

National Geospatial Advisory Committee Nomination & Appointment Process



Webinar Briefing
Friday, January 29, 2021
1:00 – 2:00 pm EST

Agenda

- **Welcome/NGAC Background** Ivan DeLoatch,
FGDC Executive Director
- **NGAC Activities** Mark Reichardt,
NGAC Chair
- **2021 NGAC Nominations/
Appointments Process** John Mahoney,
FGDC Senior Policy Advisor
- **Questions/Discussion** Group

FGDC Responsibilities

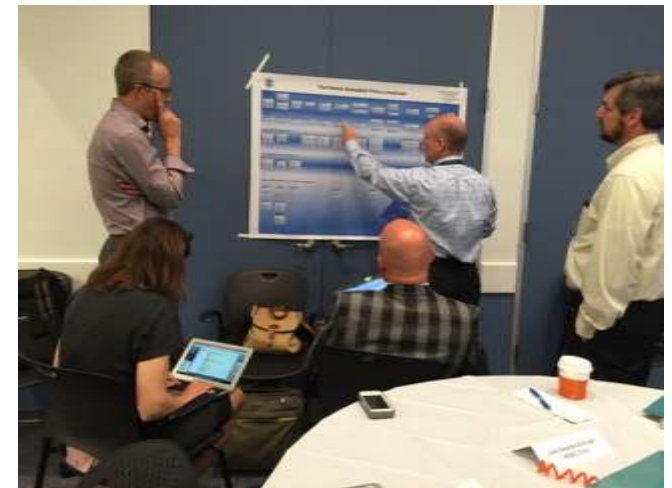
- Lead entity in the executive branch for the development, implementation, and review of policies, practices, and standards relating to geospatial data
- Lead efforts to implement the Geospatial Data Act (GDA)
- Develop & implement NSDI Strategic Plan
- Manage the Geospatial Platform – shared resources & services
- Oversee management of Federal geospatial resources – National Geospatial Data Assets (NGDAs)
- Review & endorse geospatial standards

Geospatial Data Act of 2018

- ❖ [Geospatial Data Act](#) enacted October 2018
- ❖ Codifies FGDC roles/responsibilities
- ❖ Codifies NGAC roles/responsibilities
- ❖ Establishes requirements for:
 - National Spatial Data Infrastructure & NSDI strategic plan
 - National Geospatial Data Asset (NGDA) data themes
 - Covered agency planning and reporting requirements
 - Geospatial data standards
 - GeoPlatform

National Geospatial Advisory Committee

- ❖ Initially established in 2008 under Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), statutorily authorized in 2018 through Geospatial Data Act
- ❖ Balanced membership:
 - Members from non-governmental organizations (private sector, non-profits, academia)
 - Members from governmental organizations (federal, state, local, county, tribal, regional)
- ❖ Provides advice & recommendations on national geospatial policy issues to FGDC.



NGAC Responsibilities

The duties of the NGAC are described in the Geospatial Data Act:

“The Advisory Committee shall:

- Provide advice and recommendations relating to:
 - Management of Federal and national geospatial programs;
 - Development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure; and
 - Implementation of the Geospatial Data Act;
- Review and comment on geospatial policy and management issues; and
- Ensure the views of representatives of non-Federal interested parties involved in national geospatial activities are conveyed to the Committee.”

NGAC Membership – January 2021

Mr. Mark Reichardt (Chair)
Open Geospatial Consortium

Dr. Sarah Battersby (Vice-Chair)
Tableau Research

Douglas Adams
Baltimore County, MD

Mr. Frank Avila
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Mr. Chad Baker
California Department of Transportation

