



MSGIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2014

9a.m. – 12p.m.

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

Attendees:

Julia Fischer, DoIT (Chair)

Jim Cannistra, MDP (Past-Chair)

Theresa Martin, City of Laurel (Secretary)

Scott Jeffrey, CCBC (Education Caucus Chair)

Matt Webb, Anne Arundel County (Local Government Caucus Chair)

Mara Kaminowitz, BMC (Regional Caucus Chair)

Roger Barlow, USGS (Federal Government Caucus Chair)

Patrick Callahan, Prince George's County Government (Data and Resources Subcommittee Chair)

Ashley Buzzeo, CGIS (Outreach Subcommittee Chair)

Patrick McLaughlin, SSA

Al Wainger, Michael Baker Corp.

Charlene Howard, MWCOG

Ardys Russakis, CGIS

Michael Bentivegna, CGIS

On Phone Attendees:

Michael Scott, Salisbury University/ESRGC (Grant Development Subcommittee Chair)

Marshall Stevenson, WBCM (Private Industry Caucus Chair)

Erin Lesh, MD State Highway Administration (State Government Caucus Chair)

TJ Frazier, MSS

Barney Krucoff, DoIT

Open Meeting & Announcements – Julia Fischer

- Approval of July Minutes – Approved

- Review Action Items List
 - *Look into services like Go-to-meeting-* Using what we have through DoIT
 - *Talk w/D. Black* – Barney & Mike – no change
 - *Draft letters to send out to organizations with three or more members* – Need to make an overall plan for re-up in 2015
 - *Forward letter to appropriate individual for state agencies* – J. Fischer to work on w/Barney. Identify who those organizations are.
 - *List of County Coordinators* – M. Webb completed. Had sent to A. Samonisky and added to website
 - *Organizational members who need to assign members to their organizations* – Completed/Ongoing.
- M. Scott has a standard set of email wording to send to those who do not complete the process. Verbiage stored in Google Docs.

Action Item: Standard verbiage for LinkedIn for example for new requests need to be centralized.

- Policy has been anyone interested in GIS or had some connection to Maryland can be added.
- Have not required requestors be MSGIC members.

- *Elevator Speech* – J. Fischer will work on prior to next event. Potentially prior to the MSS conference.
- *Job Internship Postings* – Have not received anything

Question: Anyway to make sure the listings up there are still open?

Action Item: Add to intern to-do list review of postings. Still valid? Links working? Need to in Google Docs keep track of who provided listing and their contact info.

- *What Z really means?* – Need to get a little more proactive on the datum switch. Have talked about getting some content on the website. J. Fischer has followed up w/James Shaw and have discussed setting up a meeting. Needs to set a date. Some education needs to be done so that everyone knows what the impacts horizontally & vertically to GIS professionals & surveyors.

Action Item: Add to intern's to-do list - Start sketching out Datum Page for website.

Action Item: Set up phone call to start with key players – include J. Fischer, J. Cannistra and A. Samonisky to get things going.

- *Initiatives Tab* – A. Samonisky has heard back from a few members with content. After she gets what Erin has for state level projects, should have enough to mock up the page to be published.
 - Mara – WCOG data clearing house and will send some BMC initiatives,
 - Erin – Similar to what is on iMap. iMap happy to link up where it makes sense. They are putting up some Imagery/LiDAR information including specifications for the various years. Could do a brief summary and link back to these sections. Centerline Project out of SHA, etc.
 - Roger – Sent some Federal projects.

Off Topic – Analytics from MDiMap data page 500 visits which is much higher but clearly due to that link w/MSGIC.

- *Events* – Received CMUG event scheduled for Friday at CCBC Catonsville. Continue to send.
- *Forward press release of NLCD* – Roger Barlow
- *Review state page contacts* - Erin has a spreadsheet of all the contacts updated from those she heard back from. Some agencies have had changes but do not have those names yet.
- *High resolution/Vectorized Logo*- Had decided the resolution was good just need an option for displaying with transparent background.

Action Item: Ask Shawn if she is available for Oct meeting.

- *Blog Content* –
 - Recently added MDP and will leave that for a week or two before adding the next one from Mara at BMC.
 - A. Buzzeo working on a feature of Doug Adams.
 - Need to work on one for LiDAR. Would be good to give our users a timeline of what has been going on.

Action Item: Reach out to Mara just prior to posting for her to look over and add sentence if necessary.

