

AGIC 2026 Conference Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, October 16, 2025
10:00 am

In Attendance:

Kevin Blake
Robert Bush
John Danloe
Jami Dennis
Samantha Dinning
Sage Donaldson
Shawny Ekadis
Teresa Gregory
Emily Harding
Sarah Hess
Shiloh Johnson
James Lambert
Shea Lemar
Jenna Leveille
Seth Lewis
Pauline Loftus
Bill Nye
Jennifer Psillas
Garrett Raubinger
Steve Whitney

Committee coordination and meeting operation:

- Prior to our November meeting, we will distribute a list of planning tasks that we would like help with , e.g. take on a leadership role for each task.

Action Items:

Steve – Meet with current task leaders to review conference planning.

Steve – Email inactive committee members to see if they want to stay on the distribution list.

Outreach Committee Report:

- Lots of 2025 conference items have been posted to social media.

Action Items:

None

Budget:

- Working on a 2025 expense and revenue summary.

Action Items:

Steve – Summarize the 2025 summary.

Venue coordination:

- 2026 dates - 8/24-28/2026
 - Two weeks before Labor Day.
 - First day of class for colleges.

Action items:

None

Event Management Platform Coordination:

- No discussion

Action items:

Shea – Ask Eventsquid if they have considered developing an actual app.

Conference Communication:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Agenda & speaker coordination:

- Agenda –
 - Opening session keynote speaker, and Wednesday lunch keynote speaker.
 - Potential keynote/lunch speakers –
 - Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Census head of geography, and could present on how “the census is using AI to save 1.5 billion dollars on the 2030 census”.
 - Eva Reid
 - Someone from Sharlot Hall, <https://sharlothallmuseum.org/>
 - John Nelson
 - Wanmei Liang
 - Jennifer Toth
 - David Yarnold, <https://www.audubon.org/people/david-yarnold>

- Margaret Wickens Pearce, <https://www.macfound.org/fellows/class-of-2025/margaret-wickens-pearce>
- Clinton Johnson, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfM-eIOkrUk>
- Look at including an orienteering session, with hands-on exercise.
 - Possibly include Geocaching.

Action Items:

None

Exhibitor/sponsor participation:

- 20 booth limit, with new booth size and floorplan.
 - Could be an incentive for sponsors to commit early.
- Need to update the ballroom floorplan.
- Consider an option for sponsor tables outside of the ballroom.

Action Items:

Steve – Coordinate ballroom floorplan changes with the venue.

Registration:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Maps & Apps Challenge:

- Voting method needs to be determined.

Action Items:

None

Scholarships:

- Reach out to students in March/April.

Action items:

None

Awards:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Printing:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Computer labs:

- Keep the computer lab?
 - Most 2025 workshops were around half full.
 - Consider certificates for the attendees.
 - Consider Esri's learning lab, for self-paced training on a variety of topics.

Action items:

None

T-shirts:

- Review size quantities for ordering.

Action items:

None

Order Materials:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Attendee Packet/Supplies:

- Provide paper copy of the agenda.
 - Consider sponsor for printing.

Action Items:

None

Social Events:

- Bingo speed networking, which included voting for maps/apps
 - Could be a after lunch activity on Tuesday.

Action Items:

None

General:

- Continue the buddy system.
- Standing item – Anything from this meeting to put into the annual accomplishments.
 - 2025 was the most attended ever!
 - 300 checked in.

Action Items:

None