Mr. Byron Bluehorse
University of Alaska Fairbanks

Mr. Gar Clarke
State of New Mexico

Mr. Garet Couch
National Tribal GIS Center

Mr. Jack Dangermond
Esri

Dr. William Haneberg
Kentucky Geological Survey

Mr. Mike Hussey
State of Utah

Mr. Sanjay Kumar
World Geospatial Industry Council

Mr. Tony LaVoi
NOAA

Ms. Roberta Lenczowski
Roberta E. Lenczowski Consulting, LLC

Mr. Mark Meade
Quantum Spatial

Dr. Siva Ravada
Oracle Corporation

Ms. Felicia Retiz
Texas Water Development Authority

Dr. Vasit Sagan
St. Louis University

Ms. Amber Shultz
City of Lawrence, KS

Mr. Cy Smith
State of Oregon

Mr. Gary Thompson
State of North Carolina

Mr. Tim Trainor
Trainor Consultants

Dr. May Yuan
University of Texas – Dallas

Ivan DeLoatch (FGDC), Designated Federal Officer

NGAC Operations

- Sponsored by Interior Department – administrative support provided by FGDC Secretariat
- Meets 3-4 times per year
- Public meetings – including opportunities for public comment/input
- Subcommittees meet between committee meetings to develop materials for consideration by full committee
- More information, including all meeting minutes and materials, posted at: www.fgdc.gov/ngac

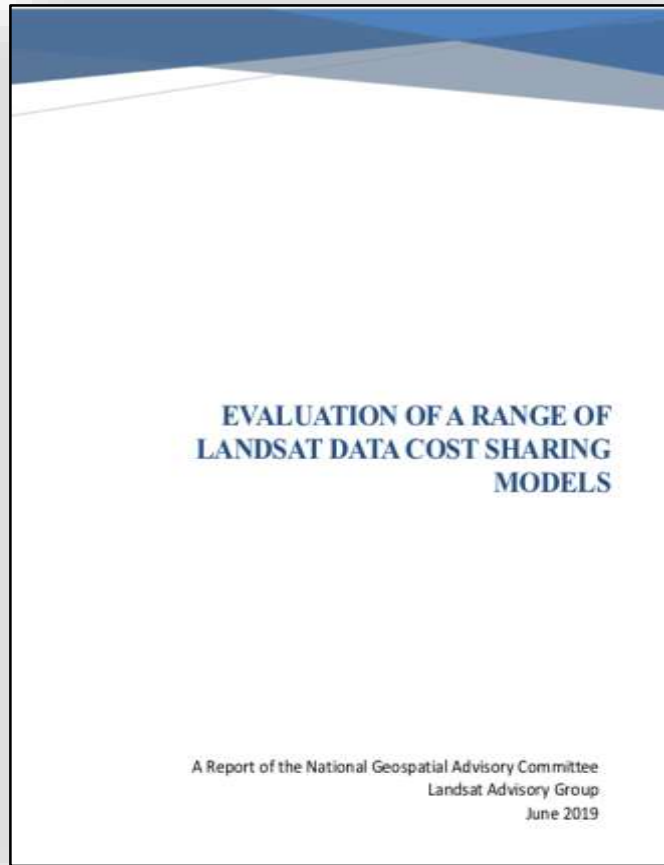
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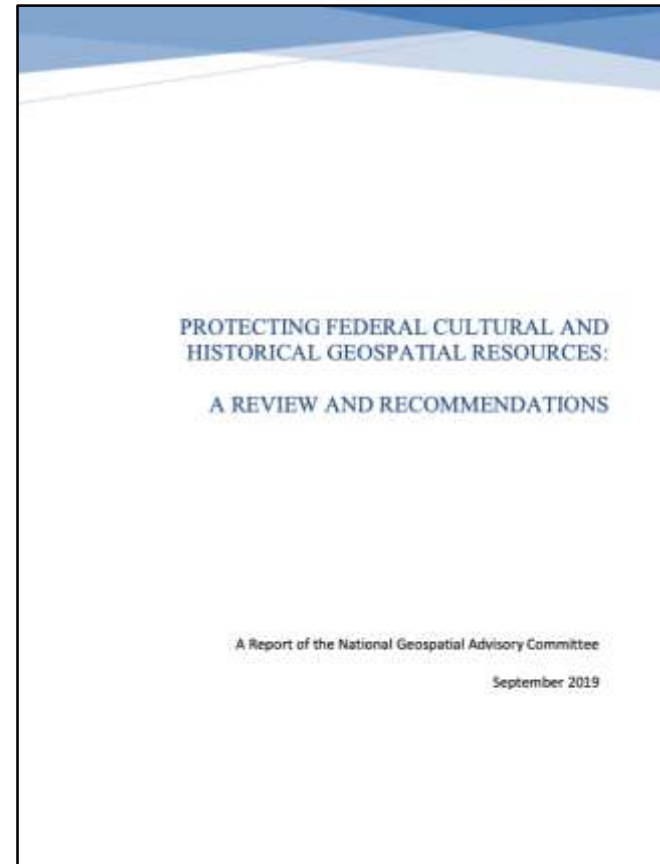
The NGAC engages in multiple activities, including:

