

## Wyoming Geospatial Organization – WyGEO Gillette Meeting

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday May 3, 2012.

### I. Welcome and Introductions

Cathy Raney began the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting by welcoming those in attendance. She thanked the four legislators who attended the meeting; those in attendance were: Senator John Hines, Representative Mike Madden, Representative Norine Kasperik, and Representative Gregg Blikre. Round the room introductions were done by the attendees. Shawn Lanning then presented “What is WyGEO” an overview of WyGEO as an organization with our mission statement: To engage all members of the geospatial community and foster a cooperative environment for the exchange of ideas, expertise, and technology to promote, support and enhance the use of geospatial information within the State of Wyoming. Shawn gave a brief description of the structure of the group; that we have a constitution and by-laws. He also described the membership types: Professional members – having the right to vote and hold office and Associate members – full participation in organization activities but not the right to vote or hold office. At the conclusion of Shawn’s presentation Cathy encouraged those in attendance to participate in WyGEO.

### II. Presentations

Nick Kenzka with the City of Gillette presented “Our Adventure into the Parcel Fabric”. The process of going to the parcel fabric and the benefits they now have of a more accurate parcel data.

Brian Coleman with ESRI presented on ArcGIS Online. He presented the newest highlights of what will be coming soon.

David Holdstock with GTG presented “311 GIS: A Crowd Sourcing Solution for Local Government”. He explained that 311 is non emergency services and that crowd sourcing it is a form of citizen engagement.

Andy Finley and Sandy Leotta with Goosby, Finley & Associates presented “Using ArcScene and 3D Data for Geologic Surveys”. They demonstrated how they use GIS for geologic surveys and how 3D modeling assists them with well site locations.

### III. Approve 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Meeting Minutes

Cathy asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the Lander meeting. Eileen Hill made a motion to approve the minutes and David Sherrill seconded the motion. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### IV. Old Business

**Approve language of amendment**

Cathy passed out the amendment for electronic voting that was voted on and approved in Lander. There were changes to the language of the amendment. The meeting attendees were given an opportunity to review the proposed changes to the amendment. Cathy asked for a motion to approve the changes to the language of the amendment. Sandy Leotta made a motion to accept the changes to the amendment and Eileen Hill seconded the motion. The motion carried and the new language was accepted for the amendment. Below is a copy of the original amendment and the amended amendment.

#### Original

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The ballots should be distributed by the Secretary of the Organization and should also be returned for counting to the Secretary. A time limit for returning ballots for inclusion in the vote should be set at 5 days. The ballots received within the set time shall be counted and results released to the membership within 3 days after ballot closes.

#### Amended version

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#### **Annual Conference**

Cathy announced that the next meeting will be the annual conference and will be held in Cheyenne. David Sherrill will be the host of this conference. David has been checking into locations to hold the conference. The first week of August will not have much hotel room and conference room availability as it conflicts with the Laramie County Fair. A question was brought up about possibly charging a registration fee for attendees. It was suggested that an ad hoc committee be formed for planning the conference. Brian Coleman volunteered to assist with putting together the agenda and program. It was

suggested to use survey monkey and send out possible dates for the conference and the program events that would be of interest to attendees.

## V. New Business

### **Brochure**

Jeff Sun created a brochure for the group to review and comment on. The brochure idea came about at the Lander meeting that it would be convenient to have quick information about WyGEO to hand out to people at events. Suggestions that were made at the meeting were to provide a space for mailing address, so the brochure could be mailed; to have a map showing the different regions instead of a list of the current board members; and another suggestion was to include the calendar of events in the brochure. Jeff will continue to work on the brochure. If you are interested in working on the brochure contact Jeff Sun.

### **Governance discussion**

Jake Mundt, the Enterprise GIS Coordinator, began the discussion with an overview of the history of GIS coordination in Wyoming. Since coming on board he has been working on engaging the Governor's office, assessing Executive branch needs, GIS infrastructure, assisting with the development of a statewide parcel viewer and increased outreach. This year in 2012 he is concentrating on increased outreach, formalizing a state clearinghouse, receiving the recommendations from the Needs Assessment and acting on these recommendations. Jake further discussed the current Governance model. Executive Order 2006 formed the Oversight Committee and the Technical Advisory Group (TAG). There are 5 members of the Oversight Committee and they are tasked with promoting cooperation, facilitating cost sharing, data standards, and providing recommendations to the Governor. There are 14 seats in the TAG and they are to represent the GIS user community. There are 2 Federal seats, 2 State seats, 2 Municipal seats, 2 County seats, 2 Private Sector seats, 2 Education seats, and 2 Tribal seats. The TAG members are tasked with technical guidance, data standards, to research and recommend policy, and to provide outreach. Jake stated that he would like to see the future governance provide a mechanism to engage the user community with an avenue for people to express opinion and be involved.

Here are highlights of questions and comments that resulted from the discussion. There was a question was asked on how the TAG and Oversight Committee work and if they report to the Governor or an agent of the Governor. Jake stated that currently the Oversight Committee has been working with the CIO's office. One statement was that the TAG and Oversight Committee haven't had a chance to work yet since Jake has reinvigorated the groups. A suggestion that was made was to add seats to TAG for environmental groups such as the Sierra Club. Another comment made was that the federal agencies all have different purposes and that they don't talk to one another. There was a question on how the TAG members are chosen. Jake answered that it is popular vote to be elected to TAG and that the seats will be opening next month. The newly elected TAG seats will have staggered terms. There was a statement made that WYGEO should be independent from TAG and have a separate agenda. There was another statement that WYGEO should stay up to date with TAG and have a voice at the

meetings. Another statement was that by WYGEO being a professional organization it would be available to advise and report on what is going on around the state. Jake mentioned that Montana includes seats for professional organizations. Jake asked the group how they would feel about the idea of increased state agency representation. A reply to that question was that would be too similar to WYGIAC and would not be recommended. Jake mentioned that the Governor's office wants the state agencies to have a strong voice. Jake also mentioned that the senior cabinet members are interested in what is happening with TAG. A question was raised over funding. Jake stated that it was possible that the Executive Branch could fund initiatives. Another question was asked as to whether the current model was going to be given a chance or if a different model is what is wanted. Jake stated that his gut feeling is that something different is wanted. It was mentioned that a state document or strategy for GIS would be helpful. The discussion was concluded.

The meeting was adjourned.