data has not already been collected by the state for other, existing projects
- Want MDE to use same data that other state agencies are using for projects and not be overly burdensome to the local governments
  - Existing data collected previously by MDP and SHA should be used whenever possible
- State does not have high resolution impervious, local land use/land cover or storm water conveyances so ideally efforts would be best focused on obtaining these missing layers
- MDE agrees that if another agency has a dataset they should use this rather than request anew from the local governments
- There are no current agreements concerning use constraints of data being requested from local governments
- Inventory is an internal document that they do not want to share yet
- Interested in counties beyond those who will be billed for the storm water fee
  - Real interest is statewide acquisition of data layers
- Want to keep DoIT/GIO in the loop to make sure that the data is being collected in a way that it can be made available to others through the central repository of MD iMap
- Talbot County conducted the use of a model to predict impervious surface and was within 5 – 6% of accuracy, recommend applying this model across all of Eastern Shore

## **GIO Briefing & Office Update – *Barney Krucoff***

- Add to LinkedIn the information on the Executive representatives, so a technical representative can provide points and comments to their Executives to get included into the meeting

### Key Activities Update

- Coordinating data requests – we will step up to these more in the future
- Budget hearings are currently on-going
- We have a budget which is being maintained at current levels
  - DLS recommendations have not changed this and this year is uneventful compared to last year
- DoIT budget overall seems much more calm and closer to expectations than last year
  
- Issue with the number of map services that are currently being hosted on MD iMap infrastructure
- About to shut down 14 services today to assist with alleviating the stability problems
  - Almost 300 services, to date, on the MD iMap infrastructure
  - If people give us notice, we will go back and turn them back on
  - 14 is not enough and will be looking at consolidating existing services
- Immediate need to add 18 map services
- If you notice something missing, please let us know
- We are not deleting anything, just turning it off, so we can turn them back on as needed
- Many date back to Esri used for demoing purposes
  
- Addressing letter
  
- Highlighting various local government activities at TUGis Conference during opening plenary
- Dominated by large, central counties, if there are more rural examples that should be highlighted, let us know, so we can get a better representation of the state
  - Open Baltimore – City of Baltimore
  - Howard County – application work
  - Calvert County – Heritage Tours: The Mackall Road Route Map Story
  
- Talbot County has stopped maintaining parcels all together, being maintained and updated by MDP instead
  - Don't anticipate this being made available to all counties, but works in this instance

## **MSGIC Quarterly Meeting/Workshops & TUGis Conference – *Mark Helmken***

### MSGIC Spring Quarterly @ Chesapeake College – April 18<sup>th</sup>

- Conflict at the College and so the day has been moved from Wednesday to Thursday
- 1 confirmed presentation, perhaps Jeff Cox is second
- Request assistance with ideas for presentations
- Received good feedback concerning the local government highlights at the last quarterly
- Additional local government highlights could include:
  - Caroline County – Joe Miller (ArcGIS Online)

- Cecil County – David Black (data sharing)
- Queen Anne’s County – Megan DelGaudio (GIS & IT running simultaneously)
- Student presentation – Eric Flint (Master’s Program at Salisbury)

#### TUgis Update

- Statistics to date: 235 registrations, 45 papers, vendors full, 12 student volunteers (hope for 15 – 20)
- A lot of exhibitors have not registered
- Can accommodate 600 registrants
  - Has been the peak in the past with the more expensive/2 day format
  - Setting 600 as the benchmark
- There is 90 minutes for the morning speech and Barney offers 5 minutes to MSGIC to discuss their part in the conference, segue between old conference and new conference
  - This is now supporting the GIS community, which is supporting beyond the standard GIS users
- Missing some of why we moved from old conference to new conference and who are the key players for the current conference
- Emphasize importance that we all meet in one room once a year and here is why the keynote is speaking
  - Plenary session is key and introduce the key note speaker
- There are other people who come to improve mentoring or education and we should all talk about why we stuck with the conference and what we hope to get out of it
- This conference is morphing because the population wanted it to morph
- We heard the concerns of the GIS community and heard that the price needed to be reduced, changed to 1 day, but are still holding the conference
  - Meeting the needs and the voice of the community
- Talk about what is new in the conference, the key organizations should each say something during plenary
- Coordinating student volunteers, word is getting out, deadline this Friday (2/15/13)
- Spoke with Virginia Thompson, walked the exhibit hall to determine what the volunteers will be assigned
- Lower number of volunteers probably needed
- Pushing CCBC students to get in materials for volunteering
- Salisbury students also being encouraged to volunteer
- May extend the deadline
- Reasons why they have not volunteered yet were because:
  - The requirements were more than they might have been needed to be
  - Are not going to change this year, but during the debrief, we might want to refine these requirements
  - Perhaps an essay is a bit much, but will need to determine if this is a fair exchange for a free entrance
- Suggestion to wear buttons at TUgis Conference which say “Ask me about MSGIC” so those who have MSGIC information are clearly identified

