



MSGIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2013
9a.m. – 12p.m.
Webex Teleconference Meeting

On Phone Attendees:

Jim Cannistra, MDP (Chair)
Mark Helmken, CGIS (Chair-Elect)
Julia Fischer, DoIT (Secretary)
Doug Reedy, Frederick County Government (Treasurer)
Roger Barlow, USGS (Federal Government Caucus Chair)
Jennifer Chadwick-Moore, MHT (State Government Caucus Chair)
Shawn Wampler, City of Annapolis (Local Government Caucus Chair)
Lauren McDermott, Salisbury University/ESRGC (Education Subcommittee Chair)
Patrick Callahan, Prince George's County Government (Data & Resources Subcommittee Chair)
Scott Jeffrey, Community College of Baltimore County (Outreach Subcommittee Chair)
Jaime Alvarez, Community College of Baltimore County (Education Caucus Chair)
Barney Krucoff, DoIT (GIO)

Doug Goldsmith, KCI Technologies, Inc.
Charlene Howard, MWCoG
Patrick McLoughlin, Spatial Systems Associates, Inc.

Open Meeting – *Jim Cannistra*

Announcements

Newsletter

- “Geospatial Maryland” (Winter/Spring 2013) has been published and now available on the MSGIC website (http://www.msgic.state.md.us/publicat/newsletter/MSGIC_Newsletter_Spring_2013.pdf)
- Thanks to Scott Jeffrey for putting together the latest newsletter
- Basic content includes:
 - Some Q & A regarding the membership survey report
 - Formatted by Jen Chawick-Moore
 - Profiles of projects and firms
 - Results of membership survey concerning implementation of structure
 - Summary of TUgis conference
 - Member spotlight – Lauren McDermott

Action Item: Send out email later today or tomorrow alerting all members of newsletter availability and reminder of the Quarterly meeting scheduled for next week – Jim Cannistra

Legislative Session Complete

- Any final information on the legislative session specific to GIS?
- MDP follows the session closely with regular meetings and debriefings
- This year there were only a few topics that potentially impacted GIS
 - Emergency Systems Numbers Board imposed an additional fee on pre-paid phone card purchases
 - Purchasing surcharge was increased by a significant percentage
 - Potentially resulting in more money coming to the Numbers Board
 - They supported a fee increase, but did not advocate for one so significant
 - Connect with Kenny Miller to see what this means for the GIS community
 - County level changes for comprehensive plans from 5 years to 7 – 10 year cycles
 - Impacts how counties have to assemble GIS data to support these plans
 - Initiatives to open up SDAT data more fully
 - Including providing worksheets and data collection reports online
 - All were pushed back except requirement of SDAT to post by account number and by address, 4 pieces of information (acreage, assessed value and two other pieces of information)
 - Pretty minimal and does not impact GIS community too much
 - Still this is a start in terms of publishing data and getting legislation on-line

TUgis Conference Debrief and Feedback – *Mark Helmken*

- Still compiling survey responses that were collected, 174 total responses
- Generally comments were positive concerning scheduling of the conference and the opening session
- On the topic of whether people would be interested in moving the conference
 - Did not receive strong support, but was not totally dismissed either, should still be considered
- Broke out feedback by core functions, such as outreach, logistics, facilities, presentations
 - Putting together a central committee to manage these core functions
 - Anticipate forming smaller teams to address individual functions
- Over 500 attendees at this year's conference
- Immediate actions is to get tugis.org website domain locked in
 - Meeting next week concerning website upgrades and format changes
- One of the best TUgis events in recent memory, considerable energy and good presentations, major success
- Volunteers suggested more student participation with the planning committee to guide the volunteer efforts
 - Jamie Alvarez to touch base with Virginia Thompson concerning this topic
- MDP sent 12 people and also met with some other entities and compiled comments

- Very positive experience
- Sessions were good
- Keynote and introductory session was good
- Good to have something separate from Esri
- Exhibit area flow was good – food at both locations allowed for flow
- Parking – some confusion – Uniontown garage was open w/o attendance and parking tickets were issued
- Volunteers were posted earlier in the day to make sure that attendees did not park at the Uniontown garage

