

GeoEducation in Delaware

Megan Nehrbas reported that the committee is attending the Social Studies Coalition meeting on September 18 and will meet again as a committee on October 6.

GIS Day Subcommittee

Megan also reported that GIS Day is November 18. The event will include a day of field trip visits from Delaware elementary schools and an evening session for the public, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., at the Dover Air Mobility Command Museum. The subcommittee is building on a successful event in 2008. Fliers are available advertising the event. Megan also passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist at the event. The committee is still looking for more presentations, especially those that would be interactive.

Technical Infrastructure Subcommittee

Mike Mahaffie reported that the subcommittee is testing the Geospatial Data Exchange system now and hopes to see it go live soon.

Updates and Reports*Executive Council Report*

Mike Mahaffie gave an update on the Executive Council meeting. He noted that the meeting was entirely taken up with reports from the DGDC meeting that no actions were taken.

DTI/ESRI Enterprise License Agreement

Mike Mahaffie reported that DTI is looking into a renewal of the ELA. He also noted that not all eligible state agencies have taken advantage of the ELA, which can help save the state money.

New Castle County Orthos

Roger Barlow reported that New Castle County is going to get new orthos, thanks to a larger, regional project involving the federal government and the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission.

NAIP Orthophotography Project

Mike Mahaffie reported that the National Agricultural Imagery project data for Delaware, collected in summer, 2009, will eventually be available as compressed county mosaics.

National Issues/NSGIC Update

Mike Mahaffie announced another round of FGDC CAP grants will soon be announced and that there are expected to be several new grant categories. There is [a write-up on the NSGIC News blog](#). There was a brief discussion of the grant program and a general sense that the DGDC should look at the categories and consider a grant application for the coming year. The DGDC is currently working on a GIS strategic plan under a CAP Grant.

Mike Mahaffie stated that [the federal government has announced Wetlands Mapping Standards](#).

Mike also reported that there have been several interesting congressional developments on geospatial issues:

- There was a recent hearing on geospatial governance that [included testimony from state GIS coordinators](#).
- The Congressional Research Service has done reports in the last few months [on GIS coordination at the federal level](#) and [on cadastral data](#).

Mike noted that ten geospatial organizations have recently [endorsed the Imagery for the Nation \(IFTN\) proposal](#).

Mike invited the group to track geospatial issues at the national level using several tools including the [NSGIC News](#) blog and several twitter accounts, including those of:

- [NSGIC](#)
- [USGS](#)
- [All Points Blog](#)
- [URISA](#)
- [GITA \(Geospatial\)](#)
- [GeoDataPolicy](#)

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Strategic Planning Project Workshop and Interviews

The workshop and interviews are part of the GIS strategic planning project and will be held on October 20 at the Kent County Administration Building, in Dover. The workshop announcement and invitations will be sent out soon.

Mike Mahaffie reviewed the "Key Stakeholders" list and explained that that group will be contacted for one-on-one and small-group interviews.

Mike encouraged all members of the Delaware GIS community to attend the workshop and to consider several very basic questions:

- How can we build a state-level "Spatial Data Infrastructure" for Delaware?
- Is our present Delaware Spatial Data Framework adequate?
- What data are most important to you?
- Who should take stewardship responsibility for major data sets?
- What technical resources do you need that are not now available?
- Who is not now a part of our GIS Community that maybe should be?
- What should we do first?

Broadband Mapping Project

DTI has applied for an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant for Broadband Mapping. DTI will be the lead on this project although UD/IPA and others are involved. This is a result of the national push for maps to show the availability of broadband service; those data will guide other grant awards to try to improve broadband coverage.

Open Comment Period

Roger Barlow requested feedback on an event held on August 13 and 14 focused on the V-datum. Megan Nehrbas had attended and stated it was interesting and useful. She noted examples of risk analysis and SLOSH models.

John Laznik suggested the leadership of the three county emergency operations centers be added to the Key Stakeholders list. They are Joe Thomas, in Sussex County; Allen Metheny, in Kent County; and Dave Carpenter, in New Castle County.

Mike Mahaffie noted that there is a movement at the national level to adopt a simple grid-reference known as "The US National Grid." The USNG is said to make it easier for responders to find locations in disaster situations. He suggested that it might meet the need for a "geo-PIN" that has been discussed by DGDC in the past. Mike invited those who are interested to view a WebEx recording of a pair of presentations on the USNG. The recording is part of a growing archive of "[virtual conference sessions](#)" on the NSGIC web site.

John Laznik noted that it appears to be the case that Google has been given the address point data that is being developed by the three counties. He suggested that the state attempt to get something from Google in return.

Mike Mahaffie expressed some uncertainty that the growing accuracy of Google geocoding would be solely due to such an event, though there is no real way to be sure. No one in the meeting was aware of any transfer of county data to Google.

A motion was made by Roger Barlow, seconded by Matt Laick, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.