

**GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Spring 2006 Meeting 1**  
**January 26, 2006**  
**10:00 am – 404 Old Main**

**Present:** Doug Miller, Brady Stroh, Stephen Matthews, Wang-Chien Lee, Michael Behney, Stephen Woods, and Tina Enderlein

**Not Present:** Rick Day, Frank Derby, Wayne Myers, Shawn Hough, Eugene Lengerich, and Mark Gahegan

**Guests Present:** none

**A. GIS Council Issues**

1. Motion to approve the November 10, 2005 GIS Council meeting minutes – meeting minutes approved as written.
2. Budget Report – Tina Enderlein reported that the Council has \$2,317.86 estimated remaining budget through June 2006, Tina Enderlein's travel budget is estimate to be fully utilized through June 2006, and Tina Enderlein's startup budget is estimated to be \$220.64 through June 2006. With the budget cut the Council received for FY 2005-06, there is no money allotted for the GIS website programmer support (this was \$8,000 per year in the first three years of the Council's existence). Tina Enderlein stated that she will contact Marty Gutowski in David DiBiase's group (currently providing website support) to let him know funding is no longer available. Tina Enderlein stated that if they are unable to host the website she will work on moving it over to PSIE. The Council's remaining budget of \$2,317.86 does not include any funding for the Geospatial 2006 event nor does it provide the Level II award granted to Audrey Huerta in the amount of \$4,900 pending on additional funding of the Colleges represented on the Council.
3. Additional funding from Colleges / Units represented on the Council – Based on the feedback received from several Council members at the November 10, 2005 meeting, a suggestion was made to not ask the Colleges represented on the Council for additional funding and to go back to the Council's core functions. This would include dropping the Council's Level I and II seed funding initiative and moving forward with the training initiative and the government / industry event (Geospatial 2006). Discussion ensued regarding the Council's success in our core mission. Stephen Matthews and Doug Miller indicated that functions of the Council such as the website provide a social function that are difficult or unable to be measured and that having an advocate for GIS-related software/data licensing agreements, recruiting of students, and awareness is important as a whole that can't be measured in an exact dollar benefit.
4. GIS Training Initiative – NSF ITEST Pre-proposal Grant submission. Notification from NSF that the reviewers of our pre-proposal did not recommend that we submit a full proposal came on December 27, 2005. The three pre-proposal reviews from NSF are available on ANGEL. Mike Behney suggested that we take a look at the training need that exists internally and conduct a formal needs assessment process and design something and find resources to launch training. Answer such questions as the best mechanisms to training initiative, who the audience is, and how to serve them. Mike Behney offered two suggestions go back to the pre-proposal not selected resurrect it with a new funding source - shop it around for other state funding sources such as the PA Dept of Labor. Doug Miller suggested forming a sub-committee with Mike Behney leading the committee to work on putting a proposal together from interviews with the College Deans to determine their needs. Once a proposal is drafted we take it to find interest and resources. Stephen Matthews suggested focusing on an honest needs assessment – how many

- interested in attending and how many would actually attend considering busy schedules of faculty members. Questions for sub-committee – can the needs identified realistically be met with resources available to accomplish this. Mike will get back to the sub-committee and move forward on this – something Karen Bierman and Bill Easterling important and interested to them.
5. Status Geospatial 2006: Power of E<sup>3</sup> – Education, Employment, and Economic Development – advancing partnerships in geospatial technologies between government, industry, and academia – The planning committee lost the keynote speaker for the event (Thomas Barnett) and is currently working on identifying a new keynote speaker for the event. Somewhat related to the event is a new certificate program Todd Bacastow is currently working on starting an advisory board to develop a certificate program in Geospatial Intelligence. However, Doug Miller does not feel that the event should focus around the certificate program. The planning committee's goal is to get a new keynote and target the event for fall 2006.
  6. Update on GT Governance Model Review Meeting Date – The Strawman legislation developed by Todd Bacastow and LORL was killed. New legislation is in draft form for future consideration. The PA GIS conference in May 2006 will feature a discussion on what's new on this topic and the development of a State GIS Council. Doug Miller asked Brady to track where the new proposed legislative bill is and plan to bring up so we can get in at the right time and receive information and provide feedback in the role of education sector in the Geospatial Council. Possibly look at November / December 2006 as a time frame to invite Jim Knudson and / or Mike King from LORL to Penn State for a discussion / presentation.
  7. Update TeleAtlas Agreement – In December 2005, Dynamap Transportation was added as the fourth data product available from TeleAtlas under the Master Licensing Agreement. Rick Day provided the up-front funding support in the amount of \$2,500 (Dynamap Transportation is \$5,000 per year – however TeleAtlas pro-rated the product to \$2,500) for the product. Tina Enderlein is working with Rick Day to establish a price to sell the product to the PSU GIS Community and help Rick recover his initial investment money. Tina Enderlein will send out an email announcing the availability of Dynamap Transportation to the GIS Community. Stephen Woods mentioned that he has data money from the University Library to purchase data sets at a realistic price. Stephen Woods reported that he has on his to do list to contact TeleAtlas regarding the renewal price if the agreement were run through the Library. Mike Behney asked Stephen Woods to work with Tina Enderlein to go after datasets the GIS Community needs.

## **B. Research Opportunities**

1. PSU Economic and Workforce Development Thematic Initiative Fund – Level II funding request for Geospatial 2006 – Jack Gido informed Tina Enderlein that the proposal submitted with David DiBiase on December 1, 2005 for \$15,000 to help fund the Geospatial 2006 event was not funded. Mike Behney reported that he is on the committee for this funding program and that they have \$150,000 each year for next three years. According to Mike, the best shot at getting funded is when the new resources come in on July 1, 2006. The notification email from Jack Gido is available on ANGEL. Doug Miller recommended that we resubmit as a Level I proposal (\$1,500) in June then a Level II proposal in September 2006.

## **C. Public Relations**

1. Training Workshops GIS Theory and hands-on Training – Mike suggest incorporating this into the sub-committee's work on the formal needs assessment.

#### **D. Other Business**

1. Closing Comments – Tina Enderlein mentioned that Maurie Kelly contacted her regarding ideas she had for some good speakers she came across and asked if the Council would be interested. She feels the cost would to invite the speakers to UP would be just mileage for their travel (approx. \$150-\$200). Doug Miller recommend that if the Council provides funding for a speaker that we get a PicTel room for other campuses to participate and look into videotaping the presentation as well to post on the website. Stephen Woods and Stephen Matthews reported that Henderson and the Library have PicTel rooms available for use. A suggestion was made that this could be put through a Level I funding proposal as well.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

*Submitted by:*  
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