

Meeting Notes
Maine Library of Geographic Information Board Meeting
 Wednesday, 21 January 2015, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
 51 Commerce Drive, Room 414, Augusta

Attending	Present	On the Phone
<i>Mtg. commenced at 10: 07 am</i>		
Vinton Valentine	X	
Alina Taus	X	
Jake Metzler		
Vern Maxfield		
Maria Jacques		X (on @ 10:45)
Nate Kane	X	
Patrick Cunningham		X
Paul Sandlin	X (out @ 10:45)	
Kenneth Murchison		X
Aaron Weston	X	
Staff:		
Joseph Young	X	
Heather Bailey	X	
Guests:		
Bill Hanson		X
Jon Giles	X	
Betsy Fitzgerald		X

1. Introductions
 - a. Roll call was taken. Only 7 current members were present, not a quorum, so no votes could be held.
2. Approval of meeting minutes
 - a. Minutes reviewed and vote counts need to be adjusted to reflect only the current members at that time. A motion will be made at the next meeting to amend the minutes and approve them as amended.

3. Election of chair
 - a. Postponed until February meeting.
4. Executive Director Report - Joe Young
 - a. Membership Update
 - i. Expired 2014 – Bill Hanson, Jon Giles and Betsy Fitzgerald’s memberships have expired. Betsy’s paperwork is in, Bill’s paperwork is in process, but Jon’s paperwork is not in yet.
 - ii. Expire in 2015 – Alina Taus, Maria Jacques and Nate Kane’s memberships will all expire in September 2015. Nate is planning to renew, Alina is undecided and Maria was not there to ask.
 - b. Meeting Schedule – Joe Young has posted the 2015 meeting schedule on the GeoLibrary web site. For consistency, he will add November (No Meeting) to the schedule. This led to a discussion about whether or not to have a retreat this year. Ideas included having a retreat in May or September, or including items in the regular meeting agendas that would normally be discussed at a retreat. A May retreat could coincide with the Technical Conference, which is May 7th. A September retreat could coincide with MEGUG’s conference.
 - c. Projects
 - i. LiDAR Acquisition
 - Joe Young shared a map of the area applied for and will meet with CFRU at Orono on 1/22/15 to discuss estimated costs.
 - Joe brought up some of the challenges with LiDAR acquisition.
 - Imagery Program - Participating communities will be Waldo County, Penobscot County, York, Old Orchard Beach, Dover Foxcroft, Cape Elizabeth, and Eliot. Portland and the Islands have not signed an MOA yet, although they intend to participate.
 - Somerset County had some confusion regarding funding. They believed that they could not charge the UT side of the budget for imagery, that it all had to come from the county side, but that is not true.
 - ii. Parcels
 - Judy delivered 22 towns from the USM Charles Colgan project, as well as updates for 28 other towns. They have not been loaded yet, but hopefully they will be in the next few weeks.
5. Strategic Plan Workgroup Reports
 - b. Coordination & Communication – Patrick Cunningham
 - i. MEGUG winter meeting and educators conference will be held February 2, 2015 at USM. Joe will bring GeoLibrary display for the meeting.
 - c. GeoParcels – Jon Giles
 - i. First meeting will be held on January 27th at 51 Commerce Drive. Jon has concerns about a possible conflict of interest with his chairing the workgroup. A different chair, or possible co-chair, would resolve the issue. Will discuss at the meeting.
 - d. Education & Training – Cathleen McAnneny, PhD
 - i. Discussion regarding ESRI licensing for K-12 educators will be held at the February 2nd MEGUG winter meeting and educators conference.
 - e. Geospatial Data – Dan Walters
 - i. Workgroup has not met since the last meeting.
 - ii. Community Listening Session Bangor 12/18/14
 - Smaller group than southern Maine, but a good session.
 - iii. State Agency listening session 1/13/15
 - GIS Stakeholders Group, formerly called Executive Council, met on 1/13/15 to find out what they would like.

- Common accessibility for hydrography; Non-GIS users and data accessibility with ArcGIS installs required; Soil - NRCS has accessibility issues also; Bathymetry, primarily marine, as much as possible.
 - Don Katnick has requested a show & tell on the data catalog and what's available for State agencies, how is it updated, who does it and how often. He has also heard this from the public.
 - Orthoimagery was also mentioned as an important data set and discussions touched on coming up with a plan for funding this and other data sets.
 - The lack of understanding in agencies and communities of how projects are funded and that they are the result of multiple partners sharing the costs is common throughout the stakeholder group. This is a message we need to work on. A campaign showing costs for doing it on your own vs. what it costs as a partner.
 - A good idea for attacking this would be an article for the Maine Townsman. Also, have campaign for MMA conference. Perhaps have something different to hand out at conferences and trade shows. Patrick to get estimates for a few items and get in touch with Eric Conley about Maine Townsman.
 - Information to get out there: There is no GeoLibrary pool of money to draw from – everyone contributes toward data acquisition projects in a collaborative effort.
- iv. CFRU Workshop 1/22/13
- Half day, scheduled says it ends by noon
- v. Discussion of data catalog
- A workshop would be helpful.
 - Categorized organization of the online maps and services
 - Within the Data Catalog, the library could provide links to viewers where data is being served up all ready. Universities are establishing digital libraries where geospatial data and studies are being stored.
 - This should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

6. Committee Reports

- a. Finance Committee – Vinton didn't have anything and Joe presented info with the MOAs. Joe Young has contacted the accounting folks regarding current funds.
- b. Policy Committee – Bill Hanson gave an update on legislation. Some items were submitted to the governor's office to be included in the change package. The whole bill will be finished and submitted for the next legislative session (next year).
- c. Technical Committee – No report.

After last meeting, MOU with USGS for Dan Walters was signed and sent in.

7. Guest Comments

- a. None

8. Recommendations for Next Meeting Agenda

- a. Revisit minutes voting (for Dec and Jan)
- b. Annual Report (will be up for a vote) – make sure to get your comments to Joe Young ASAP
- c. Training event or retreat for the board

9. Adjourn

Meeting ended at 12:17 pm.