- Perhaps need a later shift to continue to redirect attendees to arrive later in the day
- Would like to see fewer consultant presentations and more from users
 - KCI had about 5 presentations
 - Want to be more sensitive to the balance of presenters
- Would like to see the opening session in the same building as the other activities of the day
 - Logistical issue, because the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) building does not have a space to accommodate a single, large group for the opening session
 - Additional considerations are that the Union must be rented, while the CLA building utilization is free
 - Continued utilization of the Union would require a \$15 - \$20 registration fee increase
- Presentations should be posted online after the conclusion of the conference
 - MSGIC could do this on their website
 - Opening session presentation was sent to Virginia Thompson for posting
 - Can also be posted on MD iMap website
- Paper sessions felt rushed and were too quick to process the information and not enough time for discussion
- Timing was unclear concerning the awards presentation at end
- Positives with the networking built-into the conference
- Brochure should have included a floor map
- Exhibitors – provide contact list as incentive to those who exhibited at the conference
 - Could at least provide the sign-up list from the conference
- Jamie Alvarez was very helpful during the conference and available if we had issues or questions
- Was given a tour of the building prior to the conference which really helped non-Towson University students be able to direct guests during the conference
- Liked being able to attend the majority of the conference, based on the volunteer's interests
- Idea of having the conference in a rotating location
 - 31% said yes, they would be willing to move to another location
 - 43% said maybe, they would be willing to move to another location
 - Any organization that is going to be taking on the hosting responsibility in the future, need to be involved in the previous year to make sure they are clear on all of the logistics that are involved
- Useful that the MSGIC booth was present
 - Staffed primarily by Jen Chadwick-Moore, Julia Fischer and Shawn Wampler
 - Answered questions and gave a focus to MSGIC activities
 - Glad it was present and staffed
- Offer discount to MSGIC members
 - A lot was done to promote the conference by the MSGIC group
 - Attendance increase was in part to everyone's efforts
 - Continue to explore discount for MSGIC members in the future
 - Can add the ability for MSGIC members to identify themselves during the registration process, which would automatically apply the membership discount
 - Need to consider if and how membership will be verified

- Consider making this MSGIC's annual conference
 - Do we want an annual conference and would this change the agenda?
 - Some things could be done in an official capacity for the MSGIC organization
 - Brings up the bigger discussion at the Quarterly meeting about what roll MSGIC wants to have in the conference next year
 - Opening and closing sessions should involve MSGIC representatives
 - What other things should we do to make our presence known at the conference?
 - Infrastructure and support put forth from Towson University was huge
 - As time goes forward we might be able to obtain this support from other resources and not rely as heavily on Towson University
- Currently putting together a notebook of conference details, which can be shared
- Rebranding would need to be considered for moving the conference and shifting the focus to more of a MSGIC annual meeting or Maryland GIS conference
- Next week's Quarterly meeting, on the Eastern Shore, should give us an idea of attendance for a potential conference in the same area

MSGIC Quarterly Meeting – Mark Helmken

Spring – April 18, 2013 @ Chesapeake College

- Agenda posted yesterday on MSGIC website (<http://www.msgic.state.md.us/events/agendas/SpringQuarterlyAgenda20130418.pdf>)
- Keeping with new meeting format to highlights local government activities from around the State
- Networking break has specifically been added to the agenda
- A number of full-scale presentations are also in place
- Axis GeoSpatial, LLC is sponsoring breakfast
- Barney Krucoff is on the agenda, but will not be in attendance, Kenny Miller will step in for Barney
- Still kicking around the idea of having topic focused Quarterly meetings
- Action Item:** Discuss the potential for next Quarterly meeting to have a topic focused on impervious surfaces – Jim Cannistra, Mark Helmken and Barney Krucoff
- Already widespread concerns and issues related to impervious surface discussion
 - Limited window to setup processes that are not so disparate
 - Sense of urgency to get people together to discuss their processes
 - Need to put together new RFP specifications for orthoimagery
 - Should include options for impervious and planimetric updates
 - Could serve as a contract mechanism for locals to collect data related to impervious surfaces
 - Raise topic of impervious surface at Quarterly meeting and build support for an expanded discussion
- Suggest, at future Quarterly meetings, to identify new members, attendees who are not members, attendees who would like to learn more information about the organization at each Quarterly meeting
- Some Executive Committee members could seek out these individuals to engage them and better introduced them to the group

Question: Would there be interest in reading the names of new members at the Quarterly meetings?