Action Item: M. Scott will email Erin Silva for the LiDAR content.

- *Talk w/Tu regarding moving jobs to member area* – J. Fischer needs to do.
- *Email to universities w/GIS programs to encourage organizational memberships* – S. Jeffrey will work on.

Side Note – S. Jeffrey putting together white paper on availability of programs/courses in institutions in MD.

Question: Where would this be published?

- It is focused on MD so could be release through MSGIC.
- Have been working on for last 6-8months as part of his role at the National GeoTech Center in KY.
- This type of work has been done by other state GIS committees.
- MSGIC could put together a blog summarizing the findings also and put the word out through social media.

Side Note - TUgis – The Plenary generally has 3 parts – KeyNote/MSGIC/Barney – Barney has made a suggestion to change it up like putting up professors from Towson.

- They came back and suggested making it all about Education and the panel include 4 year, community college, high school program.
- Great opportunity to help bring in the next generation of GIS professionals.
- The idea was well received and if MSGIC agrees J. Fischer as a member of Advisory Committee can continue to push forward.
- Recommend including National Geographic Educational Division, ESRI K-12 groups, Charlie Fitzpatrick and Joe Kirski would be a good one. Maybe include a student from each?

Action Item: S. Jeffrey to do an introduction email for the ESRI folks.

- *Vector-based logo* – Sharyn can work on and likely be complete by next meeting
- *Minor By-law changes* – T. Martin will put that together to EC and then it will be messaged out to membership.
- *Centralize list for training opportunities for MSGIC membership* - CCBC setting up their lab to support both internal and external training. Putting out now advertisements courses in python. Looking to set up a server to do some server training. We are looking for canned trainings that we can pay for and put on. Good to know that location exists.

Question: Is it okay to bring in an outside instructor/training? Yes, they are set up to do that and their pricing is very competitive.

- *Follow up with Southern folks* – M. Webb sent out an email and heard back from Calvin. Saw discussion on LinkedIn last night. Was started by Bill Dollins. Zekiah did presentation at July Quarterly and did breakfast in the southern mtg last year.

Action Item: M. Webb to reach out to Bill Dollins and offer our support and also Calvin.

- *Caucus/Subcommittee verbiage on login page* – A. Samonsky to add to draft page
- *Generate packets of responsibilities for each Executive Community position to pass to future position holders.* – Start centralizing in Google Drive.

Action Item: T. Martin can work on getting something started.

- *Clean email list from member bounce backs* – M. Scott - not yet but near top of to-do list

- *Prepare content similar to ortho program for LiDAR* - Mike Scott and ESRGC
 - Compile potential options for future video and/or audio recording of quarterly meetings. – T. Martin/A. Somonisky. Free and inexpensive options available for recording with an iPad. Determine which section(s) we might want to record and what has to be done legally.
 - People may not want to be recorded when presenting.
 - Just something we're trying out.
 - Likely will just to the elections part for the Annual Meeting.
- Question:** Is there a market? Not sure but something worth looking into.
- *How to Join and Sponsor MSGIC verbiage.* A. Samonisky completed and waiting for feedback.

Action Item: J. Fischer will look over and then she will need assistance with button placement and layout.

MSGIC Quarterly Meeting (s) –Pat McLoughlin

Fall Annual Meeting

- Draft Agenda on Google Drive
- Had discussed adjusting the format: Introductory passing of the gavel, recognitions, moving into longer networking break where sponsors would have the opportunity to set up a booth then lunch and the afternoon would be the business portions.
- Might need to add in something other than Business in the afternoon.
- Had thrown out the idea of having our own keynote in the afternoon.

Question: How many sponsors do we have? 12, although only maybe half may be there.

Question: We have GIS Day in November and ESRI MUG in December, might it be too much for booths? This is only open to our sponsors to give them exclusive access to our attendees. It is free and a part of our value add for our sponsors.

- 2-hour networking break – might want to add in a round-robin for the sponsors to give them a chance to speak for a few minutes.
- May want to include some titles in the program for their discussions.
- Move the business to the beginning and dedicate afternoon to the sponsors?
- 2 hours of networking/booth plus 1-hr of lunch may be too long of unstructured time.

Question: Could we split it up?

