

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
ARIZONA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL
MEETING HELD November 5, 2020**

A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened at 10:03 AM as a Phone in (1-404-397-1516) and Virtual Webex Meeting (azgov.webex.com, meeting number 284 456 167). Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the Arizona Geographic Information Council:

AGIC Officers

Name	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Steve Whitney, Chair	Pima County ITD GIS	Yes, Virtual
Shea Lemar, Vice Chair	AZ State University	Yes, Virtual
Gene Trobia, Past Chair	AZ State University	Yes, Virtual
Lucas Murray, Treasurer	AZ Department of Economic Security	Yes, Virtual
Phillip Leveille, Secretary	MIL Geospatial	Yes, Virtual

AGIC Board Members

Name	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Jack Avis	Pima County	Yes, Virtual
Christian Black	US Air Force	Yes, Virtual
Kevin Blake	Yavapai County	Yes, Virtual
Glen Buettner	Arizona Department of Water Resources	Yes, Virtual
Mark Christiano	US Forest Service	Yes, Virtual
Jay Corum	US Bureau of Reclamation	Yes, Virtual
Michael Dennis	NOAA - National Geodetic Survey	Yes, Virtual
Nicole Eiden	Arizona Department of Health Services	Yes, Virtual
Kris Estes	City of Buckeye	Yes, Virtual
Eric Feldman	Maricopa County	Yes, Virtual
Mike Hilstrom	Arizona Department of Water Resources	No, w/out notice
Jason Howard	Maricopa Association of Governments	Yes, Virtual
Wesley Kortuem	Arizona Department of Health Services	Yes, Virtual
Keith Larson	USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service	Yes, Virtual
Jenna Leveille	Arizona State Land Department	Yes, Virtual
Christopher Lukinbeal	University of Arizona	Yes, Virtual
Ryan McClain	Arizona Department of Public Safety	Yes, Virtual
James Meyer	Arizona Department of Transportation	Yes, Virtual
Phil Ponce	Engineering Mapping Solutions	Yes, Virtual
Dana Robinson	US Bureau of Land Management	No, w/out notice
Eric Shreve	AZ Department of Emergency & Military Affairs	Yes, Virtual
Susan Smith	AZ Dept of Forestry & Fire Management	No, with notice
Leslie Stovall	Gila River Indian Community	Yes, Virtual

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Public at Large

Name	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Cheryl Thurman	TerraSystems Southwest	Yes
Brian Bond	Yavapai County	Yes
Dave Roby	AZ DEMA	Yes
Patrick Whiteford	Arizona Department of Transportation	Yes
Sage Donaldson	Arizona Department of Transportation	Yes

I. Call to Order:

Jenna Leveille called roll of Council members and attendance was recorded. Quorum was established. Steve Whitney called the meeting to order at 10:06.

II. Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the August 2020 minutes was made by Shea Lemar and seconded by Eric Feldman. There was no further discussion; A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with Michael Dennis abstaining.

III. Announcements

The meeting was accompanied by a slideshow containing items of discussion and presented information and can be referenced for additional details: Nov2020CouncilMeeting.pdf

Steve Whitney Announced:

- Jenna Leveille elected as NSGIC President Elect
- AZGeo received the NSGIC Geospatial Excellence Catalyst Award
- Boards and Commissions is reviewing applications / renewals the first week of November
- November 18 is GIS day and the Outreach Committee is putting on a virtual scavenger hunt with prizes.

IV. Budget Update:

Lucas Murray, AGIC Treasurer, reviewed the budget.

Shea asked if the income listed from the event planners was from sponsorship to the virtual conference and Lucas affirmed.

A motion to approve the updated budget was made by Lucas Murray and seconded by Gene Trobia. There was no further discussion; A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

V. Elections for New Officers:

Steve Whitney reported that there was one nomination for Vice Chair, Eric Shreve, Eric shared how unfortunate it was to not be in person and added how Covid-19 created a need for cross collaboration. He pointed out how vital it is to leverage AGIC for efficiencies, and the vast resources available to

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non-technical users. He expressed gratitude and shared his desire to move the AGIC organization forward.

A vote was held on the nomination of Eric Shreve as the incoming AGIC Vice-Chair; he was elected unanimously with no abstentions.

VI. **AGIC Committee/Work Group Reports and Actionable Items:**

- a. Shea Lemar reported on an actionable item from the Admin and Legal Committee: User Manual Approval

A motion to approve the updated AGIC members manual was made by Steve Whitney and seconded by Eric Feldman. There was brief discussion about the general purpose of the manual. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

- b. Steve Whitney reported on an actionable item from the Conference Committee: Promotional Items

The request is to purchase up to \$250 worth of promotional items with AGIC branding, like the water bottles or mugs previously purchased.

A motion to approve the purchase of up to \$250 of promotional items was made by Jenna Leveille and seconded by Gene Trobia. There was discussion that confirmed the expense is one-time. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

- c. Jenna Leveille reported on an actionable item from the Outreach Committee: Approval of lapel pins

Jenna shared that questions from the council regarding the pins are answered in the committee report to council provided ahead of this meeting. A motion to approve the purchase of AGIC branded lapel pins for recognition was made by Eric Shreve and seconded by Lucas Murray. There was discussion, including the use of a simple AGIC logo for the design of the pin; no additional design ideas were proposed. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

VII. **NSGIC Update**

- Jenna Leveille reported about the NSGIC annual conference:
 - The conference was all virtual with a keynote from the GIS Director for the International Red Cross about coordinating GIS for international response.
 - The National Tribal Consortium met and discussed better outreach and coordination with tribal partners. The group holds quarterly meetings, which Jenna participates in; see her for details if interested, it is an open meeting.
 - Six or Seven new states that never participated before were involved this year.