- Membership report should be provided at the Quarterly meetings and added into the agenda
 - Provide basic statistics, such as how many members there are and number of newly joined members
- Suggest offering a lunch invitation to new members to meet with Executive Committee members and engage them in additional introduction and discussion

Summer – July 24, 2013 @ location Southern Maryland

- Meeting to be held at College of Southern Maryland
- Esri User Conference around the same time, so date pushed back to have more time between two events
- Setting up agenda and specifics as time goes on
- Overall good idea to move the Quarterly meetings to new locations and into different regions of the State
- Recommend Fall Quarterly meeting be held in Montgomery or Prince George's Counties
 - They have shown specific interest in hosting one of these meetings
- Fall Quarterly has traditionally been in Frederick County, but consider moving to Montgomery County
 - Prince George's County is too close to Southern Maryland, which is location for Summer Quarterly
 - Want to invite different regions to host
 - Want to move around the State throughout the year to support the statewide GIS community

Continuing Education Certificates – *Jamie Alvarez & Jim Cannistra*

- Documentation related to attendance or participation at Quarterly meetings
- Three certificate examples are available from Jim Cannistra
 - For attendance
 - For presenting
 - For recognition of service (contributions to MSGIC or a broader level of appreciation)
- Each certificate is a good template start which can be expanded based on the details of the event
- Helpful for some organizations which go through a professional summary and require documentation
- Also assist those who are working on professional certifications
- Recommend putting the number of hours or attendance hours (CEUs for example) on each certificate

Action Item: Sent some examples with CEUs included on the document – Scott Jeffrey

- There is a standard hours to CEU conversion recognized by the State
 - Needs to be found and shared with the group
 - For example: a meeting which spans an entire day would be noted as 8 hours or CEUs
- GISP requires CEUs or hours documented on certificates
- Might broaden the base of people who attend Quarterly meetings if documentation assists with certification requirements beyond just those related to GIS
 - Opportunity to let other organizations know that we have these certificates available
- Would like to implement at this next Quarterly meeting and get these certificates to people moving forward

MSGIC Non-Profit 501(c)3 Corporation – *Doug Reedy*

- MD 2013 personal property form has been received, filled out and sent to the State
 - Straight forward process since we have no personal property associated with the organization

- IRS 1023 for 501(c)3 status form has been received by the IRS
 - Check already cashed
 - Under review, but have not heard any issues with the application to date
 - \$410 expenditure, \$400 fee to submit the form and \$10 fee to assure delivery of the form
- Form 990 or 990-EZ will not need to be filled out, because we are not yet a 501(c)3 in the eyes of the IRS
- Current bank balance: \$2,071.81

Updates on Sponsorship (?)

- No additional sponsorships received to date
 - Current sponsors include DoIT, MDP and ESRGC
- Would like Executive Committee to go back to their organizations and complete the registration process
- Hope by July 2013 to have registrations from each of the groups represented by the Executive Committee (Towson, Frederick County, CCBC, USGS, City of Annapolis, KCI, Prince George's County...)
- Sponsorship forms and individual membership forms are available on the MSGIC website (<http://www.msgic.state.md.us/memberapp.asp>)
- Sponsorship includes unlimited memberships
- Sponsorships and dues paid now would cover membership until Spring 2014

Action Item: Send out email with links to the membership and sponsorship information – Jim Cannistra

Action Item: Reach out to Executive Committee members, who could not attend today, to get their organizations to complete the sponsorship process – Jim Cannistra

GIO Briefing – Barney Krucoff

Addressing Initiative

- Barney Krucoff and Russell Provost to attend U.S. Census Addressing Conference in Virginia next week
- Will get a better idea of what U.S. Census plans are moving forward concerning addressing initiatives
- What is being offered is not a significant incentive because it is similar to what has been offered in the past
- Kevin Holmes, from the U.S. Census, did a presentation at TUgis concerning the latest addressing initiatives

Action Item: Send a copy of the presentation to Barney Krucoff – Jim Cannistra

Critical Infrastructure

- Critical infrastructure mapping is moving forward

Health and Human Services Mapping

- DHMH mapping has been done concerning hospital admissions and readmissions
- Additional study will continue concerning how information can be accessed, best represented and shared

Situational Awareness Workgroup

- Next meeting scheduled for April 24, 2013 with NCR GDX in Prince George's County
- Demo and information being sought concerning secure services in Maryland
- Invites have gone out, please contact Barney Krucoff if you would like to attend

New Hire

- Processing a new hire who will work with DHMH and other human services agencies

Application Template

- Application template is available, but more work needs to be done on it
- Looking to hire contractors to complete additional work that has been found
- Go to <https://github.com/mdgio/iMap> to add requests, issues and improvements for the template