- Do not need to take the whole day.
- Might want to break out the sponsors morning and afternoon.
- Could break out by Sponsor type for AM and PM

Question: Any interest in doing a panel with Executive Committee

- Potentially may not be good for the timing of the new EC coming in.
- Could be good for the new EC to hear what we've been working on.
- Yes, this will likely happen during the passing of the gavel - Current Chair speaks on what we've accomplished hands gavel over to new Chair to speak on goals for upcoming year.

Question: Can we reduce the business portion to only the highlights and direct them to the website for more information.

- Could do the business portion followed by lightening talks and delay lunch but then end early.

Question: Is the Arts Barn location finalized? Yes, the only minor concern was they have a group coming in at 4.

- The Arts Building is a nice facility in the central part of Kentlands with a good number of restaurants nearby.
 - A. Samonisky is working on generating a list of lunch spots.
 - As the Annual meeting we are required to cover certain things due to our non-profit status.
 - Need to settle on grab for encouraging attendance.
 - NJ has lightening talks for anyone who wants to give them.
 - They were only 6 minutes and strict in timing.
 - Previously were “Look at What I Did” and now are more technology highlights.
 - Might be a good item for the afternoon.
- Question:** Do we still think the Sponsor Booth is a good idea? Have we gotten any feedback from them?
- Have not yet sent out email to Sponsors will do this week.

- The sponsor speaking time is a good idea for that captive audience and may be more important (valuable).
- Should encourage non-profit groups like MSS and large booth structures wouldn't be necessary.

Question: Does the Arts Barn location have space for booths?

- From previous visits cannot see any space for big booths or even tables.
 - It is open during the day.
 - May need to do a site visit.
- Need to work out how lightening talks would be incorporated
 - There are any number of projects our Sponsors are working on with member organizations.
 - Socrata Annual User Conference that day in Arlington but other than Barney, not that much overlap.
- Action Item:** Follow call to further iron out the agenda.

Future Quarterly Meetings

- Hood College has offered facility for Winter.
- Howard County can make something available for Fall but need to let them know now.
- Prince George's County has identified a place for the Summer.

MSGIC Treasurer – Jim Cannistra

- Financial Update
 - Took over for Doug and getting aquatinted with logins etc.
 - No official report but will have one for the quarterly
- Dues / Membership Update
 - As of today: 365 members of MSGIC
 - Contact List: 1,071
 - Last 30 days – 6 people have joined.
 - 2 paid dues or came on underneath an organizational member.
 - Following up with the others.

- 49 individuals – who have signed up over the last several months and have not finished the process.
 - M. Scott has sent out an email previously.
 - May do one more prior to deleting them.

Question: Had done a breakdown of the members that fall under an organizational membership previously. Do you have this today? No, but can.

MSGIC Business – Executive Committee

- TUGis Partnership vs. Sponsorship
- Met yesterday w/TUGIS executive committee
- Discussed clarifying partnership vs. sponsorship
- Regardless there will always be a partnership between MSGIC, DoIT and TUGis with no money tied to that partnership only a commitment to support each other's opportunities and try to collaborate more.
- Sponsorship would be different.
- TUGis made the sponsorship opportunities a little more a la carte, for example,
 - Silver Sponsor = \$500
 - Social Sponsor = \$1,000
 - Breakfast Sponsor = \$4,500
- Last year MSGIC gave money towards the breakfast.
- DoIT is interested in partnering again to sponsor the breakfast.
- TUGis would like to nail that down and would offer to DoIT/MSGIC before advertising.
- Breakfast cost has increased in response to feedback for hot breakfast which would include one booth space (new this year).
- 14 Tickets (DoIT might get a few more of these if they do not do a booth)
- 1 exhibit booth space in the non-profit (last year DoIT didn't want one – if they want one this year the total cost would increase to \$4750)
- DoIT is good to split the breakfast 50/50
- Opportunity to speak during the opening session
- Recognition on website, email, signage as Breakfast Sponsor
- Monetary contribution last year was \$1,250 (breakfast/booth), this year's total would be \$2,250.

Question: How would the hot breakfast work? There are no tables in our current setup.

- Have not worked out the logistics. Would need to be right outside the Plenary session. If we did tables that would limit the seating.

Question: Do we know how firm they are on doing the hot breakfast?