#### Local and Regional GIS Coordination Efforts

Local Government Updates – *Shawn Wampler*

- Step in for leadership of consolidating centerlines at the BMC – Shawn Wampler
- Expanding out to work with Baltimore County and some of the other jurisdictions
- Can the tools work with the address ranges
- Keep the project moving forward
- Russell Provost and Barney Krucoff to speak on the address project next month

Baltimore Metropolitan Council – *Sandi Stroud*

*Did not report*

Eastern Shore (Mid-Shore & Tri County Council) – *Lauren McDermott*

- Hiring 2 new positions, with broadband funding, in the near future
  - Working on putting out ads to hire these 2 positions
  - One position will be stationed in Southern MD and the other in Easton, MD
  - Blasting the airwaves to find the right people for this
  - Looking for a planning implementation person, not necessarily with GIS background
  - Grant funded through October 2014 for sure and see where it goes from there
  - Idea is to take broadband plans for the rural areas and put them into action
    - The plans have been put together, but not put into action
  - Push the agenda forward and see what can be accomplished in the next year and a half
- Queen Anne's County has added a buy-up for LiDAR
  - They received approval from their County Commissioners
  - They were encouraged to pay a little extra for QAQC and classifications, which has also been approved
- Roger Barlow tried to get Queen Anne's County some money under the Federal program, but was not successful, still going to try on the back end of the Federal program
- Specifications are for 5 points per meter high resolution LiDAR
  - First super high resolution dataset at a county level
  - Even higher than what was done in Worcester County, which was 3 to 4 points
- Ask Megan DelGaudio to talk about how they will ingest the data and prepare it for output and analysis

MWCoG – *Charlene Howard*

- Last committee meeting was on 1/29/13
- Bulk of conversation was about using GDX for inauguration planning
  - Overall it was a decent test of the system
- Next meeting scheduled for 2/19/13
  - Kick off for strategic plan of GDX
    - Where is it going to go and funding in the future
- Awaiting final approval to send people to TUgis Conference
  - Changed format and decreased dollar amount has allowed for this option
  - 2 new people on GIS team who will be in attendance at TUgis Conference

- Regional Transportation Data Clearinghouse will be featured in Transportation Planning Board newsletter in next couple of weeks

**Action Item:** Forward this content to Scott Jeffrey for inclusion in next MSGIC newsletter – Charlene Howard

- Getting better success using ArcGIS Server
  - Test editing application available and going well

Central Maryland Users Group (CMUG) – *Jaime Alvarez*

- 5/17/13 potentially at Howard Community College or combining with GIS in Business Conference
  - Not yet heard back from Esri concerning whether or not they are interested in combining events
- 1 presentation slotted and potentially a second from Matt Felton with Data Story
- Always looking for sites and food sponsors
  - Contact Jaime Alvarez if you would like to contribute to a future meeting
- Need to work together to project future events/meetings and avoid scheduling on same or back to back days
- CMUG and Western MD User Group is currently scheduled for the same day in 5/17/13
- Suggest adding 10 – 15 minutes of Maryland updates from MSGIC and GIO Office at each CMUG
  - Essentially providing an overall report on activities from around Maryland
- Also provide information on what is going on at other user group meetings

Western Maryland User Group & Tri County Council – *Debbie Carpenter*

*Did not report*

### **State GIS Coordination Efforts**

Pictometry Imagery Proposal – Pictometry Corporation

- Proposed to provide web access to imagery for all 11 counties in Maryland, through their software
- Low cost proposal, has been provided to SHA and they are evaluating how and if they will fund this
- License distribution would need to be determined, ample number of users available, 200 users
- Should approach SDAT with this information and opportunity to participate

MD iMap Technical Committee – *Julia Fischer*

- How to consume Socrata services in MD iMap
  - Jason Kepler has been working on a Python script designed to:
    - Use the .xml output from Socrata to push the data into a table structure
    - Where a feature class can be created in the SDE database and
    - A map service can be created
  - Future updates to the data in Socrata can be automatically passed to the existing map service
- Application Template Updates
  - Revamping of layout to more closely adhere to State standards will be available in February/March



- Relocated toolbar inside the map and converted buttons to icons
- Making efforts to test new template design inside of new website design for State
- Beta template has been registered with Maryland ArcGIS Online
- Created ability to define a web map outside of AGO or use the standard API methods
- Completing the drawing widget shortly will allow for markups which can be saved locally

Orthos / Parcels / Septic Tier Mapping – *Jim Cannistra*

- Septic Tier mapping controversies coming from areas dominated by agriculture and forest primarily
  - Some back and forth occurring between local and state data interpretations of the surface
- Published an application showing overall status of septic tier adoption, which is continuously being updated
- Kick-off meeting for ortho imagery collection to occur in the near future
  - All parties are getting prepared to start flying in the very near future, ideally next week
  - Planes based in Easton, MD and Hagerstown, MD

Water Resource Registry

*Did not report*

Broadband Availability – *Mike Scott*

*Did not report*

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area – *Mike Scott*

*Did not report*

dFIRM Conversion – *Mike Scott*

*Did not report*

TMDL Effort – *Department of Environment*

*Did not report*

Historic Image Initiative – *Larry Swift*

*Did not report*

**Federal Activities – *Roger Barlow (Email updates provided to Jim Cannistra)***

Carroll County LiDAR Update

- Carroll County LiDAR has been incorporated into National Elevation Dataset
- Only 2 counties that do not have data
  - Garrett and Harford Counties and both are related to quality issues