MaCO Conference

Session Proposal and Agenda

- Talked about putting a GIS session together and now moving forward with putting a session together
- Some emails with coordinator have gone back and forth already

Exhibit

- Booth cost is \$600, as State agency
 - DoIT offering to be State sponsor to get this rate
 - MSGIC and MD iMap would share this booth space
- \$1,400 booth cost if through MSGIC (Commercial/Non-Profit)
- Session and booth at MaCO
 - #1 item in membership survey was advocacy and this would hit the mark
 - Legislators and decision makers are main attendees of this conference
- Past years KCI purchased a double booth and shared with Maryland Chamber of Commerce
 - Perhaps MSGIC could use the other booth instead this year
 - Have to make sure this does not have any ethical impacts
- **Question:** Would this booth be in the specific GIS area?
 - Yes, located in the GIS discovery zone
- Historically volunteered to do cyber café in exchange for the second booth located next to KCI booth
- Putting out the idea for MSGIC to run cyber café and get free booth space
 - Logistics of wireless printers, laptops and wireless hot spots need to be considered
 - Too ambitious for this year
- **Action Item:** Get permission to spend the money at MaCO and get back to the group – Barney Krucoff

Question: Do we think it is worth spending \$300 - \$400 on a booth?

- Continue pursuing presence at the conference at the lowest cost possible
- Will need to consider registration, attendance, handouts, signage and take aways for a booth
- Anyone on the call usually attend this conference or planning to attend
 - Mark Helmken, Patrick Callahan, Mike Scott, Lauren McDermott, Marshall Stevenson and Doug Goldsmith
 - BMC, SHA and MES are also usually in attendance
 - Perhaps MSGIC members can participate in manning a booth who will already be in attendance
- Only concern is that the State agencies are placed together, separate from counties and the private sector
 - A separate DoIT booth might be away from the Discovery Zone
 - MDP has a booth which is away from the Discovery Zone and grouped with other State agencies

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

Data Download Page

- Recent discussions about the website and getting additional resources added to it
 - Users can find links to each jurisdiction to get information on GIS
 - Already in the works
 - Talking about updating data download links page
 - Currently putting together an inventory from state, counties, municipalities and other organizations (regional and other states)
 - Next steps would be integrate with the move from the existing website to an .org website
 - Would like to put something up before launching the new website
 - One issue was identifying sites that have downloadable data versus those who have links or portals that link to additional resources, including hard copy maps
 - Download side is a hybrid
 - Originally wanted to include just downloadable data
- Question:** Do we want to include order forms and other conduits to get downloadable data?
- Did not want to have links to posted maps or .pdf maps
 - General information on another page would allow for people to research additional resources
 - Links to MD iMap would also be included
 - Would also want to add some of the federal links onto the site
- Action Item:** Send out the list to Julia Fischer, Jen Chadwick-Moore and Shawn Wampler to coordinate review of the document – Jim Cannistra

Federal Coordination Effort – *Roger Barlow*

- Gauging station map draft went out on Monday that met criteria from National Weather service
 - Basemap was not informative, but stations were fine
- Get out to MD State agencies in next month or so

LiDAR – new (Fall) acquisitions

- Frederick County received last week
 - Already sent to Nature Conservancy and Frederick County government for download
 - Going to University of Maryland for canopy mapping (1m for all counties in MD)
 - Get status on Friday from this team

Orthoimagery

- 2014 orthoimagery federal contribution in flux
 - Number of cutbacks have occurred
 - Continue to monitor in relation to Maryland
- USGS approved to received \$6.4 million as a result of Sandy recovery efforts
 - Large area North Caroline to Cape Cod with priorities
 - Total cost acquisition of \$14 million
 - Need partnership money
 - Priorities for evaluation and timeline
 - Submitting internal proposals to get contracting in by June 15, 2013 and flying this fall

- Need verbal commitment by April 30, 2013
- Need written joint funding agreements before June 15, 2013
- Priorities include: damage areas, partner contribution areas, DOI lands, 1,500 square miles or greater
- Talbot and Dorchester Counties previously discussed
 - Unfortunately none of the units fall in Talbot County, but three fall inside of Dorchester County
 - Goal is to include Dorchester County with State of Delaware
 - On-going discussions, working on getting an estimate
 - No guidance on partner ratio and do not anticipate this being available
 - With more partner money the proposal gets a higher rating
- 1 27th arc second anticipated to be collected
 - Capable of 1 foot contours
 - NRCS cannot put in a lot of money because of amount of federal land in these counties
- Contacted principles who use LiDAR data in the State of Maryland to look for contributions
- What do we need to do?
 - Determine dollars available to contribute to Dorchester County LiDAR collection

Action Item: Reach out to Greg Slater at SHA to see if they have contributions – Barney Krucoff

- Delivery date April 2014
- Billing could be after July 1, 2013 and come out of this year or next year's budget

Question: Should we make an effort to reach out to Eastern Shore?