- Seemed like they were trying to address the feedback which was from more than a few people.
- From DoIT's point of view. They care more about being a partner with MSGIC than whether it is hot/cold. Food seemed to be where the most criticism came in the feedback.
- Logistically may need to consider where the food is setup. Had been in the back or outside of the room.
- MSGIC needs to know how firm the Advisory Committee is ongoing with a hot breakfast.
- Is there an amount MSGIC would initially agree to take back to the Advisory Committee? Willing to split 50/50 and somewhere in the \$1,500/\$1,800 range.

Question: Could we leverage the increase with offering a membership discount?

- Would be nice but logistically a nightmare and not really feasible.
- Centerline Workshop
 - Want to host a state of Maryland event (not strictly SHA)
 - Have met with all the counties a couple municipalities
 - Feedback has been, “How are they going to meet needs of all the jurisdictions?”
 - May be a Best Practices that comes out of this.
 - Want to first meet the needs of locals, common issues when centerlines are rendered differently.
 - Would have a working lunch that would be provided for their participation.
 - Would like the endorsement of MSGIC, their presence and looking for sponsorship.
 - Need funding for box lunches.
 - Not impossible but might be a huge hassle to bid out and might not get a very good option.
 - Would like to bring in an expert in the field. Al Butler (past president of URISA) who has worked on this topic and he would need transportations, as well as any documentation.

Question: How many attendees do you expect? Estimating based on 75. Representatives from MD municipalities, state agencies,

Question: Isn't this the driver of NextGen 9-1-1 and that Census wants the data? They are the federal steward.

Question: Could we approach ESRI since we will be talking a great deal about their Roads & Highways. Would be a good opportunity since these are the folks who they would want to buy.

- MSGIC is good for support.
- Agree with the idea to solicit ESRI since the state did just give them a lot of money for Roads and Highways.
- MSGIC would need some more information on cost before considering.
- Setting aside money for now, would need to know what the event purports to accomplish.
- This is the kind of thing MSGIC should support at the state.

Question: Will you be including Emergency Services folks?

- Recommend also including Brandon Ford at Fairfax County

Action Item: E. Lesh to flesh out more of the details and get back to MSGIC for a future conversation.

- Dues and Sponsors for CY2015
 - Need to have a strategy in place even if it is monthly emails.
 - Part of this should come about at the Quarterly
 - Something should be written up.
 - Compiling return of investments, upcoming training
- Question:** Do we know what number of paid members are a part of Organizational Memberships?
- About 2/3 of members are organizational members.
 - Large percentage of those are not also Sponsorships and want to make sure we target them as well.
 - Working on the messaging that would go out.

- Needs to go out soon since it can take some time and budgets are being finalized.

Question: Can we afford a paper mailing? Probably although do not have a lot of mailing information.

Question: Has there ever been a discussion about getting a Sponsorship/Membership Liaison? Specifically, someone who could be focused on that relationship between us and our Sponsor and Organizational members.

- Would be a good idea to have someone dedicated.
- Al Waigner volunteers to assist with this.
- Think we need a sub-group to start working on this prior to our next meeting.
- A lot of this might fall under M. Stevenson.
- M. Webb also agrees to work on coordinating a concerted effort for developing a plan for Sponsorships.
- May be good to separate out state agencies, for example.
- iMap meeting might be a good forum for example for reaching out to the state agencies
- We had been working to have Barney reach out to the state folks as he may have a longer reach and Al might be good for reaching out to Private sector.

Action Item: Subgroup to set up a call and come up with some strategies to connect with current members, and figure out what they need to know, how to deliver that information to them, and how we might expand into new territory. Group should communicate efforts to EC in-between meetings.

- Training Opportunities – Lauren McDermott (not able to attend)
 - GISP Workshop(s)
 - CCBC and Salisbury are a couple sites she was working on.
 - Trying to get 2 of the 3 done by end of the year.
 - Plan to be a benefit for those who had paid dues for this year so need to get rolling asap.
- Executive Committee Nominations
 - J. Fischer put together spreadsheet to centralize
 - Needs a yes or no for those being nominated by someone else.
 - Chair – M. Stevenson nominated by Molly Griffin
 - Regional – M. Kaminowitz
 - State – Michael Blahut, J. Cannistra by M. Stevenson
 - Data & Resources – E. Lesh by Michael Blahut; P. Callahan by M. Stevenson
 - Reach out to Kevin Holmes or Gretta? Roger’s situation is not unique but will inquire.
 - Marshall reached out to several locals for Local, all declined but would consider in the future.
 - Would like some competition so asking for everyone to review member list and encourage folks to consider a role.
- Intern Update
 - Added Roles and Responsibilities to the website for Elections
 - Drafted a page announcing our tax exempt status and waiting feedback
 - Drafted Blog ready to go for BMC.
 - Initiatives Tab – Received something from R. Barlow on Federal initiatives; among others.
 - Working with Patrick and Julia on the Annual meeting.

