

Wyoming Geospatial Organization (WyGeo)

Quarterly Meeting, Torrington, May 14 2015

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:45 pm by President Cathy Raney. Introductions were completed.
- II. **Minutes from previous meeting:** The minutes from the Evanston meeting were reviewed and approved unanimously. Motion to approve was made by Karen Rogers, seconded by Steve Vossler.
- III. **Updates:** Karen Rogers provided updates on the National Geospatial Data Act and informed the group about a USGS meeting on May 29th in Denver to discuss the 3DEP program.

Esri is looking for technical assistance volunteers for the K-12 ELA. There will be a link to access the software through WyGISC eventually. Esri now has different reps for city, state and county governments as well.

GISP certifications will now require a test and the cost has increased to \$450 for three years.

Karen is willing to share her notes from the BLM presentation on their CADNSDI.

The federal government is attempting to reduce duplication and increase financial accountability in data collection by rolling up local data for use in nationwide systems.

Sam Cox provided an update to the NAIP buy-up initiative. It was successful and ended up costing about half of what was expected, including stereo frames. These file will take up a very large amount of space, approximately 20-30 Tb. It should be available in January 2016 from the NRCS and possibly WyGISC. The imagery will be acquired this summer by Surdex Corporation of St. Louis, Missouri.

Chad Kopplin and Ryan Sidoreus provided updates on the TAG committee. There are two subcommittee chairs open, Address and Land Use. If anyone is interested in these positions or being an officer please send a short biography to Chad or Ryan. The meetings are open to all. They would like to put a link on the WyGeo web page to the group's website.

- IV. **Member and sponsor presentations:** Annie Mayfield, City of Gillette GIS Coordinator, presented *Discover Gillette*, an interactive city map with data tools and Jason Caldwell of Sanborn presented an overview of the company and its UAV capabilities.
- V. **General Discussion:** The group has decided on two scholarships of \$500.00 each. Cathy will work with Karen Bowman(?) of Albany County to get this going.

Chad Kopplin suggested creating our own peer-reviewed journal for publishing projects and research. He is willing to research ways to get this going. Cathy suggested adding this to WyGeo's list of future goals. Jason Caldwell suggested starting with a blog-type environment and will put WyGeo in contact with someone who runs a magazine and may be able to help.

There was general discussion of member's thoughts on the GISP certification process.

The annual conference will be held in Casper September 16-18 with a social event tentatively planned at Fort Casper.

- VI. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM. The attendees retreated to Deacon's Restaurant for dinner and ignite presentations.