

Annual Report of the UCGIS Membership Committee

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1) Time period covered

This report covers the timeframe from May 20, 2017 to May 19, 2018.

2) Listing of other people on the committee

There are no other individuals on the committee.

3) Paragraphs that briefly summarize activities since last report

A presumably comprehensive list of membership-related activities is given by:

Incoming members:

- The Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) unit at Brown University was approved as a new *basic* member during the 2017 UCGIS Symposium.
- The Department of Geography & Environment at the University of Denver became a new *basic* member during the 2017 Winter Meeting (lead delegate: Rebecca Powell).
- Given the efforts of Patricia Carbajales-Dale, the Clemson Center for Geospatial Technologies is awaiting a vote by the delegates during the 2018 UCGIS Symposium for admission as a new *basic* member.
- Miriam Olivares and Melanie Maksin with the Center for Science and Social Science Information at Yale University have secured approval and a signed letter of support for *full* membership of Yale University in UCGIS, with a vote on membership by the UCGIS delegates expected for June 2018.

Outgoing members:

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Transitions:

- Based on the efforts of Forrest Bowlick, the Geographic Information Science Program (Department of Geosciences, Department of Environmental Conservation) at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is awaiting a vote on readmission to UCGIS at the *basic* membership level.
- Lead by Janet Silbernagel and Song Gao, the University of Wisconsin at Madison is awaiting a vote during the 2018 UCGIS Symposium for readmission to UCGIS at the *full* membership level.

Outreach and other activities:

- Stephen Hirtle took charge in securing the support of multiple units at the University of Pittsburgh that allowed for the continuation of the University of Pittsburgh's *full* membership.

- Given the efforts of Kuuipo Walsh (Director, GIScience Certificate Program), Oregon State University remains a current member of UCGIS at the *full* membership level.
- I presented on the membership application of the Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4) unit at Brown University during the 2017 UCGIS Symposium with recommendation for acceptance; I also presented on the membership application of the Department of Geography & Environment at the University of Denver during the 2017 Winter Meeting with recommendation for acceptance.
- Aided in the update of the UGGIS value proposition.
- Main communications during 2017-18 (and contact names):
 - McGill University (Raja Sengupta)
 - Yale University Libraries (Miriam Olivares)
 - Clemson Center for Geospatial Technologies (Patricia Carbajales-Dale) UC Merced Spatial Analysis and Research Center (Erin Mutch)
 - UMass Amherst Department of Geosciences (Forrest Bowlick)
 - UT Austin Department of Geography and the Environment (Jennifer Miller)
 - Oklahoma State University Department of Geography (Adam Mathews)
 - UC Riverside Spatial Analysis Center (Sergio Rey)
 - University of Leicester (Nicholas Tate)

4) A list of anticipated upcoming activities, including any particular calls for action or input by members of the Board or Delegates

- My 3-year term as the Chair of the UCGIS Membership Committee will come to the conclusion during the Board Meeting in June. I will present the membership application of incoming new members and those that seek to rejoin UCGIS during the 2018 Symposium.
- A new Membership Committee Chair will need to be identified and appointed.
- Recommendations for the incoming chair:
 - Advocate for basic membership as a primary pathway for membership, even if new member's objective is full membership; we see transitioning from basic to full membership at a later point to not be a problem
 - Continue chaperoning application for full membership of McGill University towards a future vote
 - Follow-up with Sergio Rey at UC Riverside towards a vote for basic membership during the 2018 Winter Council Meeting; Serge had a

family emergency that prevented him from preparing a membership application for the 2018 Symposium

- Update list of potential new members and follow-up with those organizations that have expressed interest in membership
- Maintain a shared repository of e-mail templates for common exchanges with representatives of lapsed and new member organizations (e.g., follow-ups with lapsed member organization with information on the full and basic membership options).
- Further refine procedures for the upgrading (i.e., from basic to full) and downgrading (i.e., from full to basic) of memberships in consultation with the Executive Director and the Board of Officers