

GIS Council Meeting Minutes – Fall 2005 Meeting 1
September 16, 2005
1:00 pm – 404 Old Main

Present: Daniel Merdes, Rick Day, Wang-Chien Lee, Michael Behney, Dean Snow, Doug Miller, Brady Stroh, Stephen Matthews, Stephen Woods, Eugene Lengerich, and Tina Enderlein

Not Present: Frank Derby, Wayne Myers, Anand Sivasubramaniam, Shawn Hough, and Mark Gahegan

Guests Present: Audrey Huerta, John Siggins, and Tim Enderlein

A. GIS Council Issues

1. Motion to approve the April 19, 2005 GIS Council meeting minutes – meeting minutes approved as written.
2. Introduction of New Council Members – Several changes in representation including the following: Hershey Medical Center – new member is now Gene Lengerich, College of Engineering – new member is now Wang-Chien Lee, University Libraries – new member is now Stephen Woods, College of Ag – new member is now Rick Day, ARL – new member will soon be Shawn Hough. The latest Council membership roster is posted to www.gis.psu.edu/council.
3. Renewal of the GIS Council and Financial Report – Tina Enderlein reported on the remaining budget from FY 2004-05 – GIS Council’s budget is \$1,846.18, GIS Officer’s Travel Budget is \$995.61, GIS Officer Start Up budget is \$824.17. These amounts will be carried over to FY 2005-06. Discussed the Council budget for FY 2005-06 is \$60,000 – received a cut of \$18,000. The Council is now being supported solely by SSRI and PSIE which contribute \$30,000 each. The Council discussed speaking with their unit leaders regarding contributing to the Council’s budget and returning to the November Council meeting to discuss and vote on recommending drafting a memo to Dr. Pell regarding the Colleges financial contribution to the Council. Before going to unit leaders, Tina Enderlein will draft a strawman budget for members to discuss with their leaders. The Council also recommended that we seek a written formal statement of charges from Dr. Pell detailing our mission for the next three years.
4. GIS Training Initiative – Discussed using the event with OIR to jump start the training initiative within the University.
5. Private Industry / Government GIS Event with OIR – April 10-11, 2006, NLI – Discussed the status of the event, schedule for the event, keynote speakers, government / industry interests, and specific goals to be generated from the event. Doug solicited members of the Council to participate in the planning of the event that is currently on-going. Discussed the financial and other risks involved with the event. Motion made that the Council endorse the event and move on in the planning process with measured caution.
6. Update on GT Governance Model Review Meeting Date – this item is tabled until the next Council meeting in the November 2005 meeting.
7. GDT (TANA) Data Agreement – Brady Stroh and Tina Enderlein gave an update on the status of the TANA agreement – to date eight seats have been sold totaling \$1,600 towards the Council’s \$5,000 investment. To help raise awareness of the new license agreement – Tina coordinated with TANA representatives to visit PSU on September 21 and do a 2-hour demo for the GIS Community.
8. ESRI Site License Pricing Issues / Concerns – Over the summer created a Council sub committee to meet with Sue Gavazzi of the Computer Store and discuss the issues. Tina Enderlein met with

the four Penn State ESRI technical contacts (David Walrath, Beth King, Eric Steele, and Brian Bills) to develop a FAQ page for the ESRI site license to address the pricing issues and availability concerns. The FAQ is posted to the GIS website www.gis.psu.edu under the link Software. The Computer Store has also agreed to print the website address on the software CDs they produce.

B. Research Opportunities

1. Update from Maurie Kelly Level II funded proposal – (Update available on ANGEL) Maurie emailed a brief update on their activities for their project to develop a modeling capability within the Environmental Data Library at PSIE – Tina Enderlein circulated to Council members.
2. Update from Rick Day and Tim Enderlein Level II funded proposal for GIS Visualization Pilot Project – Rick Day reported that they have received funding from the National Park Service (NPS) in the amount of \$112,000 as well as \$120,000 in kind contribution to proceed with the research. Rick is planning to write a letter to Dr. Pell regarding his award and the importance of the seed funding to start this initiative.
3. Update from Stephen Matthews – Stephen reported that his Level II seed funding for the evaluation of the food retail environment in Pennsylvania eventually helped lead to a funded project with NIEHS in the amount of \$338,000 starting September 1, 2005. Stephen also indicated that he is going to write a letter to Dr. Pell regarding his successful award.
4. Funding proposal submissions: (proposals are available on ANGEL)
 - a. Level II funding proposal (\$4,941.00) – Audrey Huerta – Request for support for Quantitative Analysis of Glaciated Landscapes in the Transantarctic Mountains. Audrey Huerta was in attendance to provide details on the proposal and answer questions from Council members.
 1. Council recommended that Audrey try to find an alternative source of funding for the computer equipment portion of her proposed budget and re-submit the proposal to the Council.

C. Public Relations

1. TeleAtlas North America (TANA) Information Session, September 21 – 11:00am – 12:30pm, Mann Assembly Room, Paterno Library
2. ESRI Information Session, September 29 – 10:00am – 12:00pm, Mann Assembly Room, Paterno Library
3. GIS Certification Process, David DiBiase – 10:00am – 12:00pm, Mann Assembly Room, Paterno Library
4. GIS Day / Geography Awareness Week – November 14 – 18, Anticipated Mini Workshops (30-minutes) on various GIS topics, Location - TBA

D. Other Business

1. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05p.m.

Submitted by:
Tina Enderlein