Hurricane Sandy Relief – LiDAR update

- Money in Hurricane Sandy relief bill for LiDAR
  - Area of collection will be cut back from all of Eastern Shore of Maryland and New Jersey

- Think Talbot and Dorchester Counties will know by end of February or early March if they will get LiDAR as part of this bill
  - Dorchester County really needs new LiDAR because of errors in the last collected LiDAR
    - Analysis and flood mitigation planning, needed based on Hurricane Sandy, is being hindered
    - Reiterate to Roger Barlow
  - USGS reevaluating what will be in National Ortho dataset
    - Changed standards to 1ft, but will they review and accept the 6” which is being collected for MD?
    - This question is currently not answered
    - MSGIC wants to make sure that the latest imagery is incorporated even if it is 6” and will need to consider getting it resampled at 1ft if they will not accept it as-is
- Question:** Why is Google using the NAIP imagery rather than the 6” imagery which is available?
- We could reach out to them and make them aware of the state data which we are already sharing

### **MSGIC Communications – Education and Outreach Subcommittee – Scott Jeffrey**

#### Newsletter

- Trying to get the newsletter out inside of a week or so
- Materials for dissemination at TUgis Conference
- Need volunteers to staff the booth at TUgis Conference

**Action Item:** All booth materials from last year are with Mark Helmken who will make them available to Scott Jeffrey

- MSGIC table next to the TUgis Conference registration to try and recruit people for membership

#### **Upcoming Events**

MD iMap Executive Meeting – March 8, 2013

MACO Mid-Year – January 2 – 4, 2013

NSGIC Mid-Year – Annapolis, February 24 – 27, 2013

- Addressing session on Tuesday where Russell Provost will be presenting

Esri Federal User Conference – Washington, D.C., February 25 – 27, 2013

Mid-Shore Regional GIS Meeting – February 20, 2013

MSGIC Quarterly – April 18, 2013

Tri-County & Mid-Shore Regional GIS Meeting – April 24, 2013

CMUG – May 17, 2013

Western Maryland GIS User Group – May 17, 2013

#### **Advocacy Items**

*No items at this time*

#### **Additional Business – All**

MACO – Winter Meeting

- More hands-on which led to more interactions with people during the winter meetings
- CIOs were in attendance
- Summer meeting has already begun registration for booth exhibitors
- GIS Discovery Zone in the same area as before, potentially expand for this meeting

- 8 set booth spots
- ESRGC, CGIS/TU, KCI usually participate
- Doing mini-workshops, coordinate and schedule in GIS area of what specific GIS events to be occurring, publish broadly to make sure people are aware and overlaps are avoided
- Looked at opportunities in the past for presenting to the higher levels about the use of GIS at the state level
  - Barney Krucoff would like to take advantage of this opportunity this year
  - Division directors and other higher ups can be educated on the value of GIS at this meeting
- Deadline for the presentations is near the end of March 2013
- Might also attract more vendors if the schedule of pulling potential customers into the Discovery Zone is clearly shared with potential vendors

#### Legislative Concerns

- Bills that DoIT gets to review are coming through GIO office
  - Procurement and IT bills mostly
- Need to work together to flag legislation that concerns the GIS community
- Flagged to Date:
  - Personal privacy – restrictions for personally identifiable information and does not clearly say what data will be impacted if names are included in a database
  - Harford County bill to mandate assessments and taxation worksheets availability
    - Do not anticipate this getting out of committee, so no position is needed
  - Census bills – comprehensive plans tied to census reviews cycle – not sure if MDP is supporting 6 or 7 years or 10 years – potentially opposing with some GIS relevance
  - Redistricting, who should do it and when is another bill currently up for consideration
- Priority of the group, moving forward, to look at bills from a comprehensive GIS industry view and decide if a position or action needs to be taken
- Past example was the GIO office legislation to establish this office, which was a success
- Paying members ought to expect us to be looking out for the interests of the industries related to GIS
- Could hire someone in the future to access all of the bills and send those to us which might be of particular concern or usefulness to this group
  - There are services which can be purchased to do this
  - MDP has a standing bill review each Friday with someone who goes through on their behalf flagging concerns
  - Commenting also needs to be backed up with the quantitative impacts
- Going forward, especially with data sharing, we need to figure out the process to determine how to get something passed
- Next fall think about being proactive rather than reactive to fix things and garner legislative support

#### Request for Expenditure – *Doug Reedy*

- Request to use MSGIC funds to purchase a more substantial file folder to protect MSGIC documentation
- Request to use MSGIC funds to purchase stamps for sending out thank you letters to sponsors

- Anticipate no more than \$50 cost for both requests
- Motion: Moved by Jim Cannistra and seconded by Mark Helmken to approve the purchasing requests.  
**Motion Carried**

**Next Executive Committee Meeting – March 13, 2013 in Anne Arundel County (May do Webex)**