

# Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting

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Place: 51 Commerce Drive room 414, Augusta

## MINUTES

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<b>Attending</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>On the Phone</b>
<i>Commence 10:32 am (delay due to fire drill in the building at 10:00 am)</i>		
Bill Hanson		X
Ken Murchison		X
Vinton Valentine	X	
Aimee Dubois Mountain		X
Greg Davis		
Dan Walters		X
Joseph Young	X	
Michael Smith	X	
Christopher Kroot	X	
Dan Coker		
Brian Norris		
Jon Giles	X	
Steve Weed		
<b>Guests:</b>		
Angel	X	
John Cassidy		

Alina Taus	X	

## AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Approval of April 17 meeting minutes – Tabled for now
3. Membership Update
  - o County Seat – Done deal – Betsy Fitzgerald (Washington County) has been appointed. She has the meeting schedule for every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.
  - o Utilities Seat - Alina Tous needs to be sworn in. May 17<sup>th</sup> is the official date
  - o Municipal Seat – Still waiting for MMA
  - o University of Maine Representative Seat – Term ends next month. Vinton has requested to continue as Representative and it is in the Chancellor’s office for processing
4. Executive Director Update – Mike
 

We are still in a holding pattern. There is some question because it’s a management level position and not a Professional Technical position. Mike doesn’t see any reason why it shouldn’t happen but it probably won’t be by June as previously hoped.
5. **LD 877 Update** – Joe Young – one vote against it. Rep. Long from Sherman. Tom Saviello doesn’t think that will be a problem. It’s on track and should pass through the Legislature. Ought to pass. Only one vote against. Heading to the floor and amended.
6. **LD 1497** – Bill about creating a trail mapping application thing for educators. Dept. was against that coming to us without funding. Rep Chinet stated that he had found a different way to do it that didn’t

require legislation and he asked the committee to vote against it which they did unanimously. So it was voted ought not to pass. He didn't say what his alternative was.

## 7. Strategic Plan Implementation Groups

### •Coordination & Communication – Mike Smith, Dan Walters

- 2013 Convention of Maine Counties is coming up – Woolpert is going to get a vendor's booth there. Have handed that off to Rick Hammond. Need to check in on that and make sure they are prepared to do that.
- MEMA Preparedness Conference – Joe Young, Jon Giles and Mike Smith attended  
Well attended. Joe talked to a few people. Jon talked to 12-15 people. There was a lot of interest in finding out what is going on to update the orthos but no offers of monetary support. Mike talked to a couple people from Waldo County were upset to hear that Waldo County isn't getting Orthos when all the other counties are. Mike told them how to remedy that and they they could be squeezed into 2014.
- Maine Society of Land Surveyors Spring meeting in Portland – Jon went. Gave a 5 minute presentation and handed out cards to everyone
- Northeast Society of American Foresters/Joint meeting with the Maine Chapter of Wildlife Society happens today. The talk is called "Trends in Geospatial data" which is largely orthos and Lidar – Mike is going.
- MMA Tech Conference – The space was very cramped but a lot of people visited the booth. There is a relatively new person for Intergraph.
- MeGug summer school annual meeting is coming up on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Sebasco/Phippsburg which is another event where we can display stuff about the ortho imagery program. Question about the possibility of another GIS for dummies class. Amy will mention it in the meeting

### •Geo-Parcels – Mike Smith

- Geo-Parcels update: We did receive a batch in April and will receive one more batch in June and that will be the end of funded Parcel edits that we have. The money will be gone so we will need to get more funding for that. But once we get that and the

updates from Charlie Colgan's group we will have 80% of the State done. So that's where we are on the Parcels contract. We look forward to getting the last of the data before June 30<sup>th</sup> as that's when the contract ends. If that isn't the case Mike needs to know ASAP to get a contract extension. Mike would need to know by Friday.

