
Summary of June NGAC Meeting

Dr. Robert Austin, NGAC Chair
FGDC Steering Committee Meeting
June 11, 2015

March 2015 NGAC Meeting – Agenda

- Leadership Dialogue
- FGDC Report
- NGAC Subcommittee Reports:
 - Outreach/Communications
 - 3D Elevation Program
 - Crowdsourced Geospatial Data
 - Geospatial Privacy
 - Landsat
- National Address Database Update
- NGS Datum Modernization Update
- Public Comment
- Member Updates

Communications Subcommittee

- Overview/discussion of draft NSDI/Geospatial Platform communications strategy
- Initial comments provided by NGAC Communications subcommittee, full NGAC comments by June 19.
- Key points:
 - Need input and engagement from NGAC and non-Federal partners in developing goals, messages, approaches
 - Develop a variety of effective and adaptable tools – videos, social media, web presence, etc.

Crowd-Sourced Data Subcommittee

- Spotlight Session/Panel Discussion
- Highlighted key issues related to crowd-sourced geospatial data and discuss possible roles for FGDC/NGAC
- Speakers:
 - Alex Barth, OpenStreetMap, Mapbox
 - Mikel Maron, Presidential Innovation Fellow, State Department
 - Lea Shanley, Presidential Innovation Fellow, NASA
 - Jay Benforado, EPA



3DEP Subcommittee

- The NGAC approved the 3DEP subcommittee paper providing comments on the NAPA Flood Mapping Report
- The NGAC approved the following resolution:

“The NGAC endorses the following recommendation in the National Academy of Public Administration’s (NAPA) “FEMA Flood Mapping: Enhancing Coordination to Maximize Performance” report:

Recommendation 15: The Office of Management and Budget should use the 3DEP implementation plan for nationwide elevation data collection to guide the development of the President’s annual budget request.

The NGAC encourages the FGDC agencies and OMB to consider and take action to implement this recommendation.”

Landsat Advisory Group

- LAG received detailed briefing from EROS staff in March on how NGAC recommendations are being addressed
- LAG is developing responses to three 2015 study topics:
 - Non-Federal Land Imaging User Requirement Compilation
 - Sentinel Satellite Series User Feedback and Recommendations.
 - Follow-up on previous LAG papers
- Draft papers for discussion/review by September NGAC meeting

Geospatial Privacy

- Coordination with CIO Council Privacy Committee – designation of liaison to FGDC
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) stakeholder engagement process on privacy issues related to UAVs:
 - FGDC/NGAC provided comments to NTIA
 - FGDC/NGAC will engage in stakeholder consultation process
 - NGAC identifying principles and potential best practices related to UAV privacy

NGAC Discussion - 2015/16 Priorities

NGAC discussed and identified potential focus areas for next 18 months:

1. Data Initiatives:

- National Address Database
 - Develop and implement approach for a National Address Database. Ensure governance & funding models meet needs of major stakeholders.
- 3D Elevation Program
 - Make significant advancements in the 3DEP initiative. Secure funding commitments for enhancement and institutionalization of program.

NGAC Discussion - 2015/16 Priorities

2. Communications Strategy

- Finalize and implement national communications strategy for NSDI and Geospatial Platform.
- Seek input and engagement from NGAC and non-Federal partners in developing goals, messages, approaches
- Develop a variety of effective and adaptable tools – videos, social media, web presence, etc.

3. Geospatial Platform

- Make significant advancements to further develop and institutionalize the Geospatial Platform
- Continue to collaborate with external partners on communities, shared services, etc.

NGAC Discussion - 2015/16 Priorities

4. Transition Strategy

- FGDC work with NGAC to develop options/proposals for next Administration
- May include strategic approaches – new strategic plans for NSDI, National Map, etc.
- May include new programmatic and partnership approaches

Lightning Talks

- Brief presentations by NGAC members on key topics of interest to the geospatial community:
 - State of GEOINT Report 2015 – Keith Masback
 - North Carolina/South Carolina Border Update – Gary Thompson
 - Bicentennial of Geologic Mapping – Harvey Thorleifson
 - National Guard GEOCONOPS – Gen. William Reddel
 - Smart Mobility – Matt Gentile

Next Steps

- NGAC Subcommittees:
 - Subcommittees develop draft papers by September NGAC meeting
 - Subcommittees develop final draft papers prior to the December NGAC meeting
- NGAC Nominations
 - NGAC members encouraged to distribute call for nominations; consider applying for reappointment.
- Next NGAC meetings:
 - September 1-2 (Shepherdstown)
 - December Webinar Meeting (date TBD)