- Fixing the broken links from Meetings and Presentations. Some of the documents are too large so they need to be converted or compressed which is slowing down the process.
- Continues to update the spreadsheet on the Google Drive, highlighting what is completed.
- She had questions on the Standards & Guidelines page – She does not have any of these documents.
- Had initially been a part of the projects page, should not be live.
- Continually updating the news feed and keeping it to the most recent 5 or 6 to keep the page fresh.
- Possible idea is to embed twitter feed in the News Section.
 - Being done in iMap and easy to do
 - EC in agreement would be good to message out in one place

Action Item: J. Fischer will coordinate how to accomplish this with A. Samonisky

- MSS/MSGIC

- J. Fischer has reached out to James and will continue to do so.
- J. Cannistra, B. Krucoff and R. Barlow will be attending MSS Conference, Oct 17th & 18th in Gaithersburg.
- R. Barlow & J. Cannistra have a 2 hour session on GIS and LiDAR in MD.
- Barney has a session on impervious surfaces on behalf of MDE.

Question: Has MSGIC thought about or been approached about having a booth? Not sure, had discussed previously that maybe having some folks attend would be enough.

Question: Do you know the price off hand? No, have been working out the costs for non-profits and organizations.

Question: Do you know if registration comes with the booth? Would be ideal since the folks that are attending will not be able to pull double duty. Can look into.
- A booth would be a great idea to make ourselves available to anyone who might want to learn more about us and what we do.
- Dave Doyle & Dicky Childers from NGS are doing a presentation on the Gravity project that relates to the 2022 datum.

GIO Briefing – Barney Krucoff

- ELA renewed w/ESRI the same arrangement but with the addition with the Roads & Highways Server and Client side licenses.
 - Related to the ELA renewal they had a significant outage starting Labor Day and into Tuesday morning.
 - ESRI did not handle the turn over properly and essentially turned them off and basically brought everything down.
 - Once it was discovered took only a couple hours to fix.
 - MPA – Had looked at allowing locals to purchase ESRI software at a discount.
 - Attaching it to the ELA proved too risky in the eyes of their lawyers and didn't want to delay the EA renewal.
- RFP for training at OIT that would be online and in classroom that would be free to state employees that would teach them the basics of working w/state data, protocols for working with the data.
 - RFP went out briefly in August but was too confusing but it is back out now.
 - Contract would develop content and then would leave behind a trainer to develop the program.
- Open Data Council – Bill 644

- Several MSGIC members on the council including M. Scott.
- Focused on all open data not just GIS
- Governor hosted the first meeting in his office in Baltimore and spoke.
- Got a lot more attention than previously.
- Will focus next meeting on conducting an inventory of the data at state agencies.
- Montgomery County will talk about how they inventoried their data and made it available on their website.
- Council has an opportunity to report to the legislature in January and must report its activities but can make recommendations and can act independently differently that maybe a state agency can.
- May be a good thing for MSGIC to consider in its own Advocacy.
- Have entered into discussion on legislation that would not allow for the sale of data.
 - In the very early stages of this process but wanted to put out for MSGIC to start thinking about.

Question: What is the process and timing for the Sale of Data legislation? Not clear. Think may know more in late October. Have thus far been vague in what that impact would be to locals.

- This kind of effort exactly the reason organizations like MSGIC exist and would be something our group should be hashing out around the table.

Question: You had previously mentioned looking for a different contract vehicles other than CATS. Think this is not a great model for GIS projects. Seems to hamper how contractors can respond. Saw this with the training contract.

- Concern that whatever is constructed is a mini-CAT although would be a smaller pool.
- A lot of the same reasons CAT was constructed the way it was would be applied to the new version essentially making it a mini-CAT.
- (Baker)Have had discussions w/others that agree the RFPs are difficult to respond to.
 - Yes, agree the process is long and makes it less adaptable.

Caucus – GIS Coordination Efforts and Local User Group meetings

Local Government Updates – Matt Webb

- Have reached out to Southern Maryland following the Quarterly
- Provided A. Samonisky list of County Coordinators.
- Carroll County job announcement has been posted and can send her.

