

MnGeo Statewide Government Geospatial Advisory Council Summary

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The following are updates and information being provided to the Statewide Geospatial Advisory Council since the February meeting was cancelled. Council members are encouraged to review this information and contact MnGeo if they have questions or would like to discuss these items or other geospatial issues.

Committee and Workgroup Guide

The draft guide clarifying structure and process for MnGeo's [committees and workgroups](#) was modified in response to suggestions from members of both the State Government and the Statewide Geospatial Advisory Councils. Logman generated a [handout](#) which lists the suggestions and the responses; he also provided a [revised guide](#). There will not be a fixed number of committees that MnGeo will support; instead, MnGeo will attempt to support those groups that it feels are needed.

The next step will be for MnGeo to draft templates for each group to use when creating or revising their charter, work plan, reports and website. MN.IT is creating a charter template that we plan to use.

ACTION ITEM: Let Fred Logman know if you have any final questions, suggestions or comments.

Update on MnGeo's Current Project Priorities

Over several months Dan Ross met with State agencies and other stakeholders to discuss MnGeo projects and activities in order to determine what MnGeo should focus on over the next few months. Based on stakeholder input, current MnGeo priorities, in no implied order, are:

- LiDAR
- Geospatial Commons (tied to Executive Branch geospatial consolidation)
- Statewide Aerial Imagery Program
- Statewide Parcel Integration
- Street Centerlines
- National Hydrography Dataset
- Statewide Altered Watercourse Layer

Details on these projects are provided in Ross' February 6, 2013 presentation to the State Government Council ([slides 12-25](#)).

Geospatial Technology Committee

The new MN.IT Geospatial Technology Committee is responsible for:

- Approving geospatial policies, standards and planning initiatives
- Approving exceptions to geospatial policies and standards
- Recommending plans for transforming state agency-level geospatial operations and extending the technology to a broader community of customers
- Overseeing the development and maintenance of a stable enterprise-level funding strategy for geospatial operations

Membership of the new committee, chaired by Dan Ross and Robert Maki (DNR), is complete. See table below for a list of members.

Title or Role	Name	Organization
ISRM Assistant Commissioner	Chris Buse	MN.IT Central
State Enterprise Architect	Jeff Fanning	MN.IT Central
GIS Architect	Hal Watson	Natural Resources
Chief Geospatial Information Officer	Dan Ross	MnGeo
Service Delivery Assistant Commissioner	Thomas Schaeffer	MN.IT Central
Agency Support Assistant Commissioner	Tu Tong	MN.IT Central
Agency CIO	Robert Maki	Natural Resources
State Agency Business Representative	Cassandra Isackson	Transportation
State Agency Business Representative	Jackie Mines	Public Safety
State Agency Business Representative	Karen Schirle	Human Services
Geospatial Subject Matter Expert	Mike Dolbow	Agriculture
Geospatial Subject Matter Expert	Mark Kotz	Metropolitan Council
Geospatial Subject Matter Expert	Mark Olsen	Pollution Control

The first meeting was February 20, 2013 and will be every third Wednesday thereafter. The first two meetings will focus on an introduction to GIS for members who are less familiar with it.

Legislative Session

[Geospatial Commons](#): The request for funding for the Commons project was not included in the Governor’s budget. Other avenues for resourcing the project are being explored.

MnGeo housekeeping language, the elimination of the State Government Geospatial Advisory Council, and the data sharing proposal are beginning to go through the legislative process. Follow developments in the House for H.F. 1390 and in the Senate for S.F. 1298 ([House search page](#) and [Senate search page](#)).

MnGeo is still interested in acquiring detailed specific information about any potential adverse effects of the data sharing proposal. Without particulars, it is very difficult to mitigate them. If anyone has specifics please provide them to Fred Logman or Dan Ross.

Esri Master Purchase Agreement

The previous MPA was extended by the State and Esri until February 28, 2013. The State and Esri have been negotiating the terms, pricing and products that will be included in the next MPA. Current discussions include pricing of professional services and software licenses; security provisions; a few terms and conditions; as well as the products and services to be included.

Although offered by Esri, “[Managed Services](#)” will not be included in the MPA at this time, but could be added through an amendment at a later date. Managed Services is a relatively new and evolving cloud offering that includes a wide variety of infrastructure, software, and services options that are customizable and scalable for each customer. State concerns include: security, data storage location(s) and that this broad offering may be something that should be better defined and possibly acquired through a competitive bid.

Announcements

[Governor's Commendations](#) are due June 28, 2013. No nominations were received last year.

Council member terms end June 30, 2013. Openings for the FY2014-15 term will be advertised through the [Open Appointments process](#) administered by the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State. Any current members who wish to continue on the council will need to re-apply.

- The process will not be started until it is known whether or not the State Government Geospatial Advisory Council will be dissolved; if that council is dissolved, the number of state sector representatives sought for the Statewide Council may be increased.
- More information about the application process and deadlines will be provided in the coming months.

Future Meetings

- The next **Statewide** Government Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 29, 2013**, 1:00-4:00.
- No **State Government** Council meetings will be scheduled pending the outcome of the proposed legislation to dissolve that council. Meeting materials, including draft minutes, for the February 6, 2013 meeting are on the [State Government Council webpage](#).

Last Meeting Minutes

[Draft minutes](#) for the November 28, 2013, meeting were previously sent to members. If you have questions, or suggested changes please let MnGeo know.