- Developing papers/products addressing key geospatial initiatives and management issues
- Providing advice and recommendations on Federal geospatial programs
- Conducting sessions to educate the geospatial community on emerging topics
- Discussing collaborative approaches to cross-sector and intergovernmental issues
- Statutorily-required activities, including commenting on GDA reports, and 3DEP subcommittee activities

Advice on Federal Programs



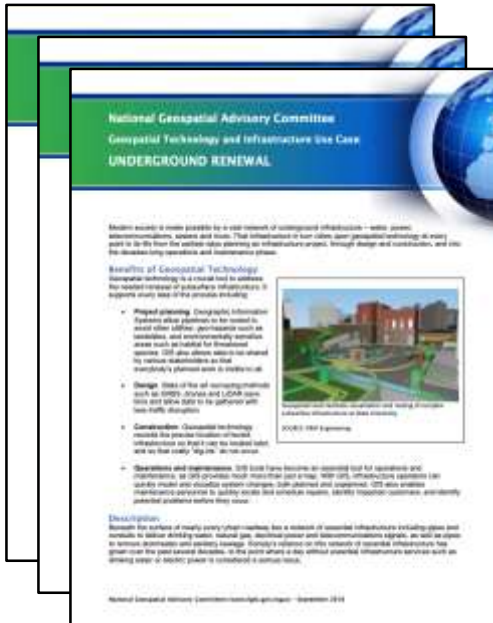
Landsat Program



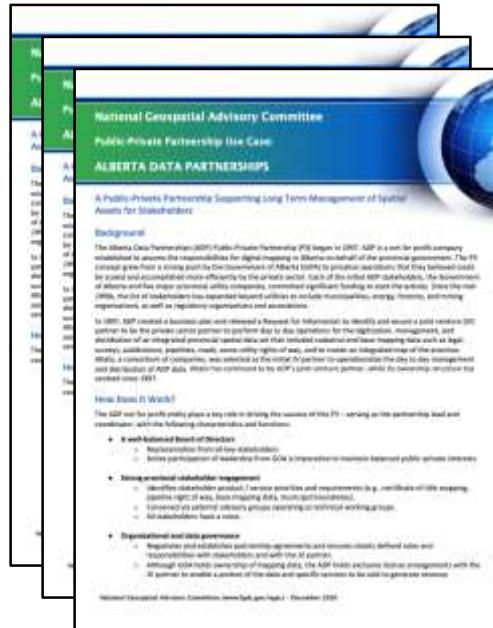
**Cultural/Historical
Geospatial Resources**



NGAC Papers & Use Cases



Infrastructure Use Cases



Innovative Partnership Use Cases



GDA Report Use Cases

Input on Key Initiatives



NSDI Strategic Plan



Geospatial Platform



Geospatial Data As A Service



Spotlight Sessions

Panel discussions highlighting key geospatial policy issues and exploring possible roles for FGDC/NGAC

Past Spotlight Sessions:

- Data Sharing
- Workforce Development
- Geospatial Privacy
- Crowdsourced Data
- Emerging Technologies
- Data as a Service
- Partnerships
- Geospatial Data Act