•Education & Training – Vinton Valentine

Regarding Project>Login (<http://projectlogin.com/>), the web home of an industry-led initiative to increase the number of graduates from UMS computer science, computer engineering and information technology programs, Harlan and I exchanged thoughts on participation of Maine geospatial information technology companies. While he has not been involved in the recruitment to date, he agrees that the geospatial companies should be notified of the opportunity and encouraged to sign up. Companies can register at no-cost (<http://projectlogin.com/employer/>), post internship and employment opportunities, and search student resumes for candidates. GIS vendor representatives and other board members are asked to spread the word. An announcement will also go out on the listserv.

Late last month, there was the announcement that one of the Hewlett Packard options (HP ProBook 4440 with Windows 8) was chosen as the preferred solution for the Maine Learning Technology Initiative (MLTI) computer program from the five conditional awards. School districts can choose one of the other four options but they would be responsible for additional costs above the official selection. Application software is primarily from Microsoft. Mention of GIS-related software in the proposal was limited to Excel providing functionality for GIS charting and no cost apps like Geographic Heat Mapping at the Office Store for Excel. Legacy software is replaced with a Microsoft option, a Windows version if it exists, or complete replacement for a cost if not. As with previous laptops, GoogleEarth and SketchUp are listed. MyWorld GIS was not in the legacy list for review and no specific GIS software was proposed.

The final selection was delaying work on the draft Memorandum of Understanding between Maine Department of Education and USM/UMaineSystem regarding execution and administration of a possible esri K-12 statewide license. Given Maine's official laptop and

accompanying software choice, the original intent of the memo and associated efforts will be reconsidered for practicality.

Mike Smith, who is the MEGUG Education Coordinator, provided status of Angela Stokes Scholarship and GIS Educators Grant Program applications. There were no applications for the scholarship and one person addressing three schools for an Educators grant. MEGUG Board decided to award both educators grants to that person with the formal award on Fri, 17 May.

Esri hosted a Northeast Education User Group Meeting on 2 May, from 8:30 am - 3:30 pm, at their new office in Middleton, MA. The program can be found at <http://www.esri.com/library/pdfs/negug-meeting-agenda-5-13.pdf>

Spring NEARC Conference held yesterday, 14 May 2013 at University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Meeting schedule at <http://www3.amherst.edu/~aanderson/nearc/schedule2013.html>

• Geospatial Data – Dan Walters, Mike Smith

- Ortho update – The Ortho imagery acquisition was completed in 2½ days due to stunningly cooperative weather and the fact that Woolpert deployed 3 planes here. There was a brush fire in Lewiston the day of the collect. So they did collect 2 more flight lines 2 days later in Lewiston. It all passed the initial QAQC and now will be put into Woolpert's Ortho imagery processing factory. We should be receiving 3 inch data July 1<sup>st</sup>, 6 inch data roughly in the middle of August, 24 inch roughly at the end of September.
- LiDAR update – We are putting together a fall collect (possibly around October 1<sup>st</sup>). Mike was successful in solving the SCE problem with the 2 foot contours. So now there will be 2 foot contours available for the entire LiDARed area
- FGDC Cat 6 Grants – nothing to say about them at this time

8. Committee Reports

- Financial Committee – Chair not here – there hasn't been much activity outside of LD877
- Policy & Marketing Committee – Vinton Valentine

Executive Director policy was discussed last month: the person cannot be a board member.

- Technical Committee – Christopher Kroot – Signed up with and met with the University of Southern Maine. They are going to extend the date on the cooperative agreement to the end of this calendar year. We have not paid them for the work that we are waiting for them to do. They have been told that they need to produce something before we can commit to providing someone to talk with about transferring the finished product. By the June meeting Chris will have met with them again and will have more information. Chris has been following the USGS Data platform. They don't have the metadata yet but will be working to get that done and will provide a metadata catalog. Chris did get them to give him a backup tape (thumb drive). The stream barriers viewer that MEGIS has been working on is going to go into production on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It will be available on the MEGIS website.

9. Guest Comments

None

10. Recommendations for Next Agenda: send to Steve

**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING : 19 June 2013, same call in number, but note that we will be in Room 414 for the rest of the calendar year. There will be no July or August meetings.**