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- Satellite event for the council of councils, discussed the approach in Arizona and Indiana as models and how they compared to each other and how to support best practices.
- The 3DEP Program is on a countdown to end in 2023. Approximately 74% of the nation is covered and there is a push for the last 26%. Arizona is a highlight because of how much is not covered by LiDAR.
- Steve shared that many pieces of the virtual experience NSGIC were able to be incorporated into our conference. From Chat: Brian Bond shared: *My first NSGIC conference and it was very nice to make some connections and I learned a lot about other states. I encourage others on AGIC board if given that opportunity that you should try to attend portions and make those connections in other states.*
- Gene shared an update about the National Address Database:
 - Highlighting additional communication with transportation and NSGIC leadership
 - Gene, as the NSGIC Address & Transportation Committee co-chair, representing the NSGIC position, proposed NENA as the model to follow for address standards with the driver being safety and Next Gen 911. Most states are using the NENA standard, and when asked for an opinion, the committee went further and issued a white paper supporting adopting NENA standards.
 - From Chat: Eric Shreve shared a document link: CLDFX Documents Available for Public Review & Comment | <https://az911.gov/cldfx-documents-available-public-review-comment>
- Jenna shared an updated about Differential Privacy:
 - Census has been transparent and released two additional demonstration products and are attempting to make the data more accurate/useable.
 - Reached out to Jim Chang, Arizona State Demographer, before last release and while some improvements were reported, errors ultimately were just shifted to different categories and improbable anomalies still existed within the data. Arizona's Demographer and other states have voiced concern about the data and collection. Census is pressing forward and will report numbers. Jim Chang is coordinating to determine any next steps if the data is ultimately unusable.
 - Steve pointed out Jenna's post in the chat to learn more:
 - <https://www.esri.com/arcgis-blog/products/esri-demographics/local-government/differential-privacy-in-the-census-census-2010-demonstration-products/>

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VIII. **AGIC Education and Training Symposium Update**

- Steve Whitney reported on:
 - The AGIC conference was a success, with special thanks to the Conference Committee and all who assisted transforming to the virtual environment, with Jenna and Jami handling all the technical details. Attendance was strong, with over 600 registrants, which was a benefit of the virtual offering. Preliminary stats were shared and the lack of technical difficulties during the week was highlighted.
- Lucas Murray was awarded the AGIC volunteer of the Year
- Jami Dennis was awarded the Arizona Geospatial Volunteer of the Year
- Slides and recordings of the sessions are being worked on and will be available on the symposium website, with a notice going out on AGIC L.
- A survey has gone out to sponsors, and the survey wording for attendees is being prepared.
- Steve posed a question about the Conference Committee planning for an in person or virtual conference next year.
 - Language included with Resort contract from Steve: “Should the group be forced to cancel this event due to state or locally declared emergency, such as a pandemic, catastrophic fire or weather event, or any related state or locally declared catastrophic event, cancellation fees will be waived, and AGIC/Conference & Meeting Planning Services as its agent will be released from this contract.”
 - Discussion included reserving the resort space with a withdrawal date known in advance and other conferences like NSGIC planning their next sessions as virtual, with possible hybrid options in the future. Other discussion included travel budget uncertainty and potential liability. No conclusions were determined at this time, but a preference was voiced for an in-person conference if possible.

IX. **Committee/Work Group Presentation – LiDAR Workgroup**

- Mark Christiano presented on the activities, accomplishments and future planning from the LiDAR Workgroup. (See slideshow for additional information)

X. **Committee/Work Group Presentation – 911 Committee**

- Brian Bond presented on participation levels, progress within the 911 Committee educating others about quality control of GIS data for 911 systems. (See slideshow for additional information)
- A discussion followed including the sharing of road information among stakeholders with potential for additional meetings for further discussion.

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XI. **AGIC Leadership Initiative**

- Steve Whitney reported on the success of the first dedicated, Professional Development tract at the conference with a variety of presenters and roundtable discussions.
- Steve also shared that the Council has now held a Leadership Retreat for two consecutive years and asked for a motion to make it an annual occurrence.

A motion to hold an annual leadership retreat including orientation, discussion of council priorities and team building opportunities, to be held concurrent with the first annual council meeting was made by Mark Christiano and seconded by Jenna Leveille. There was a brief discussion in support of the event and benefits realized in previous years. A vote was held, and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

XII. **Comments and requests for discussion items or topics for future meetings:**

Steve Whitney called for requests for discussion items or topics for future meetings. Eric Shreve shared that it would be interesting to get an overview of what different counties have done as far as creating and managing data for elections. Steve commented that they will not receive much until post-election results.

XIII. **Call to the Public:**

Steve Whitney made a call to the public and announced the next Council Meeting will be Feb 4, 2021.

XIV. **Adjourn:**

Steve Whitney adjourned the meeting at 11:51am.