
Summary of March NGAC Meeting

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FGDC Steering Committee Meeting

March 19, 2015

March 2015 NGAC Meeting – Agenda

- Leadership Dialogue
- FGDC Update
 - Geospatial Platform
 - Communication & Outreach Strategy
- Crowd-Sourced Geospatial Data - Spotlight Session
- COGO Report Card
- Subcommittee Reports:
 - Communication & Outreach
 - Geospatial Privacy
 - 3D Elevation Program
 - Landsat Advisory Group
 - Crowd-Sourced Data
- Lightning Sessions
- Public Comment Period

Crowd-Sourced Data

- Spotlight Session/Panel Discussion
- Begin to identify key issues related to crowd-sourced geospatial data for consideration by FGDC agencies and Federal managers
- Speakers:
 - Dr. Sophia Liu, USGS Mendenhall Postdoc Fellow
 - Ms. Denice Ross, Presidential Innovation Fellow
 - Dr. Sean Gorman, timbr.io, GeoCommons

COGO Report Card

- Presentation on recent COGO Report Card on National Spatial Data Infrastructure
- Discussion of uses/follow-up from report card
- Presenters:
 - Governor Jim Geringer
 - John Moeller

Subcommittee Reports – Key Points

- Communications & Outreach
 - FGDC will seek NGAC input on development and implementation of communication strategy
 - Emphasize “National” aspects; utilize NGAC members and organizations in communications effort
- Landsat Advisory Group
 - Follow-up briefing on Friday with USGS on 2015 guidance questions
 - Additional discussion with USGS on scope of review
- 3D Elevation Program
 - Subcommittee has assigned leads for 2015 study questions.
 - Developing project plans to address study questions.

Subcommittee Reports – Key Points

- Geospatial Privacy
 - Reported to NGAC on results of February FGDC/NGAC briefing to the CIO Council Privacy Subcommittee.
 - Strong interest by CIO subcommittee in further collaboration on geospatial privacy issues
- Privacy/Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS)
 - Discussion of Presidential Memorandum “Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems”
 - National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) directed to establish a multi-stakeholder engagement process to develop and communicate best practices for privacy, accountability and transparency issues regarding commercial and private UAS use

NGAC Resolution

The NGAC approved the following resolution:

- The NGAC recommends that the FGDC work collaboratively with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to ensure that the geospatial community is actively involved in the multi-stakeholder engagement process described in the February 2015 Presidential Memorandum “Promoting Economic Competitiveness While Safeguarding Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties in Domestic Use of Unmanned Aircraft Systems.” The NGAC encourages the FGDC to work collaboratively with the NTIA to develop and communicate appropriate best practices for privacy, accountability, and transparency issues regarding commercial and private UAS use for data acquisition, while encouraging innovation and the development and deployment of appropriate technologies that benefit the nation and serve the scientific and economic missions of multiple agencies. The NGAC looks forward to providing input and suggestions to the FGDC to inform the multi-stakeholder process as it develops.

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Lightning Talks

- Brief presentations by NGAC members on key topics of interest to the geospatial community:
 - UAV Activities – Jeff Lovin
 - Stanford EarthWorks Search Engine – Julie Sweetkind-Singer
 - North Carolina Lidar – Gary Thompson
 - Convention on Geoinformation – Kevin Pomfret
 - Utah Geospatial Activities – Bert Granberg
 - Address Summit Update – Tony Spicci/Steve Lewis
 - Datum Modernization – Gary Thompson
 - Geography Education Activities – Doug Richardson

Next Steps

- **NGAC Subcommittees:**
 - Subcommittees refine 2015 workplans
 - Subcommittees provide status reports at June NGAC meeting
 - Subcommittees develop draft papers by September NGAC meeting
 - Subcommittees develop final draft papers prior to the December NGAC meeting
- **NGAC Nominations**
 - FGDC will issue call for nominations for next round of NGAC appointments – Spring 2015
- **Next NGAC meetings:**
 - June 9-10 (Washington)
 - September 1-2 (Shepherdstown)