

New Jersey Geospatial Forum

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



Date: September 16, 2020
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.
Location: Teleconference meeting via Zoom
Attendees: Naomi Barnes, Ann-Marie Falkowski, Julia Gerdes, Dave Kunz, Trish Long, Andy Rowan, Doug Schleifer, David Tulloch, Gary Veenstra

Previous Meeting Minutes

Previous minutes for the general and executive meetings were sent via e-mail. Minutes were approved. Ann-Marie needs to remove “Draft” from the minutes and send to Naomi for posting.

Elections

The following seats will be open: State, County, Municipal (currently vacant), Private, and Education. Gary will be the chairperson. We will need to generate a report to see who is eligible. The Bylaws say that a member cannot nominate themselves. One person may be eligible for the municipality position. If no one is eligible to nominate that person, then the Executive Committee can nominate them. There is a limit of two consecutive terms. At the October meeting it will be announced that we are accepting nominations. The election results will be announced at the December meeting.

Task Force Updates

- Geodetic Task Force: Gary reports that the release of the new reference system has been delayed. He believes it may be released in 2025.
- Elevation Task Force
 - Doug reports the following:
 - Task Force meeting was held yesterday, September 15. John Tyrawski presented on the South Jersey LiDAR project. The collection is still not complete as there are issues with hydro flattening. He was supposed to receive data from USGS yesterday. If the issues are not resolved by the vendor, then the DEP may resolve the issues themselves, delaying the project further.
 - The results of the Elevation Questionnaire were discussed. There was enthusiasm for contours data. DEP has a project to develop the methodology to generate the contours.
 - Once the South Jersey LiDAR comes in, OGIS will stand up a page in NJGIN for the data. A question was raised on whether the DVRPC and the North East LiDAR collections would each have a page in NJGIN. OGIS is planning on having a Statewide LiDAR page but will consider having pages for other projects.
 - Derivative projects: Testing slope, aspect, hillshade layers to see the performance of downloads, services, and storage requirements.
 - The LiDAR may be retilled to a standard tiling scheme to be more consistent and have download tools work more efficiently.
- Trails Task Force: Mike is not present. Andy reports that the Task Force decided to push the project to the next fiscal year.

General Meeting Topics

In a previous meeting, the Executive Committee discussed having the Division of Taxation present. Dave Kunz says that they do not want to give a presentation and that Civil Solutions will have to do it.

October was supposed to be the meeting at the MAC URISA conference, but the conference was pushed back. Trish suggested having lightning talks. It was decided that we didn't have enough time. Andy mentioned having the Census Bureau do a presentation. Dave Kunz will reach out to Web Adams.

New Business

Trish mentioned that the 1980s National High-Altitude Photography (NHAP) imagery was orthorectified recently. The imagery does not cover the entire state and was collected over a 10-year period. Once she receives it, she will give the dataset to OGIS.