

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE ARIZONA
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL AZGEO
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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A public meeting of the Arizona Geographic Information Council was convened July 20, 2021 at 10:00 AM on Webex. Present at the meeting were the following members or designees of the AGIC AZGeo Advisory Committee:

Table 1: Committee Voting Members

Member	Representative	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Shea Lemar, Co-chair	AGIC Chair	ASU	No, with notice
Eric Shreve	AGIC Vice-Chair	ADOA	Yes
Ryan Johnson, Co-chair	ASLD	AZ State Land Department	Yes
Howard Ward	Data Committee	TerraSystems SW	Yes
Patrick Whiteford	Outreach Committee	ADOT	No

Table 2: Required (non-voting) Participants

Member	Representative	Agency/Company	In Attendance
Kasey Green	AZGeo Curator	AZ State Land Department	Yes
Ayan Mitra	AZGeo Developer	ASU	Yes

Table 3: Public At-Large

Name
Jenna Leveille
Mariah Modson
Brandon Barnett

- I. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 10:07 am; Introductions were made by the committee; ensuring attendance list was managed and quorum established.
- II. **Approval of April Meeting Minutes:** April meeting minutes were distributed prior to the meeting via email. Ryan asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Eric motioned and Ryan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously without discussion.
- III. **Follow-up from April:**
 - I. AZGeo Google Group – An alternative to the ListServ, all who are currently AZGeo users were added. Any new AZGeo users will automatically get added. This is an email chain setup where users can communicate with one another. If there is need to become a discussion forum, a committee member would need to be monitoring activity.
 - II. FAQ – The committee was presented with the webpage for AZGeo of Frequently Asked Questions. These questions were grouped into

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categories that have tabs at the top of the page to jump to. Jenna sent the web address to the group to look over. Ryan asked if there were any objections to this page being published. Since it will be a living document with changes being made as needed, a vote was not required for this. It was suggested to add a tab on the main AZGeo page for a “How-To” or “Help” category that would contain both the FAQs, as well as User Guides.

- III. User Guides – Brandon is in the process of redoing the User Guides since there were major changes to ArcGIS Online, as well as the Open Data front. In the end, both the story maps for walking users through the front end of AZGeo and for how registered users use the back end of the site, will be updated in format and content.
- IV. Storage for large data – There is an opportunity through ASU for use of their Research Computing Infrastructure to get large amount of storage at a cost-efficient price. This data would be stored on a virtual machine and be accessible through the web. The cost for a virtual machine is \$500-600 a year, plus \$50 per year per terabyte of storage. Requirements to get this implemented includes the stored data being available for ASU’s use, as well as being publicly available data. Jenna and Ayan are working together to create a trial instance with a VM and a large dataset, to see how long the process takes.
- V. User Survey – Shea and Jenna discussed sending the new Google Group a survey to get an understanding for what users are using AZGeo for, how it’s working out for them, etc. as a way to gear what gets discussed at the AGIC conference.

IV. **New Business:**

- I. SAG Award – At the 2021 Virtual ESRI User Conference, AGIC and AZ Land were presented with the ‘Significant Achievement in GIS’ Award for their cumulative work on AZGeo.
- II. Current Development Projects – The website for AZWRAP is being recreated. The original site was built on a custom platform. To be managed easier through AGIC’s services, Ayan is recreating the website on AGOL. Sun Cloud is getting reviewed around mid-August before going live. Both of these projects have signed ISA’s to support overhead and maintenance costs of using AZGeo.
- III. Engagement Report – Ryan and Jenna met with a group similar to AGIC located in Alaska. This group is interested in how we setup, run, and maintain AZGeo. They are trying to create a central point of contact for their spatial data. State Agencies are working across the state to gather engagement. Hawaii’s Geographic Council is also interested in AZGeo and how we’re managing our ArcGIS Online. A big area for conservation is right outside our Fort Wachuka so Sentinel Landscape is looking for repository

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data for sharing and collaboration. They are interested in using AZGeo for this and as a place to store some more sensitive data. DPS reached out for utilizing AZGeo to host data with their extensive antenna upgrade. Lastly, Massachusetts is improving their open data site and wants an info session to go over best practices based on our experiences.

- IV. User Submissions – Since the last quarterly meeting, the feedback form this group generated has gotten a handful of responses. A couple of the submissions were feedback on datasets we aren't hosting or are updating, so it was agreed to send this information on to those who are managing such data sources.
- V. Conference Tracks Topics – Highlighting examples of what partnerships have done, SunCloud for example. Or use cases of how committees are implanting AZGeo's functions. Also items based on the responses from the user survey being sent out in August.
- VI. Council Report – New features for AZGeo, User Engagement, AGIC Conference, Outreach Updates, SAG Award, Tool Developments.
- V. **Comments, Requests, Items for Future Agendas:** Previously stated.
- VI. **Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 11:21am.