

# MSGIC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2006  
Howard County Tyson Room

## **In attendance:**

David Gillum	Anne Arundel County
Kenny Miller	DNR
Kevin Boone	DNR
Jeff Edgin	St Mary's
Matt Felton	CGIS
Jason Mielke	MD DHCD
Virginia Peterman	Howard County
Kaushik Dutta	SHA
Victor Henry	BMC
Charlene Howard	MWCOG
Michael Sheffer	SHA
Alison Rice	ESRI
Roger Barlow	USGS
Patrick Easton	DISDI
Henry Weissenberger	SSA
Bill Burgess	NSGIC

Start 9:10

## **Introductions**

**Objectives: After extensive discussion, the items below were selected as the "Hot Topics" for the 2006/2007 MSGIC year.**

Top 3 Hot Topics:

1. Completing the coop to acquire Statewide orthophotography in spring 2007.
2. Completing the Statewide Centerline Project – This is very important from a technical aspect. ESRI will provide technical support as part of NSGIC. The centerline is important for call centers even if they don't recognize it as GIS.
3. Appointing a State GIS Coordinator

Other thoughts that came up during the discussion:

1. Working groups need to meet outside of the Executive Committee meeting.
2. Roger Barlow will get elevation distributed once he has all the LIDAR he is collecting.

3. Kaushik Dutta is concerned about the state of Maryland's evacuation plans should something happen in DC. He suggested we consider an evacuation decision support application. The intent is to get the coordination in place up front. It could be supported by MEGIN along with the centerline, elevation and ortho data.

Roger Barlow says that there is a Federal meeting in Sept, including NOAA, Corps, USGS to look at inundation modeling and the kind of data needed to coordinate what everyone is looking at. This could support the evacuation models.

BMC has done some travel demand modeling with emergency response. This capability can also contribute data.

4. LIDAR – This needs to be carried on & expanded. MSGIC needs to encourage jurisdictions that have captured their own data to offer it up to the national map.

5. There was considerable discussion about the role of subcommittees, how they work now and how they could work more effectively. They could be charged with various issues such as LIDAR and the Maryland Evacuation Plan. They could also take on some of the things that take time during the Exec meeting such as the agenda for the quarterly meetings.

In the past, the subcommittees have successfully expanded the participation of members outside the quarterly meetings. However, now there doesn't appear to be sufficient time for people to attend both subcommittee meetings, the quarterly meetings and various user group meetings.

Under the auspices of the Education and Outreach committee, Anne Arundel County is willing to offer training services relative to the centerline project. This could act as an outreach effort and could possibly help better connect with the western and eastern portions of the state. Pulling everyone together will be more important over time under the 50 state's initiative and interstate coordination. MSGIC needs to be a central voice for Maryland, while the user's groups focus on technical items.

Can we charge the user groups with part of the MSGIC missions, rather than just reporting to them at their meetings? Also, can we take MSGIC to the outlying jurisdictions rather than expecting them to come to the central meetings? Coming to central meetings is often an issue for the smaller jurisdictions. Asking them to actively participate will educate the jurisdictions about the value of coordinated activities & likewise, MSGIC. ESRI tries to stay out of the agenda formation. The coordinators for the particular groups need to agree to the expanded MSGIC participation.

MSGIC evolved into an issues driven group 4-5 years ago. This is much more valuable to the members. Could we use WebEx as a meeting method? This would need to be funded or borrowed from a member agency. Matt Felton will talk to MEMA & look at whether it could be part of the current grant. The intent would be to use the tool for

specific issue meetings (like developing the statewide ortho RFP) and possibly, quarterly meetings.

Another method would be to try adding representatives from outlying jurisdictions to various meetings via conference call. Bill Burgess pointed out that there is a free conference call site on the internet. This will be tested at the August Executive meeting. Matt will provide the conference bridge and speaker phone.

If a WebEx site can be obtained, that technology will be tested in developing the ortho RFP.

### **Centerline - Kaushik Dutta**

Kaushik passed around maps showing the status of the centerline. The hope is that the entire state will be complete by September 2006.

For updates, Kaushik is working to educate the jurisdictions about how the centerline benefits them. This should reduce the amount of work needed to compile the annual updates because the jurisdictions will be willing participants. Contacting the various tri-county councils may facilitate education.

SHA is emphasizing sustainability of the project over the years. This includes updates & use. Updates of road locations have to be provided by the counties to SHA annually anyhow. Using this cycle as a centerline update mode is the smart way to work.

There is some discussion about coordinating across the border with Delaware, but they are reluctant at this time.

The centerline synchronization pilot with AA County is complete. ESRI is now looking to expand the project to five other counties. One result of the pilot was that synchronization needs to be done quarterly rather than annually. Some work flows need to be created for resolving editing conflicts.

Alison will put together a kick-off workshop for the five expansion counties the end of August. Kenny Miller offered to host.

