



## PAMAGIC PAGIS Membership Meeting Minutes: 5-12-10

Board Attendees:

Eric Jespersen, Glenn Mohler, Laura Simonetti, Glenn McNichol, Dave Gilbert, Brady Stroh

Approx 30 members in attendance

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### **Glenn McNichol lead a session on Geospatial Coordinating Council Roles and Geospatial Coordinating Council – House Bill Status**

- Primary Council Roles from Strategic Plan
  - Advocate for statewide geospatial initiatives and programs
  - Generate and maintain a statewide geospatial strategic plan
  - Advise on the prioritization of statewide geospatial initiatives and programs
- Secondary Council Roles from Strategic Plan
  - Advocate for sustainable funding for geospatial activity
  - Review and comment on legislation with geospatial provisions
  - Serve as the focal point for statewide geospatial communication and coordination
- Representative Russ Fairchild will introduce bill w/1 2 weeks
- Currently 58 Co-sponsors have signed on to HB 2300
- Tentative plans are to send it to the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee

Talking points of the council

- Benefits of Council
  - Low cost initiative during difficult State fiscal climate
  - Encourages data sharing and reduces redundancy
  - Implements, updates and maintains the strategic plan
  - Establishes a focal point for Geospatial community
  - Becomes a mechanism for legislators to evaluate statewide geospatial activities in the future
  - Will show ROI of geospatial programs statewide
  - Benefits public safety, economic development, and environmental protection efforts across the state
  - Supported by PA one call

### **Dave Gilbert lead a Session on what you would like to see the GIS Council do when it becomes active**

- Council needs to establish an Idea sharing – collaboration (Grants etc) Sharepoint tool
- State government needs a collective voice and ability to participate (more than one person) to bring state government experience to the table at the council.
- The Council should focus on both data and applications based on user

requirements

- The Council should seek to complete the framework of PA mapping
- Council should look to the future to re collect detailed elevation to determine change detection
- Council should clarify needs in security and liability
- Council should prioritize often and not become overloaded with tasks
- Council should seek committee members to bring in new blood and leadership
- Council members should start a provisional council in the interim time until the actual council is formed to get a head start on issues and governance
- The council needs to immediately clarify its operational structure
- The council needs to continue the strategic plan and implement the Strategic Plan Elements
- Council needs to establish Data Layer Prioritization
- Council should identify Stewardship by data layer
- Council needs to make GIS Sustainable
- Council needs to seek Funding streams
- Council needs to investigate operational Systems not just data
- Council needs to continue Standards Development
- Council needs to Engaging more constituencies
- Council needs policy to Adapting to Technological Change
- Council needs to document and Focus on Return on Investment
- Council needs to overcome fragmentation and establish itself as the leader
- Council needs to develop an implementation and operational plan
- Council needs to focus on education of the community and keeping itself and the legislation educated on GIS
- Council should revisit standards and BMPs with interoperability
- Council should be transparent in decision making and actively push information out to their constituents.
- Council should frequently establish committees to address topics and bring in GIS leaders to lead.
- Council should form in a manner to increase cooperation and cohesion in the GIS community.
- Council should reduce redundancy
- Council should actively seek the commonwealth's viewpoint
- The Council should represent the broad GIS community
- Council should establish their link to the federal government
- First and foremost the council needs to form their governance – ByLAWS

### **Glenn Mohler lead a session on What is PaMAGIC's future role in the geospatial community?**

- Identify important topics for board to discuss at retreat
- Website improvements - in progress
  - Gain more membership involvement – committees
- Update the listserv: (150 on it currently) Change the method from yahoo to

- reach out to more people and make a better format.
- Potentially add discussion blogs to the new web site
  - Look to refresh the treasury through grants
  - Make the next PAMAGIC PAGIS meeting at the start of the conference to encourage more participation
  - Center PAMAGIC around networking
  - Look into more deliverables as a means to attract more members
  - Have more town hall meetings on topics or just user meetings. Make these regionally based or topic based
  - Look into on line surveys again to gain membership feedback
  - Promote the regional (federated approach) user groups to be part of the information network
  - Reach out to groups that use GIS data as end users (surveyors, planners)
  - Get input from new blood

**Eric Jespersen lead a session on – development of a transition paper for the next governor**

Meeting to be held specifically on this topic later this fall when the HB2300 status is better known

**Next meeting: board retreat June 3 – 4**