- Money would need to be included for these areas
- Significant interest could be joined with Dorchester County or potential Virginia contract

Urban Water Initiative

- Meeting on March 12, 2013 at USGS Water Science Center
- Social geography issues, property valuation, forest canopy, real estate, etc. being discussed
- Non-funded effort for the most part, some funding from EPA and Forest Service
- Park service coordinating Anacostia efforts
- USGS involved in trying to provide geospatial data, hydrography, elevation and imagery backdrops

NAIP 2013 Maryland Status

- Email from last month that flight was cancelled for Summer 2013 for Maryland and Delaware
- Heard from New Jersey and Oklahoma and announcement of national cancellation for 2013
- Confirmed cancellation of Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey and Oklahoma
- Late March needed to contract and had not received second half of 2013 budget and could not contract without money in hand
- Offering to do a contract for states willing to pay full costs and have not heard any follow up yet
- Signed a CR but money is not in hand to the individual organizations

Montgomery County LiDAR

- Met with multiple agencies of Montgomery County government and municipalities
- Given them a drive and will be providing LiDAR data, expect to receive on Thursday

Acton Item: Bring a drive to Quarterly meeting next week or mail to MDP, copy LiDAR data – Lauren McDermott and Jim Cannistra

- Major progress about freeing up this data
- Exploring opening up their data distribution concerning planimetrics and parcel data
- Montgomery, Prince George's and Baltimore Counties still selling data fairly aggressively
 - Anticipate a game changer if Montgomery County starts providing data freely
- Think it helps that Montgomery County was only hold out county for ESRGC LiDAR data repository

Local and Regional GIS Coordination Efforts

Local Government Updates – *Shawn Wampler*

No updates at this time

Baltimore Metropolitan Council – *Sandi Stroud*

- Went through MSGIC survey at last BMC group meeting, did not get a lot of feedback
- Promoted the website
- Continuing to work on data initiatives
- Addressing project was discussed and well received with BMC, received good questions

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

- April 24, 2013 – Mid-Shore Regional Council and Tri-County Council joint meeting at Salisbury University
- Anyone who wants to be included on agenda, please contact Lauren McDermott

MWCoG – *Charlene Howard*

No updates at this time

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

- May 17, 2013 originally targeted
- Site confirmed at Howard Community College, but had to change date to Friday, June 7, 2013
- 2 presentations lined up, need to confirm with them on the change of date
- Working on agenda shortly
- Put feelers out to spotlight more student projects
- Maryland report from Julia Fischer anticipated
- Still looking for a breakfast sponsor for this meeting
 - Backup is Esri, but would like to get others involved
- Smaller meeting than last time

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

Washington County FEMA flood remapping efforts

- FEMA lacks money to complete the maps

3D presentation concerning Hagerstown Regional Airport

- Using LiDAR data from USGS to assist with making the case to keep the control tower open
- Statewide addressing initiative meetings scheduled with Russell Provost and Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties on April 30, 2013

Next Western Maryland User Group scheduled for May 17, 2013

- Looking for presentations
- Contact Bud Gudmundson (jeg01@washco-md.net) if you would like to present
- Application template as an idea for a presentation

Action Item: Contact Jason Keppler to see if he might be available to present the template at this meeting – Julia Fischer

State GIS Coordination Efforts

MD iMap Technical Committee – *Julia Fischer*

CityEngine Demo

- Discussion about the various 3D analysis products which have been reviewed by Maryland Department of Planning (MDP)
- Demoed a portion of Howard County
- Identified building types for 7,000 buildings with footprints
 - Generated 7 unique building type rules and assigned a type to the building footprints
 - A lot of programming commands needed to generate the rules
 - Rules can be shared amongst CityEngine users
- Results can be viewed via ArcGIS Online (City Engine Web Viewer) or Google Earth
- Determining the long-term policy implications related to the capabilities offered with this resource
 - Visualization of land cover
 - Demonstrate impacts of smart growth
- Links to examples:
 - <http://maryland.maps.arcgis.com/apps/CEWebViewer/viewer.html?3dWebScene=1055237eee6d464f9b67d2cd3cf5fa5b> – Latest version of the Howard County test area courtesy of MDP

