



IGIC Coordinators Support Group Meeting (Minutes)

February 14, 2024, 10 am – 11 am

Attendees: Marc Watson (City of Greenwood), Megan Wirth (City of Evansville Area Plan Commission), Mattie Lehman (City of Goshen), Peggy Corey (City of Fort Wayne Utilities), Caleb McCormic (Graduated from Ball State), Valli. R., Steve Hook (Noble County)

Agenda/Discussion:

- 1) Welcome everyone – we went around with introductions.
- 2) Restriction of deeds relating to persons of domestic violence in Recorder’s Office?
 - a. There has been some discussion at the Dearborn Recorder’s Office about upcoming legislation that would redact the address on deeds associated with persons of domestic violence. Steve shared that this information was passed along to him by their Noble County Surveyor, Randy Sexton. Mattie suggested Steve talk with Monica (Elkhart Co.) since she has mentioned something about this situation.
- 3) IGIC Data Integration Plan document update for 2024. This document is our way to affect legislation to benefit those using GIS. Possible survey?
 - a. Steve shared information about what the IGIC Data Integration Plan (DIP) is and some upcoming work on the 2024 update. It has been requested by the State IGO that this document be revamped. The IGIC Data Sharing Committee is responsible for providing annual updates of this document and has suggested possible modifications for this document at their January committee meeting. They are working with the Streets and Addresses work group on the creation of a template that would be passed along to other IGIC committees/work groups that are responsible for updating the various framework layers mentioned within the DIP. Work on this template will be discussed at this week’s IGIC Data Sharing Committee meeting on Thursday, Feb. 15th at 1:30 pm.
 - b. A possible survey could be created that would include recommendations from the committees/work groups responsible for the various framework layers. The survey would be sent to IGIC members to provide feedback on the recommendations. This proposal wasn’t discussed during today’s meeting.
- 4) How best to handle individual and staff training? There was discussion about opportunities available for training and how entities go about providing training.

- a. Megan—She tends to provide one-on-one training within their county offices.
- b. Mattie—asked about the need for using a desktop application (ArcGIS Pro) vs. a web application through Portal for Noble County’s organizational edit environment. Noble County could potentially move some of its users to a web environment. However, there is a need to use the desktop environment. The editing environment would set the level of training required.
- c. Mattie mentioned training opportunities available through the ESRI Academy ([Esri Training | Your Location for Lifelong Learning](#)). She has been able to create a customized training program by selecting various free training classes. Mattie demonstrated how this works through the ESRI Academy. She either searches for existing learning plans or creates her own customized learning plans—review courses through the catalog, pick the courses you want and create for your learning plan. She has been working with four individuals associated with AmeriCorps. She has created a learning plan for AmeriCorps Training—she creates user accounts through Portal, turns on the option “Enable Esri Access,” assigns users to the learning plan, and then tracks their progress. She also sets up individual dept meetings for specialized training.

Mattie has an Enterprise Agreement (EA). Because of this, she is able to create specialized training for users in her organization. Marianne mentioned that for those not having an EA, they can set up an organizational account through IndianaMap.org and will then have access to the Esri Academy.

- d. Marianne mentioned training opportunities available through Udemy.com--
<https://www.udemy.com/course/complete-arcgis-pro-mastery-a-hands-on-practical-course/>
- e. Megan Wirth uses EDX for training needs outside of the Esri environment:
<https://www.edx.org/>
- f. Marianne mentioned that Penn State University offers training opportunities too. GIS lectures and materials may be available for free. Ben Bond can be questioned about this resource.

5) Open discussion

- a. We had more discussion on Enterprise Agreement licensing.

Megan Wirth—looking into an EA license for Vandenburg Co. with a population around 180,000. She is also talking with Evansville to join them. This would be similar to the censorship Allen County and Fort Wayne have. Their potential cost is \$180,000 or less.

Marianne—Suggests treating EA negotiations like a car purchase....Esri is willing to negotiate the price. Esri is eager in having organizations make the switch from

concurrent use to user-based licensing. Recently Marianne has participated with EA negotiations with the State of Indiana. Negotiations can take months.

Mattie—There is a reporting requirement for an EA agreement. However, she hasn't been required to report for their licensing agreement. Esri can already see an organization's named user licensing through the MyEsri.com website.

- b. Mattie Lehman had a question regarding GPS rentals needed for summer help expand inventories.

She is seeking information through a local GIS office. Seiler Instruments could be a potential option. Would like further information.

- c. Caleb McCormick asked about what he should do to learn more about a career in GIS.

He has recently finished an internship in the city of Frankfort helping out their main street group using ArcGIS Community Analyst. He is currently located in Carmel. His contact info: caleb@emccormick.net.

Marianne suggested he submit a portfolio of his classwork. These can help with dealing with new graduates. Also, it was suggested for him to provide a cover letter along with a resume. Caleb's portfolio can be viewed here:

<https://sites.google.com/view/calebmccormickgis?usp=sharing>

Mattie said for Caleb to check out the federal expansion of the AmeriCorps network—you receive a stipend available for paying for college costs.

Employment opportunities are available at:

<https://www.in.gov/spd/workforindiana/internships/>

Upcoming Stuff:

- 1) IGIC Board meeting (in person), Thursday, March 7, 2024, from 1-3 pm at a location to be determined.

For those who cannot attend in person:

<https://iu.zoom.us/my/indianagis>

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- 2) 2024 Annual Indiana GIS Conference – May 15-17, Blue chip Casino, Michigan City

Now accepting abstracts for workshops and regular sessions:

<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/3b7f04b7e03b4699b22813d3d905d886>

The meeting ended at 11 am.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

Category: Support Group

The purpose of this support group is to give those in charge of their organization's GIS to share topics for discussion. Topics may include anything related to the day-to-day operations of their GIS. Participants may discuss their current issues or propose future topics. We hope to provide support to those new in the geospatial field as well as allow seasoned professionals opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise.

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