

AGIC 2026 Conference Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 20, 2025

In Attendance:

Kevin Blake - M
Robert Bush - M
John Danloe - M
Jami Dennis - M
Samantha Dinning
Sage Donaldson
Teresa Gregory - M
Sarah Hess
James Lambert
Shea Lemar - M
Cat Moody
William Nye - M
Jennifer Psillas
Sean Turner
Chris Lukinbeal

Committee coordination and meeting operation:

- A work group met on November 17th to review the conference tasks and planned for the creation of a conference manual that provides in-depth detail for conference planning tasks.

Action Items:

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

Steve/Jami/Shea – Move Google 2026 folder? Organization question. Matter of streamlining access but also making sure that only folks that need the access have it.

Outreach Committee Report:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Budget:

- No discussion

Action Items:

Steve – Summarize the 2025 summary.

Venue coordination:

- No discussion

Action items:

Steve – Chris Lukinbeal officially offers University of Arizona ENR2 as location for AGIC Conference

- Spring Symposium as a one-day event? (Currently scheduled for April)
- Maker's Space at Library
- March Mapness March 7

Event Management Platform Coordination:

- Shea will be asking still re: app creation.
- 2026 is the final year in our current contract with EventSquid.
Discussion—fairly quickly—necessary if we want to consider switching.
- Brace for higher contract amount even if remaining with EventSquid.

Action items:

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

Conference Communication:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Agenda & speaker coordination:

- 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-elOkrUk>
 - Chris Lukinbeal – Presented at Cambridge, 40-minute talk
 - Ethan McGhee or member from URISA Vanguard -- Sara Thompson
- Consideration of age diversity of speakers.

Action Items:

Steve, et al - Need to contact the potential speakers in January to give ample time to coordinate

Exhibitor/sponsor participation:

- No discussion

Action Items:

Steve – Coordinate ballroom floorplan changes with the venue.

John/Pauline: reach out to sponsors/potential sponsors with 2026 dates.

John/Pauline: At-a-Glance Agenda. Opportunity for a printing sponsor, add to sponsor list

Registration:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Maps & Apps Challenge:

- Voting method needs to be determined.

Action Items:

None

Scholarships:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Awards:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Printing:

- Bringing back printing of the At-a-Glance Agenda. Opportunity for a printing sponsor, add to sponsor list
- 300 copies printed at State Lands? Color? Shea will verify.
 - Sounds like printing all 300 for attendees is the direction
- As it turns out, folks REALLY like the paper copy of the at-a-glance

Action items:

- At-a-Glance Agenda. Opportunity for a printing sponsor, add to sponsor list

Computer labs:

- There was not as high of attendance.
- Continue to go without signup list?
- Esri Learning Lab at AGIC this year?
 - Learning lab instead of usual workshops?
 - Pima County could still provide the laptops as needed.
 - Provide certificate for workshop item(s) completed?
 - Blank sheets with instructor signing off on completions (physical certificate)?
 - If you have a login to MyEsri, completions show up there if courses completed.

Action items:

Jami – Ask Steve re: Esri participation/providing of Learning Lab

T-shirts:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Order Materials:

- Very low on sales stuff (mugs, glasses, etc.)
- Steve should have inventory numbers. Review and address items that need to be purchased.
- Box of 30 pens for utility use
- We have lots of Sharpies (240!)/Post-It Notes

Action items:

Steve – Review sales inventory items

Attendee Packet/Supplies:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Social Events:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

General:

- Standing item – Anything from this meeting to put into the annual accomplishments.
 - November vote – Funding for AZGeo & AGIC voted as main priorities. Determine ways that we can support AZGeo, outreach, funding.

Action Items:

None