Regional Government Updates – Mara Kaminowitz

- Had a conversation w/TJ Farantimo (FEMA) discussed regional data sharing issues.
 - He is part of their capital region outreach and coordination efforts.
 - May have him at the next BRGISC but suggested he speak with MSGIC in the future.

Question: Would it have value to include him in the next EC meeting email? Unsure, not certain where he is with his coordination efforts – maybe keep in the contact list.

(B. Krucoff)

- B. Krucoff works with TJ on the GDX council and would like to attend when that happens.
- They have had a series of outreach meetings. GDX was completely updated in the last couple weeks.

- A lot of the outreach right now is with the 9-1-1 community – recently spoke to the Numbers Board and meeting on Friday w/NCR 9-1-1 in Montgomery Co – will likely hit both MOCO & PGCO at that meeting..
- A very capable platform, some long run issues - overlaps a fair degree w/AGOL.
- Interesting questions to consider.

State Government Updates – Erin Lesh

- No major updates
- Asked if anyone knew if Roland was still the contact at the Department of Agriculture. Should be.
- Contact at MEMA- is Will Melvil
- Has anyone replaced Christian at State Stat – Joshua Xler

Federal Government Updates – Roger Barlow

- Received word from NRCS that they funding for Garrett County using the USGS contract for Q2 level LiDAR.
- Unable to extract a decision to fund Cecil County although a key staff position has been filled so 2015 may have different results.
- Dorchester/Caroline Counties due for a delivery to USGS for review first week in October.
- Depending on number of corrections asked by their QAQC people may be available by Thanksgiving (Sandy Supplemental QL2 data).
- Silver Jackets (Core Engineers flood activity meeting) Did a ranking of the 5 most frequently flooded streams in MD: Sligo Creek, Seneca river, Upper Monachacy #1, a stream in Glen Burnie that flooded recently this past Summer was #2.
- They are going to look at various criteria including stream gauges to identify which of these locations should be a part of a flood study.
- All of the FEMA flood studies at any of the counties have no coordination whatsoever with LiDAR.
- Appears to have more to do with the timing of the flood study than the data.
- Has been brought to this group's attention before to no avail.
- An example would be Talbot County and Mark Calhoun who get the new LiDAR then go back and re-evaluate the flood study and get it included in the process that way.
- USGS on track to fly Kent, Talbot, and Carroll Counties and the City of Baltimore as new acquisitions this coming leaf off season.
- Also completing Prince George's, Charles, and St Mary's Counties.
- Michele primary person at NRCS for making Garrett happen.
- Gauging Stating Map that came out of the USGS Water Science Center shows all the gauging stations for all the agencies in Maryland.
- Important as streams without gauging stations will not get a flood study.
- Have to step down from MSGIC EC based on new structuring of job descriptions. This is for more than just Roger but all geospatial liaisons with USGS.
- Some ethical concerns with regard to influence on States.
- Partnership and coordination being deemphasized and work at Water Science Center are being emphasized.
- Sent M. Scott a NOAA announcement for grants.
 - Seemed like it might fit shoreline generation.
 - NOAA bathy available on the ocean side.
 - Best possibility for funding for some time.

- Broad area announcement for LiDAR has been extended.
- Was not pushed for Maryland since the partnership and coordination have gone very well along with Sandy Supplemental – the state is in very good shape.
- J. Fischer acknowledged Roger Barlow’s many many years of commitment and work with MSGIC.
- They are being encouraged to maintain contact with state they are responsible for so can attend quarterlies, data committee activities specifically Items on elevation and hydrography.
- If there are items on elevation and hydrography on the EC agenda, R. Barlow can call in.

Education Updates – Scott Jeffrey
Covered previously

Private Industry Updates – Marshall Stevenson

- No updates

Data Resources Subcommittee
(M. Scott)

- Talbot Co Council voted to approve the Critical Area Map in Talbot County.
 - First time to have one officially adopted in a really long time.
 - Took 6 years to get to this point but the rest should go faster.
 - Official layer will be put on MDiMap
- Question:** Why do you think the others will go faster?
- Talbot Co legislative process is slower than most.
 - Queen Anne’s County started 2-years ago and already moving to public comment phase next week.

