

**UCGIS Council Meeting  
February 10 2006, 3 PM to 5 PM  
Capitol Hill Suites  
Washington DC**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

President Nina Lam called meeting to order at 3.05 PM

**2. Revision of Items for Agenda**

Lam proposes that Item 8 on agenda (Election of Officers) be moved up to be held immediately after approval of minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting

**3. Approval of Minutes of July 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming**

Larson moved to accept the minutes, Wright seconded, approved unanimously

**4. Election of Office Bearers**

Usery, Past President and Chair of Nominations Committee circulated ballots and reviewed instructions. Each institution has two votes. If only one member from an institution was present, they could cast two votes. Open positions included two positions on the Board, 3 year term ending 2009, and one position of President-Elect

Results of Elections:

President Elect: Sean Ahearn (Hunter College, CUNY)

Board Members: Robert McMaster (University of Minnesota)  
Mary Lou Larson (University of Wyoming)

**5. Executive Report including Financial Report**

Joint report by Sanders (Executive Director) and Lam (President)

Lam noted that after the summer meeting, organization has been active on several fronts.

In September, immediately after the Katrina and Rita disasters, UCGIS created a website to coordinate responses to support recovery and offer technical support. Lam thanked Dick Campbell and Jane Read for their work in helping getting the website up and running quickly.

Lam noted that in December, after several months of work, she and others on the Board had developed a concept paper calling for the creation of university-based regional research centers. The proposal, "A National Network of Regional GEOspatial Information Decision Support (GEOID) Centers for Disaster Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery" (GEOID Centers Initiative) is under development and the Board was actively looking for potential funding sources to support this effort.

In Fall 2005, UCGIS (DiBiase, Wright and others) ran a successful virtual seminar on GIS Ethics which was well received.

UCGIS has joined the GISCI (GIS Certification Institute). UCGIS will have two representatives on the board.

Scheduled for 2006

UCGIS will also be organizing a workshop on *Computation and Visualization for the Understanding of Dynamics in Geographic Domains*. There will be opportunities for participation through an open call for position papers.

UCGIS will announce a USGS- sponsored Post-Doc Fellowship at the University of Missouri-Rolla.

UCGIS will support the SPACE workshops. The SPACE 2006 workshops will be conducted by the University of Oklahoma.

UCGIS, through representatives is working with USGIF (US Geospatial Intelligence Foundation). USGIF is developing a certification program. Details will be made available during the 2006 Summer Assembly.

UCGIS continues to work collaboratively with other national and international organizations to think strategically about GIScience activities.

Sanders reviewed the Income and Expenditure Statement (January to December 2005) as well as the budget for FY 2006.

Some general observations were made:

- The organization is still working on a tight budget;
- There are no allowances for discretionary spending;
- The main income is membership dues. The council voted to increase membership dues at its last meeting (Summer 2006) but this may need to be revisited at a future date;
- The Executive Director position is a half-time position. Therefore, the Director relies primarily on the goodwill of volunteers to organize the summer and winter meetings and accomplish other work of the organization
- Executive Director has worked to reduce expenditures as much as possible; bulk of the work is completed electronically, for example internet-invoicing of dues, internet-based circulation of board packets; etc
- Executive Director and Board have worked to streamline operational procedures; for example by establishing a standard UCGIS indirect cost rate

#### **6. Committee Reports**

Brief reports were received from:

Research (Nyerges)  
Education (DiBiase)  
Membership (Larson)  
Communication (Read)  
Research Projects (Cova)  
Sponsored Projects (Zhu)

#### **7. Other Reports from UCGIS representatives**

FGDC (Hancock) reported that geo-spatial is a Line of Business (LoB) in the President's budget which is good news for federal visibility for our field. [www.fgdc.gov](http://www.fgdc.gov) has more information.

GISCI (DiBiase) reported that GIS Certification growing dramatically. [www.gisci.org](http://www.gisci.org) has more information. Francis Harvey and David DiBiase will serve on GISCI Board on behalf of UCGIS

#### **8. 2006 Summer Assembly**

Nyerges and Wilson will work out details and information will be distributed through website and through UCGIS-All List.

Location: Vancouver, Washington

#### **9. Other Business**

No other business was introduced

Meeting adjourned soon after 5 PM

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