

Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon

Attending	Present/Online	Notes
Jon Giles, CHAIR	X	
Katie Bernhardt	X	
Patrick Cunningham	X	
Betsy Fitzgerald	X	
Brian Guerrette	X	
Maria Jacques	X	
Nate Kane	X	
Brian Lippold	Absent	
Vern Maxfield	X	
Sarah Haggerty	X	
Vinton Valentine	X	
Aaron Weston	X	
Leticia van Vuuren	X	
Joseph Young	X	
DAFS Commissioner Appointee	(vacant)	(vacant)
Staff:		
Executive Director Claire Kiedrowski	X	
Heather Colfer	Absent	
Guests:		
Dan Walters	X	
Fred Brittain	X	
Todd Metzler	X	
Clarence Young	X	

Emily Pettit	X	
Bob Bistras	X	
Mal Carey	X	

1. Roll Call of Members – Jon Giles

- a. Motion to approve the minutes of December 9, 2020 made by Betsy Fitzgerald,
Seconded by Leticia van Vuuren

Voted: 12 - Yea 0 - Nay 0 - Abstained

2. Update on General Fund Request – Fred Brittain, Chief Information Officer

- a. Fred gave an update on what happened with the general fund request. The GeoLibrary’s \$500,000 general fund request for data acquisition projects for the next biennium was developed last May 2020, then a budget shortfall occurred, and new and/or non-essential projects and programs were eliminated. He also talked about possible upcoming opportunities for funding for geospatial acquisition. Fred feels the GeoLibrary’s mission is important and is committed to helping us find funding for these efforts. Note that GeoLibrary staff operations were separated and are a part of the Operations Budget.

3. Election of Chair

- a. Motion to elect Joe Young as Chair of the GeoLibrary Board for 2021 made by Betsy Fitzgerald and seconded by Vern Maxfield

Voted: 11 - Yea 0 - Nay 1 - Abstained

- i. Thank you, Jon, for your years of service as chair of the GeoLibrary Board, from everyone.

4. Executive Director Report – Claire Kiedrowski

a. Board Members Update

- i. Governor Appointees - no update on appointments for Nate and Betsy
- ii. Department of Administrative and Financial Services (DAFS) Commissioner Appointee - recommended person was unable commit, so we need to keep searching.
 - i. Fred Brittain - no one to suggest now but will discuss with DAFS Commissioner and mention need for someone to represent economic development.

b. Project Reports

- i. LiDAR
 - i. Crown of Maine (2018-2019). Derivative products are available on the GeoLibrary Data Catalog.
 - ii. 2’ Contours - statewide. Expect to have this available through the GeoLibrary Data Catalog by the end of January.
 - iii. Southern Coast of Maine (2020). Project is on schedule to be delivered to USGS by mid-April.

- iv. MidCoast Maine (2021?). USGS wants to expand the area we submitted for 2021 LiDAR Broad Area Announcement Program. It is Quality Level2 (QL 2) data and will be tidally coordinated where applicable.
 - ii. Orthoimagery.
 - iii. 2020 Imagery. Data is available through the GeoLibrary Data Catalog. Diskdrives for participants are currently being copied; only able to do a partial delivery due to a COVID outbreak at State offices. Participants updated.
 - iv. 2021 and 2022. Penobscot County is planned for a 2022 spring acquisition. Discussions with these counties for participation: Oxford, Aroostook, Washington, and Somerset. Reached out to Piscataquis and Franklin, but no response. Still need to reach out to Waldo County.
 - v. Land Cover. Fundraising in progress. Grant request submitted to Cooperative Forestry Research Unit (CFRU) with an oral presentation next week.
 - c. Annual Report. Annual report was delivered to Environment and Natural Resources and State and Local Government Joint Committees on 12/29/20. Also submitted annual information to the Boards and Commissions.
5. 2021 Meeting Schedule (3rd Wed each month with no meetings July, August and November).
 - a. 02/17
 - b. 03/17
 - c. 04/21
 - d. 05/19
 - e. 06/16
 - f. 09/15
 - g. 10/20
 - h. 12/8 (Note – 2nd Wed)
 - i. This meeting schedule was accepted by unanimous consent.
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Finance Report – Jon Giles
 - i. No report.
 - b. Technical Committee – Brian Guerrette
 - i. Claire & Joe to develop a process to fill committees and give their charges.
 - c. Policy Committee – Katie Bernhardt
 - i. Met 2 weeks ago. Working to develop document to outline our conclusions on policy regarding spending GeoLibrary resources. Discussion regarding funding that can be spent without a match and funding that must be matched. Hope to have a draft for the board at February's meeting.
 - d. Strategic Plan RFP – Joseph Young
 - i. Nothing new to report.
7. Workgroup Reports
 - a. Coordination & Communication – Jon Giles
 - i. No report.
 - b. Education & Training – Matt Dube

- i. MEGUG hosting Lunch & Learn on Tuesday, Feb. 9th at 12:00pm to talk about redistricting approaches inspired by GIS with Matt Dube speaking.
 - ii. Maine Geospatial Institute is working on a potential professional master's in GIS for the state and will be reaching out for suggestions.
 - iii. University of Maine at Augusta has started a master's certificate program in trauma informed emergency management.
 - c. Geospatial Workgroup – Dan Walters
 - i. Met last week. Claire provided an update on various projects. The committee discussed what to work on next. The dominant part of the discussion was parcels, but topic of elevation-derived hydro was also broached.
 - ii. Was there any kind of report developed for either orthoimagery or LiDAR?
 - i. No.
 - 1. Those reports could assist with writing the RFP for the next program.
 - d. GeoParcels Workgroup – Jon Giles
 - i. Continuing to put together information (inventory) for discussion when the workgroup meets again. Jon will try to put together a straw man for discussion at the next meeting.
- 8. Guest & Board Comments
 - a. Maria Jacques - Is the board still interested in a presentation from Datamark to see what they can offer for parcel mapping? Maria and Jon to organize this prior to the February meeting.
 - b. Mal Carey - put bathymetry on the table for discussion. Joe Young - we will add to the Geospatial Workgroup for discussion.
- 9. Recommendations for next meeting agenda and for next year's activities
 - a. Presentation from Datamark on parcel mapping.

Adjourn - motion by Maria Jacques, second by Jon Giles at 11:40am.