### **Statewide ortho coop**

Kenny Miller wants to have a working session at next week's quarterly meeting to flesh out the specs of the RFP.

Funding – Kenny has drafted a memo for the Governor that is winding its way through the system. It included asking that the Numbers Board include the project in their funding. MENA has promised a letter to the Board as well.

Utilities – Kenny would like to get them more involved. Charlene Howard will see if WashCOG has a relationship with Pepco. BGE has been contacted but has not committed. Jeff Edgin has contacted SMECO.

Mass Transit – Though SHA and MAA are involved, we need to talk to some of the other transportation modes, rail, bus, etc. SHA will talk to them.

Military - Contact has been made with DISDI (Defense Installation Spatial Data Infrastructure). Pat Easton attended the meeting. DISDI acts as a coordinator to create partnerships between federal facilities and state/local governments. Pat is specifically involved in raster layers. Since Maryland includes many military sites, DISDI is very interested in participating in the coop. There is a Maryland military liaison, General Mike Hayes, at DBED who may be interested in becoming involved. Jason Mielke will contact him. Jason and Matt Felton will also talk to DBED about participating in the project to the extent of promoting it with the governor.

### **State GIS Coordination**

Kenny Miller – The State CIO has secured a position for GIS Coordinator to be housed in Dept of Budget & Management. Kenny has been asked to come up with the work requirements & salary range for the position.

Matt Felton – A kick-off meeting on the CAP grant was held. The intent of the grant is to flesh out the components of a GIS Coordinator position & advisory council. It requires something of a balancing act to demonstrate that MSGIC is doing a good job of coordinating but still show that the positions are needed. Next meeting is July 27.

### **CGIS**

National Map – Matt has gone to the eastern shore & will be going to western Maryland to provide briefings on The National Map successes. Mike Scott is being very supportive. Towson will teach Salisbury about site hosting technology. This will help better distribute the databases. They may be able to expand to Frostburg as well.

### **MEMA**

Federal funding has been greatly reduced. MEGIN funding has dried up. MEMA & Towson are working to find alternative funding.

EMMA is still growing. Version 2.0 is better integrated with WebEOC.

### **ESRI Master Purchase Agreement**

Bruce Eichenberger has promised to work on this after the State is done with the Microsoft agreement.

## **Quarterly meetings**

July 19<sup>th</sup> – A pair of Orioles tickets will be awarded as a door prize. The agenda has been finalized. Parking will be provided.

Elections – Several people have sent ballots back electronically. The Exec committee feels these should be valid as long as they weren't changed and they are signed.

October Quarterly – Frederick County

January Quarterly – Virginia will check with HCC.

## **ESRI User's Conferences**

Alison needs a VIP nomination. Jeff Edgin was picked as the MSGIC chair.

Matt Felton and Dave Gillum will attend the Western MD UG meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Central MD US meeting will be in Rockville. The agenda is being developed.

## **NSGIC**

The Federal Geospatial Line of Business is under development. This is a business management plan for geospatial technology across the Federal Government.

Imagery for the Nation is still alive. The survey will be closed down for analysis shortly. A return on investment study is now in the works.

50 State's initiative – FGDC is accelerating the program. The hope is that all 50 states will be operating on strategic plans within 3 years.

A new data model has been released by DHS that they will likely be pushing to the states. The model can be found at [http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hswg/index\\_html](http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hswg/index_html). Click on, "Department of Homeland Security Geospatial Data Model." The purpose of the model is to support fusion centers. DHS wants fusion centers to become the focus for moving data between the locals and DHS. Bill Burgess feels that MSGIC should review the model and comment.

Transportation for the Nation – This is a new initiative to begin a move for a national transportation layer akin to Imagery for the Nation. Maryland is way ahead of this effort because of the centerline project. It would, however, promote edge matching across state lines & provide Maryland with centerlines from adjoining states meeting the specified standards.

HSIP Gold – Registered users can get access to the databases via WMS. The data includes utility information that is not generally available.

NGA – On June 28<sup>th</sup> an issues brief draft was distributed addressing state strategies for using IT for an all hazards approach for homeland security. One of the issues included was geospatial modeling and mapping. This will be useful in MSGIC's efforts to secure for statewide coordination.

CAP Grants will be out earlier this year than previous years.

NSF has received an addition \$400M for opportunities for next year. It is unclear how this may relate to geospatial, but we should keep an eye on it.

### **WashCOG**

The last meeting was cancelled. The executive committee is developing a revised SOW to accommodate the reduced federal funding available. DC ortho imagery will be made available to USGS next week.

### **BMC**

Working on reports and studies related to BRAC. They have created some ArcGIS

### **MACO/MML**

Alison says the MML conference went very well.

The ESRI/MSGIC boot at MACo, August 17/18, will emphasize the top 3 "hot topics" for this year.

### **Next Executive meeting**

Due to scheduling conflicts, the August meeting will be cancelled. The next meeting will be September 13<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn 12:04