

## Watershed Research

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### Indiana GIS Initiative

**To:** GIS Initiative Committee

**From:** Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Ph.D.  
INGISI Chair

**Date:** June 14, 1999

**Re: Minutes 6/14/99**

#### **In attendance:**

Kathy McCarter, Shelly Frohs, Bruce Nielsen, Scott Russell, Donise Stahl, Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Bob Weaver

1. **Background:** A July 7th meeting at NRCS has been called by the NRCS State Conservationist, Bob Eddleman. The overall objective of the meeting is for some of the "decision-makers" to decide on actions regarding state-wide GIS coordination issues (i.e. clearinghouse, etc.). We will be presenting and able to ask for something. Bob told Bruce he'd like everyone to know, "by the end of the meeting, what would we like to see changed?"

- who will be involved (us and them) - what is our purpose at that meeting - presentation  
- what we are going to ask for

**Decision:** We will make a formal presentation on behalf of the INGISI. While anyone from the steering committee is welcome to attend, we only need a couple people to go and present (those will be Bruce, Donise and Jill). If you want to go, please contact Bob Eddleman's secretary, Paula (290-3200). Jill will distribute a Powerpoint presentation to the steering committee for a review and comment period and we will present and discuss it at our next meeting.

2. **Mission statement** (of the body):

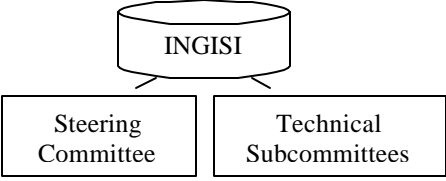
We first went through an exercise used at the GeoData Forum when discussing our purpose to help visualize a future in which our objectives had been implemented. Then devised the following mission statement:

**"Improving the quality of life for the people of Indiana through the integration of advanced technologies."**

Jill will distribute this to our mailing list for comment.

3. **Set next meeting date - June 28, 8:00 ~ 9:45am.** At this point Kathy and Donise excused themselves from the meeting. Bob showed up a short time afterward.
4. **Organizational Issues:**

FYI: Areas of need for implementation (like who has the capacity/willingness to have the plug) are beginning to be filled in. We briefly reviewed the current players that could form a coalition to achieve the mission, and their current, potential and/or suggested roles:

	Coordinating council, organizational framework, technical advisor, establisher of memorandums of agreement, implementation vehicle
Public and Private organizations	Customer and cooperator, provider of data, user of clearinghouse, potential funding source (?)...
Access Indiana Information Network	ISP and link with all state agencies, data server, provider of value-added data, other?
IUPUI University Library	Metadata clearinghouse node, state-wide clearinghouse site
IU Bloomington SPEA	Terraserver space for digital ortho-quads
Intellenet Commission	Host temporary bank account, other?
IUPUI Polis Center	Host temporary bank account, other?
Hoosier Heartland	Host temporary bank account
W.A.T.E.R. Data Initiative	Cooperator in data and information sharing
Others?	?

Next we **reviewed our options for organizational structure** and eliminated options that were not feasible. We decided that we should pursue one of the following two options: either 1) organize as a non-profit organization with paid staff and seek a board of directors that can be influential in the support of the organization, or 2) seek to become established within an existing organization, namely the Intellenet Commission, if they have interest in doing so. Shelly will initiate informal discussion with IC, and Jill will discuss with Donise (absent from this part of the meeting) to investigate the interest of IC in establishing such a relationship. We will present the findings and go forward with a decision at our next meeting.

Meeting adjourned ~ 11:00 am.