

Wyoming Geospatial Organization – WyGEO  
WebEx Conference call

This is a summary of the meeting held on Thursday, November 14, 2013.

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

Cathy Raney welcomed everyone on the call. Introductions were made by those participating on the conference call.

**II. Review of GeCo West**

**A. Budget numbers**

Brett Governanti, the WyGEO Treasurer and the GeCo West conference Treasurer, stated that all conference expenses have been paid. He added that he had not received a bill for the Tech Tours. Shawn Lanning stated that there were only transportation costs and that there were no charges associated with the Tech Tours. Brett added that Destry Dearden had been reimbursed for the poster prizes. Brett gave a breakdown of the GeCo West, Wells Fargo account. Between 4-9-13 and 11-13-13 there was a total of \$69,065.41 in deposits. There was a total of \$50,881.59 in withdrawals. The balance in the account is \$37,418.26. The balance of \$37,418.26 minus the \$20,500.00 New Mexico gave us leaves \$16,918.26 as the money made by WyGEO.

**B. Amount to Pass on to Colorado for GeCo West?**

Cathy stated that Colorado would be the next state to host GeCo West. She asked how much money do we want to pass on to Colorado. Nyssa Whitford asked how much money was received from New Mexico. Cathy and Shawn stated that we received \$20,500.00. Nyssa stated that it would be nice to pass on \$21,000.00 to Colorado. Cathy stated that she would like to start scholarships with the money WyGEO keeps. Shawn suggested keeping \$16,000.00 and passing on the rest. Nyssa suggested passing on an even number. David Sherrill asked if any of WyGEO's money had been used for the conference. Brett stated that none had been used. Nyssa suggested passing on \$21,500.00. Brett suggested passing on \$25,000.00 and keeping \$12,000.00 for WyGEO. David, Cathy and Shawn disagreed with Brett. Cathy and Shawn stated that Colorado will have a bigger pot of money to work with because they are combining conferences and there was no guarantee that Wyoming will get the same return of money when it is our turn to host the conference again. Shawn made a motion to pass on \$22,000.00 to Colorado. Nyssa seconded the motion. All were in favor the motion carried. Wyoming will pass \$22,000.00 to Colorado for GeCo West.

**C. What to do with the money made from GeCo West?**

Shawn suggested setting up an interest bearing account for scholarships. Shawn added that the money could also be used for training funds. David suggested getting equipment for recording the meetings and posting them. Nyssa stated that she liked the idea of setting up an interest bearing account for scholarships. Brett asked for clarification on the scholarships; would they be for college or for attending meetings and conferences. It was clarified that the scholarships were intended for college. Brett asked Jeff Sun what a good amount would be for a scholarship. Jeff stated that \$1,000.00 to \$1,500.00 would be helpful to students. Nyssa added that the scholarship should be available to college students to attend a conference. Brett stated that this is a topic to think about for the next meeting.

#### D. Survey results

Shawn stated that the overall feedback from the survey was positive. He added that there were a few negative comments. Based on the negative comments Shawn suggested making the next conference ½ a day to 1 day shorter. The other negative comments were from the vendors because they did not like the hallway. Cathy stated that 30 out of 40 survey respondents liked the length of the conference. She added that the closing plenary was not well attended. She raised the question on remaining with the Hilton or finding another location. Cathy stated that she was satisfied with how the conference went.

### III. Training

Cathy asked how WyGEO should proceed with training. She asked if WyGEO needed to set up classes for people to attend or be a source to let people know what training is available. Nancy Bohac suggested brainstorming ideas and way to create discounts for training. Tosca Hoffman asked if people would take training as WyGEO members and if she could establish a point of contact to work with. Tosca added that there were many options available for training such as virtual campus courses, webinars, and instructor lead courses. She added that those with a Small Government ELA get a 5% discount on instructor lead training. Nancy B. suggested finding out what classes people are interested in taking. She added that staff development plans could be used for creating training. Paul stated that he would like to see training or workshops available at the quarterly and annual meetings. He asked how WyGEO with Esri or Trimble could host training at the meeting sites. Tosca asked if the training would be open to anyone who attended the WyGEO meeting. Shawn stated that he would like to see WyGEO members get a price break on training at the meetings. Paul asked Tosca if there was a price break based on the number of people who attend offsite training. Tosca stated that a client site class the break even point is 9 people. There is a \$20 to \$30 discount per day. She also mentioned the availability of workshops for a group of 20 to 25. Esri workshops are lecture style with PowerPoint slides that are available to view during the class only. The workshop length is 4 hours. Paul suggested polling the membership to determine their preference for workshops or 2-3 day classes. He asked Nancy and Tosca if they had reviewed the survey results. Paul added that he would have the subcommittee reconvene and discuss the results with Tosca. Tosca added that she would be happy to discuss the training delivery methods available and would be happy to give updates on the new content coming out for 2014. Nancy asked if the training topics we were interested in pursuing. Paul stated that the members were interested in more advanced training, not the intro classes. Nyssa stated that intermediate classes are difficult to find. Randy Wiggins seconded Nyssa's opinion and stated that there is a real need for intermediate classes. Cathy stated that trainings at meetings would add to the value of being a member of the organization and add value to attending the meetings. Paul stated that cost is an issue. From the survey most members are willing to pay \$100 to \$200 a day and are only able to be away from the office for 2 days at the most. Paul suggested having members teach others on subject areas. Brett agreed with Paul's idea to have members teaching one another. David suggested having "how to" presentations instead of "wow I did this" presentations. Nyssa suggested having the combination of "wow I did this" with steps. Paul stated that WyGEO will not restrict what people will present. Cathy suggested adding this as a regular agenda item.

### IV. Member Initiatives

Cathy asked how members could be more involved in WyGEO. Paul stated that the workshops could help with member involvement. David suggested not having meetings conflicts with other GIS meetings.

#### **V. Scheduling next WyGEO meeting**

Cathy asked which region should host the next meeting. Brett suggested Pinedale for the next meeting location. He stated that the library has a good meeting facility. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting would be in the NE region. Sheridan and Buffalo were named as possible locations for the NE region. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter meeting is the annual meeting and will be held in the NW region in Lander or Riverton. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter meeting will either be a WebEx or in the SE region. Nyssa suggested having a WebEx meeting for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter meeting in 2014. Paul suggested getting local members to assist with organizing the quarterly meetings.

#### **VI. New Business**

Nancy announced that there is a Public Sector CIO Summit in Redlands, California. This will be held January 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Paul announced that WyGIS and the State have a MOU for a data clearinghouse and metadata registry with funding from the state for 2 years. There will be a meeting in Casper next month to discuss needs and interest. The Energy Initiative Tool will be the focus of the Casper meeting.

Lance Clampitt stated that he would be interested in participating on the Elevation subcommittee in TAG. Paul and Brett stated that they would send him an invitation to participate in the next TAG meeting. He added that the USGS is looking for LiDAR participation.

#### **VII. Adjourn**