

## MINUTES

### UCGIS Board of Directors Meeting

Timberline One, Snow King Resort, Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Called to Order** by Lam at 9.10 AM

#### 1. Present:

Nina Lam (President) Lynn Usery (Past President), John Wilson (President-Elect); Sean Ahearn, Greg Elmes, Scott Mackay, David Tulloch, May Yuan (Board Members); David DiBiase (Education Committee Chair), Mary Lou Larson (Membership Committee Chair), Tim Nyerges (Research Committee Chair), Jane Read (Communications Committee Chair); Jack Sanders (Executive Director), Laxmi Ramasubramanian (Secretary)

Guests are Karen Kemp (GiSci Certification Institute), Brandon Plewe (CAGIS)

#### 2. Revision of items for agenda

Add item on AGILE in Section 5: External Relationships (Elmes)

#### 3. Acceptance of Executive Director's Report, Budget, and Committee Reports in Board Packet

##### Corrections to prior minutes

1. Revision to minutes of Wednesday February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005.  
In Section 5.1, change NC to NCSU (North Carolina State University)
2. Reminder to include minutes from previous electronic meetings
3. Note on Appointments made:  
Research Committee Chair (Nyerges);  
Communications Committee Chair (Read);  
Secretary replacing Wentz for 2005-2006 (Ramasubramanian)

Usery moved to accept all previous minutes and reports

McKay second

**PASS**

#### 4. Old Business

##### 4.1. USGS Post Doc (Usery)

See document "Request for Application of a USGS Sponsored Post-doctoral Fellowship in GIS"

##### **Background**

Payment from USGS is \$100,000. Money available for universities is \$80,000.

Post-doc must be based at USGS Center for Excellence (location to be determined, perhaps Missouri). Dates of the appointment, currently stated as November 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, determined by UCGIS Board in February 2005

##### **Discussion**

Implications of extending the 16 month time frame, resultant impacts on fringe benefits, and university overhead

##### **Action Step:**

It was recommended to keep start date, time frame and rates flexible but be cognizant of USGS concerns. Recommend adjust announcement per discussions with USGS. Usery will revise accordingly and present to USGS.

## **4.2. Internship (Ahearn)**

Discussion postponed to Friday meeting to give Board time to review proposal

## **4.3. Indirect Cost Rate and Charitable Donations (Sanders)**

Reference to Executive Director's report

Usery – the approval of the ICR rate can be done electronically at a later date; for now, we need to use the 2004 numbers

### **Action Step**

Lam – requested Board members to reflect on this issue and continue discussion at Friday's meeting

## **4.4. Federal Membership Fees (Larson)**

### **Background**

Current federal membership fee is \$50,000. We only have USGS as a federal member

In February, there was a discussion to drop the fee down to \$10,000 so that agencies will find it easier to write a check

### **Discussion**

Usery – assign specific people to contact different agencies and then they can back to the Board

Lam – What are the tangible benefits for an agency to become a member of UCGIS?

Ahearn – the internship is an example of a tangible benefit

Nyerges - What about a sliding scale of federal membership; more money they give, more we can help them link the agendas

Usery, Lam, Nyerges – recommended taking this discussion to the policy and legislation, research, and education committees

Lam - how to involve feds for winter meeting

Sanders, Usery - Agencies are very different, in capacity and needs... must factor that into our thinking about membership rates

Nyerges, Usery – having a federal organization chart that specifies where each agency goes to get their science questions answered would be valuable

Yuan – we need something tangible, a set of talking points

### **Action Step**

Lam: By Friday, come back with an idea of a deliverable/product that is customized for a federal agency you are willing to contact

## **5. External Relationships**

### **5.1. Cooperative Agreement with NCSIS-U of Tokyo (Lam on behalf of Getis)**

#### **Questions:**

Lam: Should we have a cooperative agreement? Should we rename it to an MOU?

#### **Action Step**

Board recommends that U of Tokyo become a member of UCGIS.

Item moves to Friday Board Meeting for further discussion

### **5.2. GISci (pronounced GISHEE) Certification Institute (Kemp)**

#### **Background**

Kemp, representing the Board of Directors of the GISci Certification Institute presents the goals and scope of the work of the Institute. Additional information and FAQs are found in Board packet and at: <http://www.gisci.org>. Kemp states that if UCGIS becomes a member, then, it will

have one or more seats on the Board, although the specific number of seats will have to be negotiated.

#### **Discussion**

- Can GISci become a member of UCGIS?
- What are the advantages of UCGIS becoming a GISci member?
- What is the GISci-URISA relationship and URISA's status on GISci Board?
- Members remained concerned about the appearance of endorsing GISci and observed that UCGIS would have to resolve membership/endorsement before GISci can use UCGIS materials/knowledge

Motion proposed by Yuan

**We will continue to dialogue with GISci to explore appropriate relationships with them on the general issue of GIS certification**

Tulloch second

Yea- 5 (Ahearn, Tulloch, Mackay, Yuan, and Elmes)

Nay - none

Abstain – Usery and Wilson

**PASS**

### **5.3. USGIF**

#### **Background**

Accrediting body, focused on courses and content related to geo-spatial intelligence. Reference Education Committee Report

#### **Discussion**

What are the goals and mission of USGIF?

What is the benefit to UCGIS if we were to become a member of USGIF?

Dibiase, Mackay, Usery recommended that UCGIS propose to USGIF that they become a member of UCGIS. Discussion focused on

#### **Action Step**

Lam – based on recommendations of Board, propose that USGIF become a member of UCGIS

### **5.4. CAGIS (Plewe)**

#### **Background**

Three items are presented for Board discussion

1. CAGIS seeks to become a member of UCGIS, transferring the membership from ACSM.
2. CAGIS resurrected the AutoCarto conference, 100 attendees and 50 papers. Proposal is to have conjoined meetings of UCGIS and CAGIS (AutoCarto), i.e., AutoCarto (2 days) followed by UCGIS Summer Meeting (3 days) in even years starting in summer 2006.
3. Developing a strategic relationship between CAGIS and UCGIS

CAGIS seeks to create an independent professional society that speaks to the GIS community. CAGIS is not proposing a merger with UCGIS. CAGIS is proposing an MOU to establish a formal but loose relationship between two organizations.

#### **Action Step**

Lam: Appointed May Yuan from UCGIS Board to continue the conversation with CAGIS  
AutoCarto/UCGIS summer assembly 2006 discussion moved to Friday meeting

### **5.5. FGDC (Lam, Sanders)**

Informational Item only

UCGIS has two representatives  
Allan Falconer (GMU); Kitty Hancock (Virginia Tech)

### **5.6. AGILE** (Elmes)

Request to review and renew our relationship with AGILE

#### **Action Step:**

Placed on the agenda for Friday meeting

### **Break**

## **6. Other Business**

### **6.1. Appointments**

A-Xing Zhu (Wisconsin) has agreed to serve as sponsored project chair

Mackay moved to accept

Usery second

Unanimously accepted

**PASS**

### **6. 2. Membership for Temple University**

Jeremy Mennis will be the delegate

Membership committee votes to recommend them for membership

Elmes moves to accept

Yuan second

Unanimously accepted

**PASS**

Item moves to UCGIS Council

### **6. 3. Renewal of Executive Director Contract**

After a brief discussion,

David Tulloch moved to accept

Mackay seconded

Unanimously accepted

**PASS**

Lam – congratulates Sanders on reappointment with an observation that the board is very pleased with his work thus far.

Usery moved to adjourn the meeting

Read second

**Meeting adjourned at 1.20 PM**