2021 NGAC Subcommittee Topics

- Landsat Advisory Group
- NSDI Strategic Planning
- Geospatial Data Act (GDA) Reporting
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Stakeholder Engagement
- GeoPlatform
- 3D Elevation Program

Upcoming Activities

NGAC Subcommittees:

- Finalizing membership & assignments for 2021 NGAC subcommittees

Next NGAC Meetings:

- April 27-28 (webinar meeting)
- June 29-30 (webinar meeting)
- Fall meeting (date TBD, possible in-person)
- December meeting (date TBD, possible in-person)

2021 Nominations/ Appointments Process



NGAC Nominations

- Call for Nominations issued on January 6, 2021
- Nominations due **February 22, 2021**
- Nominations received through this Call for Nominations may be used to fill vacancies that will become available in 2021 and 2022.
- Nominations will be evaluated by interagency review panel
- Appointments to the NGAC are made by the Secretary of the Interior

NGAC Appointments

- NGAC members are selected to generally achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints of the various stakeholders in the national geospatial community.
- Selection of members includes consideration of geographic balance.
- NGAC members serve staggered terms to promote continuity.
- Appointments are for 3 year terms, and members may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms.
- Any vacancies will be filled in the same manner in which the initial appointments were made.

Nomination Requirements

- Nominations may come from employers, associations, professional organizations, or other geospatial organizations.
- Nominations should include a resume providing an adequate description of the nominee's qualifications, including information that would enable the Department of the Interior to make an informed decision regarding meeting the membership requirements of the Committee and permit the Department of the Interior to contact a potential member.
- Nominees are strongly encouraged to include supporting letters from constituents, trade associations, alliances, and/or other organizations that indicate the support by a meaningful constituency for the nominee.
- Additional information about the nomination process is available on the NGAC website at www.fgdc.gov/ngac

NGAC Appointments Status

Current Members
(Terms expire December 2021)

Current Members
(Terms expire April 2023)

** Members completing second term on NGAC in December 2021. Per the NGAC Charter, cannot be appointed to third consecutive term.*

January 2021

Non-Governmental (10)	Governmental (13)
Private Sector (7) Sarah Battersby (Vice Chair)* Sanjay Kumar Jack Dangermond Roberta Lenczowski Mark Meade Siva Ravada Tim Trainor	State (7) Mike Hussey Gary Thompson Chad Baker Gar Clarke William Haneberg Felicia Retiz Cy Smith
	Tribal (2) Byron Bluehorse Garet Couch
Academia (2) May Yuan* Vasit Sagan	Federal (2) Frank Avila Tony LaVoi
Non-Profit (1) Mark Reichardt (Chair)	City/Municipal (1) Amber Shultz*
	County (1) Douglas Adams

2021 NGAC Appointments Timeline

Date	Action
Ongoing	Outreach to partners about nominations/appointments
January 6	Call for Nominations issued
January 29	Informational Webinar – provide information to stakeholder/partner organizations, interested parties
February 22	Nominations due
March/April	Review Panel – evaluation of nominations
TBD	Appointments package submitted to Office of Secretary of Interior
TBD	Appointments reviewed & approved

Note – Nominations received through this Call for Nominations will be used to fill vacancies that will become available in 2021 and 2022.

Additional information is posted at: www.fgdc.gov/ngac

Draft Review Panel Criteria

General Criteria:

- Committee membership should reflect a balanced representation of the viewpoints of the various interests involved in national geospatial activities and the development of the NSDI
- Committee membership should reflect diversity, geographic balance, and experience with multiple sectors of the geospatial community

Specific Criteria:

- Members should effectively represent a constituency or community of interest
- Members should have a record of significant accomplishment and be recognized and respected within their fields
- Members should be able to speak authoritatively on geospatial matters and communicate complex issues to a broad audience in a simple manner
- Members should have a collaborative, consensus-building approach

QUESTIONS?

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