MD ELA Statistics Update

- Maximum license utilization in March was 550 up from 498 in January (increase of 10%)
- Total number of users up from 413 to 482 users (increase of 17%)

Floodplain Discussion

No updates at this time

Eastern Shore Imagery – *Jim Cannistra*

- Everything has been flown
- Last two years, we were already leaf out and flying could not still occur, super late spring this year
- Data is in processing right now and things are moving ahead quickly

Google Partnership Initiative

- Google now incorporating oblique imagery into their standard views
 - Once zoomed into a certain scale, defaults to an oblique view
 - There is a setting which can be switched to turn the oblique to default off
- Trying to get contacts with Google about why this was done
- Had a discussion with Google about providing them with State of Maryland imagery
 - Partnership form to be filled out
 - A lot of Eastern Shore and Western Maryland imagery is out of date with coarse resolution
 - Going to start the process of getting this information included

Parcels/Septic Tier Mapping – *Jim Cannistra*

- Kent, Somerset and Garrett Counties now working
- Dorchester County parcels were delivered
- Resolved displaying quickly the tax maps and inserts in a cached web mapping service
 - Issue in the past with overlapping maps and making them transparent for visibility at different scales
 - Meeting next week with SDAT and CGIS about getting data online as part of Real Property Data site

Addressing Project – *Russell Provost*

- Include messaging to MSGIC membership once launched

Broadband Availability – *Mike Scott*

No updates at this time

Chesapeake Bay Critical Area – *Mike Scott*

No updates at this time

dFIRM Conversion – *Mike Scott*

No updates at this time

TMDL Effort – *Dept. of Environment*

No updates at this time

Outreach – *Jen Chadwick-Moore*

No updates at this time

Historic Image Initiative – *Larry Swift*

No updates at this time

Gas Tax Increases

- A lot of money to be funneled into SHA for projects from this tax increase
- Want to get an idea of how this additional funding will change project funding and project scopes
- Funding would be applied to centerline files for the entire state, making them routable
- Opportunity to expand GIS usage within SHA and to benefit the rest of the GIS community

- LiDAR could be used for detailed mapping of certain areas, etc.
- Stay attuned to SHA GIS activities related to this increase funding availability

MSGIC Website Updates – Julia Fischer

Ideas/Plan for Redesign

- Need to see a budget before a decision can be made
- Need to follow up with DNR about utilization of current website
- Estimation from MDP that migration could be done in approximately 40 – 50 hours
- Redesign and rebrand simultaneously for launch
 - Some WordPress programmers at CGIS, MDP and ESRGC who might be available to assist
 - A small stipend can be made available for these efforts

Action Item: Reach out to Chris Slavin to determine who owns the desired domain – Julia Fischer

- msgic.org is owned by Mike Scott, who has offered to donate the URL to MSGIC

Action Item: Setup a meeting to get this process moving forward – Julia Fischer

General Updates

No updates at this time

Data Download Page

See MSGIC Coordination – Data and Resources Subcommittee section for details

Upcoming Events

- MSGIC Quarterly – April 18, 2013
- Tri-County & Mid-Shore Regional GIS Meeting – April 24, 2013 (Salisbury University)
- CMUG – May 17, 2013 changing to June 7, 2013 (Howard Community College)
- Western Maryland GIS User Group – May 17, 2013
- GIS in Transit Conference, October 16 – 18, 2013 (Washington, D.C.)

Additional Business

Coppin State University

- Looking to establish a GIS certificate program focused on GIS in Human Resources
- Jim Thomas previously from DHMH now working with this program
- GIS Day scheduled for April 24, 2013 – MDP has been asked to participate
- Approached CCBC concerning information on how to get program accredited
- Have to get MHEC approval
- To date both Salisbury University and Towson University have sent letter of support concerning the program's establishment and offered to help with their efforts
- There is the potential that other State universities may try to block this program's establishment because it would negatively influence the enrollment of their similar, existing programs
 - This has not occurred to date
 - With historically black college status there are fewer hurdles concerning establishing new programs
 - The program will still need to get initial funding and getting curriculum in place

- Look to obtain more information and get back to the group

Next Executive Committee Meeting – May 8, 2013. TO BE HELD IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.