

Meeting Minutes  
New Jersey Geospatial Forum  
Executive Committee Meeting - January 15, 2016

Meeting called to order at 10.05am. Attendees: Andy Rowan, Chris McClain, Craig Coutros, Dom Elefante, Jennifer Rovito, Patricia Leidner, Stephen Eckhardt, Tanya Nolte, Thomas Slowinski

**Election of Officers for 2016**

Chairperson: Jennifer was nominated by Tanya and seconded by Andy. Motion passed.

Vice Chair: Stephen nominated himself and was seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed.

Secretary: Tanya nominated herself and was seconded by Jennifer. Motion passed.

The minutes from Sept 18 and Dec 3, 2015 meetings were approved. Barbara will post to the website.

**Constituency Updates**

**State GIO:** Imagery is complete and has been shipped to the distribution coordinator. OGIS is expecting a copy of the data next week and it should be publicly available via the website by the end of January. Service and data download options will be as per usual.

**County:** No update.

**Federal:**

- There is a meeting today at the State Data Center re. 2020 census redistricting. There will be an opportunity for input, so it would be good to have county planners involved in the process.
- Andy mentioned the Division of Elections runs the statewide voter registration system, which has been a purely tabular system to date; that system is being revamped with some GIS functionality to be added. It would be good to notify counties to prepare their voter district data.

**State:**

- There have been two storm water meetings in the last few weeks. The DEP is looking to standardize and move forward on ways to collect data from counties and towns. ESRI demo'd options for an AGO application for MS4 storm water data and it would be good to pull in interested counties to do a proof of concept.
- Proposals for updating the linear stream network (last updated in 2008) have been received with the successful applicant to be decided as soon as possible. The proposal is for waterbodies, water features and stream network data for conflation to NHD, to be done referencing 2015 imagery.
- The DEP has announced it will be accepting applications and resumes for two GIS positions.

**Survey:** The NJPLS conference is Feb 3-5 at Bally's in Atlantic City. Tom will solicit for interest re. a potential speaker on drones for an upcoming Forum meeting.

**NGO:** NJ Conservation Foundation together with The Nature Conservancy and Rowan University are working on a joint project called the Conservation Blueprint. The goal is to identify lands that are a high priority for preservation over the next 30 years, according to natural resource value. A steering committee of representatives from various agencies (e.g. SADC, NJDEP Green Acres Program) and non-profit land trusts has been formed and is working towards the goal. Mapping for the project will be provided by Rowan and an interactive map will be built upon the NJ Map portal.

**Education:** No update.

**Private:** No update.

**Regional:**

- The NJ American Planning Association conference is Jan 28. There will be a presentation on the progress of an emergency response tool.
- The NJTPA TransAction Conference is April 12-14 (transportation related projects).
- The transition of the Meadowlands Environmental Research Institute to Rutgers University is anticipated for March 1.

**Taskforces**

**Boundary:** this taskforce is getting off ground. Kevin will be chair and Tom will be the liaison to the Executive Committee. The taskforce has been added to website but no info has been provided as yet. Tom will follow up with a mission statement.

**Zoning:** A questionnaire to be sent to counties and municipalities is being developed.

**Address:** Chris Klaube has been working on address point data. Tests showed an 80% match which was encouraging.

**Request for a new taskforce:** There was a discussion about creating a Trails taskforce that would develop a methodology for creating a statewide trails dataset. Known datasets includes trails for Warren County, NJTrails.org from D & R Greenway and a trails data schema being developed by the DEP for State Parks. Tanya will work on a mission statement and goals for discussion at the next Executive Committee Meeting.

**Speaker ideas for 2016**

- Tom and Jennifer will look for a speaker on drones for the October meeting at the MAC URISA conference.
- For the March meeting, Web suggested and will follow up with his colleague from CENSUS, David Kraiker, to talk about census tract data.
- Patty suggested the following ideas and will follow up:
  - how GIS data helped support the Pope's visit to Philadelphia: Kevin Switala, GeoDecisions: Planning for the Papal Visit <https://gatherdigital.com/apps/1949/gatherings/2295/events/294122?breakout=294121>
  - standardizing workflows for updating data at the Philadelphia City Office of GIS: Alexander Brown, City of Philadelphia Office of Technology: <https://gatherdigital.com/apps/1949/gatherings/2295/events/295322?breakout=294118>
  - NY State GIS Data gateway: Jeffrey Herter, Liz Podowski, Kate Budreski
  - James Calderella, NJ State Police: <https://gatherdigital.com/apps/1949/gatherings/2295/events/294144?breakout=294143>
- Preserved Lands database update: Andy will check with Doug.
- Green Acres on survey standards.

**Other**

- MAC URISA conference – will be at Resorts in Atlantic City (again). Tom Tiner is managing conference planning.
- At the March General Meeting an announcement should be made about lightening round presentations needed for the June meeting. Steve to organize the program.
- Executive Committee meetings will be working lunch meetings starting at 12.30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 11.10am.