

AGIC AZGeo Work Group and Data Committee Proposal to form an AZGeo Advisory Committee

Background and Supplementary Proposal Information

AZGeo is a cooperative project sponsored by the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC), hosted by the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) and staffed by the Arizona Land Resources Information System (ALRIS). It hosts data, services and applications which are supplied and supported by a variety of public agencies in Arizona. ASLD provides primary monetary and staffing support for AZGeo. In addition, interagency service agreements exist with different agencies to provide supplementary support and platform enhancements. The state depends upon AZGeo to meet the needs of Arizona taxpayers, as well as the business needs of the agencies who fund it. Because of this, any questions or issues associated with AZGeo must be able to be resolved in a timely manner.

While most AGIC committees involve an unlimited number of voting members, we believe this is not a reasonable structure for the proposed AZGeo Advisory Committee. A smaller number of defined voting members would ensure that when swift decisions are needed, they would be able to be made in a timely manner. Please note that the number of voting representatives outlined is to enable meeting quorum, as well as to provide consistent structure and representation. It does not preclude any interested person participating in meetings and contributing to discussions. Input from the AGIC community is welcomed and encouraged. We hope that the general membership of the committee is large, as that would encourage a diversity of ideas contributing towards the current and future needs of AZGeo.

It is intended that the proposed structure listed below facilitates all committee participants, including the AZGeo Curator and contracted developer(s), to serve in an advisory capacity to the voting members.

Proposed Representatives (voting):

- ASLD
- Council Chair
- Council Vice-Chair
- Representative from Data Committee
- Representative from Outreach Committee

Proposed additional (non-voting) required participants (SME):

- AZGeo Curator
- AZGeo Developer(s)

Proposed Responsibilities

- Reports directly to AGIC Council
- Advises AZGeo Curator on standard management practices
- Develops AZGeo Strategic Plan and any necessary AZGeo policies
- Solicits and responds to user feedback
- Annually surveys AZGeo users for desired enhancements and functionality
- Coordinates with ASLD to maintain sustainable AZGeo funding