

New Jersey Geospatial Forum

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes



Date: January 26, 2018

Time: 10:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Riverview Plaza 200 Room 402, Trenton, NJ

	Attendance	Position and/or Constituency Group Representative
Patty Leidner	Y	Chair/County Government
Chris Gould	Y	Vice Chair/State Government
Trish Long	Y	Secretary/Federal Government
Andy Rowan	Y	State GIO/Office of GIS
Doug Schleifer	Y	
David Tulloch	Y	Education
Russ Kauffman	Y	Land Surveyors
vacant	-	Municipal Government
Mike Shanahan	N	Non-Government Organizations
David Kunz	Y	Private Sector
Ildiko Pechmann	Y	Regional Agencies

Nomination and Election of Officers

Trish Long nominated Patty Leidner for the Chair, Chris Gould seconded, all in favor.

Patty Leidner nominated Chris Gould as the Vice Chair, Dave Kunz seconded, all in favor.

Patty Leidner nominated Trish Long as the Secretary, Chris Gould seconded, all in favor.

Vacant Seats

There was a discussion about the Municipal vacancy on the executive committee. Rich Caprio, with Montgomery Township, was suggested as a possibility. We need to verify that he is eligible based on his meeting attendance. If eligible, the board would appoint him to serve for the remainder of the municipal term.

There was also a vacancy for the Regional position. Patty nominated Ildiko to fill this spot, Dave Kunz seconded. All voted in favor.

2018 Meeting Dates and Topics

The following dates were settled on:

Tue, March 27	General Meeting 10 – 12	Executive Committee Meeting 1-3
Tue, April 10	Executive Committee Meeting 10-12	
Wed, June 13	General Meeting 10 – 12	Executive Committee Meeting 1-3
Tue, August 21	Executive Committee Meeting 10-12	
Fri, October 26	General Meeting (in pm at MAC-URISA conference in Atlantic City)	
Tue, December 12	General Meeting 10 – 12	Executive Committee Meeting 1-3

The following general meeting topics/speakers were suggested:

For March, Ildiko asked if there would be interest in a presentation on sea level rise. Ildiko saw a good presentation on this at the Superstorm Sandy Conference at the Meadowlands this past year. She will contact presenter today re: presenting at our March general meeting.

For June, Patty suggested NJGF not doing Lightning Talks in the same year as the MAC-URISA conference. Instead, for June, Patty has talked to Julia O'Brien at FEMA, re: presenting on the 2017 hurricane season response. Waiting to hear back on that.

Other ideas:

Russ will be at the NJPLSS conference. He mentioned some interesting sessions that might be worth presenting to the NJGF audience. He also mentioned Building Information Modeling (BIM) as a topic of interest. Trish said Rowan University has a BIM program in their engineering department.

Dave Tulloch mentioned a contact at Thomas Jefferson University who is working on 3D in GIS

Old Business

Chris Gould is working on executive committee minutes from 2017 (March, June, September, December). Note to future secretaries: you are responsible for taking notes at the general meetings too! Patty said at this point to do the best you can based on the meeting agendas and we will take a look at them.

Constituency Group Updates

- OGIS:
 - Staffing updates: Doug reported that Chris Klaube, application development specialist, is leaving. His main project was e-Farm. Stephanie Bosits will take over the Open Space project. Good news is that Brian Embley has joined OGIS. The State Contract should be extended to August 2018.
 - The NJGIN upgrade will be delayed. However, Brian will be working on this. Project will move from obsolete ArcIMS and re-focused on web services.
 - After years of no change, there is some movement with respect to NextGen 911. OGIS will look at the GIS aspect of it in the coming months.
 - There has been a major upgrade to the state network. (Data transmission has gone from a 1GB pipe to 10 GB pipe.) This has vastly improved the performance of NJGeoWeb.
 - The current state GIS contract goes to March 18. Doug is hoping to extend to August.
 - Doug will be working on updating the State Geospatial Strategic Plan and will be reaching out as necessary.
 - Doug also reported on the Elevation Task Force. See Task Force section below.

- Andy will send out info on the Geospatial Data Act.
- County: Local Government Joint Constituency Group Meeting with the New Jersey Office of GIS, will be on Thursday, February 22, 2018. 9:30 to 4pm at Riverview 200, 1st floor meeting room.
- Education: no report
- Federal: Your federal government is back to work... until further notice! As Doug noted, NAIP (1 meter, leaf-on) will be flown for NJ in 2018.
- State: no report
- Land Surveyors: NJPLSS conference is next week. Russ will communicate with other surveyors who are members of NJGF.
- Regional: Ildiko said that MERI is interested in working with drones/training. Dave T. and Chris can provide contacts/additional information for her.
- Private: no report
- NGO: no report

Task Force Updates

- Trails: no report
- Boundary: The group discussed the Boundary Task Force draft report. It was noted that cover letter should be from the Forum, not from RVE. Andy and Patty said they had not yet reviewed it. Russ said he had not yet finished making the changes he wanted. Some sections are unnecessary, others can be very useful. All exec committee members are encouraged to provide comments to Kevin Zelinsky before the March meeting. Patty will contact Kevin re: next steps.
- Elevation: 6 northwest NJ counties will be collected in February, conditions permitting. Next up: South Jersey non-QL2 counties (Salem, Cumberland, Cape May, Atlantic). Ocean is being collected with the other 4 counties. Ocean is funded by FEMA, but will not be Quality Assured with DEP funding. (Selected areas of Ocean County will be collected at QL1. These QL1 areas will not be available for public distribution at the same time as the QL2 data.) So, by the end of 2018, if all goes well, all of NJ will be done at the QL2 spec. Also, the new National Geodetic Survey Datum is called (for now): North American-Pacific Geopotential Datum (NAPGD 2022). This name includes Hawaii and Alaska as part of the North American calculations.
- Zoning: No update from the December 15, 2017 meeting. Jennifer Whytlaw plans to put together an in-person meeting after the start of the New Year to see if the group wants to continue with the overall effort.