Statewide Imagery – Jim Cannistra

- Big project meeting last week (AXIS & URS) with stakeholders.
- Everything is progressing for the statewide - Western Shore but just a little behind schedule.
- In the next couple weeks will be pushing out for web reviewer with imagery for the QAQC (Howard, Harford & Montgomery Counties)
- Will be sending out a status report in the next couple days.
- The delivery date that was initially end of Dec is now end of Jan.
- Barney, Kenny & Jim had a call last week w/Google regarding licensing some of their imagery.
- Third of such calls J. Cannistra has participated.
- They are pushing hard to ensure we are evaluating what they have.
- They are very clear that they are not interested in customizing - selling what they have and on their cycle.
- Have not gotten into conversations on exact pricing.
- Have provided them with a shapefile on state of MD.
- They did a few counties a little while back and don’t think it was survey grade although they said they are looking to have it at ASPRS grade.
- Theirs is not going to be as accurate or precise but more current.
- Google not looking for a deal with the state and the counties - they would be separate.
- Important to note this would be supplemental and only if value was found.

Property Data Products – Jim Cannistra

- 1650 DVDs distributed over the last year.

- 1647 downloads of the data were downloaded following the release.
- May present more details of those numbers at another EC meeting including what the distribution is across the counties.
- Property Assessments workgroup – looking into technologies like street level imagery and Pictometry in particular to help minimize field work and cost.
- Frederick and Anne Arundel testing out and MDP and DoIT have access to it.
- S. Jeffrey getting certified as a Pictometry trainer.
- No contract in place all an evaluation effort by SDAT.
- Trying to get into the next legislative cycle the allowance of using technology to perform this work as opposed to going into the field.

Education Subcommittee – Lauren McDermott

Not present

Grant Development Subcommittee – Michael Scott

- Received a potential grant opportunity from J. Fischer from the Department of Interior.
 - Preservation technology and training grant.
 - Maximum of 40K and probably over a year to two.
 - Focusing on innovative proposals that advance the application of science and technology to historic preservation in the following areas:
 - Planning for and responding to Climate Change and the impacts of natural and manmade disasters on cultural resources;
 - 3D documentation and visualization techniques for historic sites, landscapes, buildings and objects;
 - Mobile application development for cultural resource detection, documentation, management, etc.;
 - Development and testing of protective coatings for cultural materials.
- Not all are appropriate for us but some very much are.
- Have had discussions with State Archives regarding the protection of data recourses, GIS data such as historic aerial photography, stored boundary maps, etc.
- Deadline for submission is November 5th.
- Encourage non-profit submissions associated with education and research, we are education and advocacy so would be appropriate.
- MDP and MD Historical Trust reviewing the grant as well.
- No construction money no capital project effort is on technology historic preservation oriented.
- Certainly a partnership if it was appropriate would be something to consider.
- State Archives were discussing a grant opportunity, may or may not be the same one.
- Believe this is something related to the Library of Congress.
- This might be something we may be able to support if they saw value in an entity like MSGIC supporting.

Action Item: M. Scott will forward to EC. Would encourage to send out to membership to see if anyone wants to work on it or has ideas and can pull together.

Outreach Subcommittee – Ashley Buzzeo

- Put in place Captia plugin which has completely reduced the spam

Question: M. Scott have you been deleting or has spam completely gone down? No, none have come in.

Website Analytics Summary for the last month: 8/20- 09/19

Total Sessions: 713	Top Pages (highest to lowest):	Browsers & OS
Unique Sessions: 358	• Homepage	• 56% Chrome
Page views:	• Presentations	• 23% IE
Pages/session:	• Minutes	• 12% Firefox
New Visitor: 265	• Events	• 6% Safari
Returning Visitor: 270	• Blog	Network
Session duration:	• Roles & Responsibilities	• State of MD
347 (1 – 10 sec)	• Jobs & Internships	• Chesapeake Environmental
43 (601 – 1800 sec)	• History-Structure	• MDot
38 (61 – 108 sec)		• Zscaler

Question: How many hit the roles and responsibilities? Just curious because the email just went out.

- 38 with an average time spent of 1 min 42 sec.
- Mara’s blog in draft and will be published in a couple weeks.
- Mara can be tapped in the future if Blog needs to be written - just needs a topic.

Upcoming Events

- URISA GIS-Pro 2014 – September 8 – 11, 2014
- Esri Central Maryland User Group Meeting – September 12, 2014
- URISA Leadership Academy – October 13 – 17, 2014