

Meeting Notes
FGDC Address Subcommittee
September 8, 2021
Webinar

Attendance (28 Total):

Carl Anderson, URISA
Florinda Balfour, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Dierdre Bevington-Attardi, U.S. Census Bureau
Martin Caballero, U.S. Postal Service
Dave Cackowski, U.S. Census Bureau
Rodger Coryell, State of New York
Michael Fashoway, State of Montana
Jason Ford, GISinc/U.S. Department of Transportation
Chris Friel, Michael Baker International
Chris George, U.S. Virgin Islands
John Halverson, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Laura Henderson, U.S. Census Bureau
Dagmar Lipowsky Almenas, Municipio Autonomo De Caguas
Phil Markert, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Jeremy McMullen, State of Vermont
James Meyer, State of Arizona
Alesha Perdomo, U.S. Postal Service
Raúl Ríos-Díaz, iCasaPR
Karen Rogers, State of Wyoming
Dan Ross, State of Minnesota
Andy Rowan, State of New Jersey
John Sperling, iCasaPR
Thomas Springsteen, HIFLD/Booz Allen Hamilton
Ed Wells, URISA
Martha Wells, URISA
Steve Whitney, Pima County, Arizona
Frank Winters, State of New York
Matt Zimolzak, U.S. Census Bureau

Meeting Summary

National Address Database (NAD) Updates, Jason Ford, Steve Lewis (DOT)

- Status Map Changes:
 - Idaho status change to 'no statewide data program'.
 - Hawaii status change to 'not in public domain'.
- Age of Submissions Map will be on the NAD website as soon as 508 compliant alternative text is ready.
- We have participation from at least 33 states as of release 7.
- Updates from 12 states.
- Still at over 61 million records in release 7
- Matt Zimolzak recently completed review and provided metadata for Release 7.
- We will continue to work with the U.S. Postal Service to try to add ZIP Codes to records that don't have them.
- Release 7 is now available now for download on the NAD Website.
- We are currently working with ESRI to provide the NAD as a service.
 - The data will be available to search, zoom, and download.
 - Steve will have more announcements and updates about this soon.
- Discussion
 - Frank Winters – Does the work with USPS include validation or correction of existing ZIP Codes or just additions of missing ZIP Codes? Jason – USPS appends their ZIP Codes to our records. They don't replace source data. Matt – Also the Workflow Subgroup's opinion is that NAD ZIP Codes that are different from USPS ZIP Codes should be replaced since the USPS is the authoritative source for ZIP Codes.
 - Michael Fashoway – Feedback to the states on ZIP Codes would be great. Jason – We will try to do that after post-processing.
 - Karen – Thanks to ESRI for their work on the NAD web map service.

NAD Content Recommendations Vote Results, Dave Cackowski (Census)

- Voting on subaddress approach for the NAD was conducted August 11-August 25 by e-mail. 22 federal agencies were eligible to vote. 3 votes were received, and the vote was 2-1 in favor of following the NENA CLDXF Standard approach to subaddress. We will update the NAD Content document to reflect this.

FGDC Address Standard Maintenance Subgroup Update, Sean Uhl (Census)

- We haven't met since the Address Subcommittee's last meeting. Next meeting is this Friday, 9/10. Topics for Friday:
 - Wisconsin address number parsing issues
 - Begin discussion to reconcile the Address Standard with the Framework Standard (Transportation part). Ed Wells will lead this.
 - Setting up open-source Wiki for document review and comments.
- The subgroup charter is ready to be reviewed. Where does it go next?
 - Matt – Send it to Steve, Dave, and I. The Address Subcommittee will give any comments or questions at the October meeting, then it can be approved.

- We need direction on how to proceed for technical changes proposed to the FGDC Standard.
 - Matt – Process for updating an FGDC Standard and how the GDA affects FGDC Standards is still under discussion. We will have to wait until that is more fleshed out. In the short term the group can continue its work and come up with recommendations and then submit them to the Address Subcommittee for discussion and debate. What happens after that we'll have to wait and see.

Questions About Standards Maintenance Authority, Matt Zimolzak (Census)

- Matt checked and found no references or descriptions in existing FGDC documentation on the question about the Standards Maintenance Authority. The FGDC wants to re-establish the Standards work group. If this group is restarted this would be the authority on questions of standards maintenance authority. Until that happens, Matt proposes that we temporarily confirm Census Bureau as the FGDC Address Standards Maintenance Authority until more guidance becomes available from the FGDC. If there are objections to Census Bureau temporarily continuing in this role you can discuss this at the October Address Subcommittee Meeting.

Puerto Rico Civic Address Vulnerability Evaluation (PRCAVE) Update, Raúl Ríos-Díaz, Jon Sperling (iCasaPR):

- PRCAVE has sent comments on the Content group's responses.
- Regarding the Spanish character questions: Matt maintains that it is up to the source. Almost none of the sources in PR are using Pub 28. What if some sources provide addresses in Spanish characters and some do not?
 - Matt – The NAD accepts data as submitted by the provider. The NAD can support Spanish characters from providers. Other than minimum content, NAD cannot edit data coming from provider. These questions and scenarios are better raised in the FGDC Address Standard Subgroup to see if it's appropriate to come up with standards for PR addresses.
- Raul – Does the NAD allow data not compatible with Pub 28?
 - Matt – That is only a mailing address standard, I'm not aware of it as a standard for location addresses. The NAD takes in specifically location addresses.
 - Ed – Correct. The FGDC Standard differs in certain respects because Pub 28 is a presentation standard, to format mailing labels properly, not for a database like the FGDC standard.
- Raul – Can one address be submitted two different ways.
 - Jason – Only one would be accepted for an address point. When we receive data with Spanish characters, we accept them as is.

Action Items

- Address Content Subgroup will meet to finalize the NAD Content document.
- Temporary maintenance authority confirmation at the October meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 11am ET.