



PAMAGIC: Meeting minutes 05-31-2013

Attendees:

Mike Bialousz, Nichole Ernst, Ken Juengling, Peirce Eichelberger, Glenn Mohler, Laura Simonetti, Eric Jespersen, Dave Gilbert, Tom Denton

Legislative Update

House Bill 1285

Senate Bill 771

Gentlemen,

I met with the Administration on the geospatial bill and they had a few minor tweaks that I wanted to run by you:

The first deals with a technical term found on page 4 line 11 regarding the Exec. Director. They do not have an ED so we need to use another term.

The "Executive Director" vs. "Lead Investigator" language:

PASDA exists as a result of a contract between OA and PSU. There is a defined scope of work surrounding services the CoPA receives from PASDA -- the contract does not include board responsibilities nor an Executive Director position/title/role. Please keep in mind....In the event this membership remains in any version of legislation, OA would need to find a means to provide additional funding in order to expand the scope of the contract to include 'Executive Director' role and board related services.

- **Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access:** [Executive Order 1999-1](#) provides that the "Department of Environmental Protection shall establish a statewide geospatial data clearinghouse which would provide for the sharing of common geospatial data among state agencies and local governments. The department shall use this clearinghouse to provide information to local governments on how land use decisions may impact air quality, water quality and quantity, soil erosion, and other natural resources." On June 10, 1999, a Memorandum of Agreement for participation in the Pennsylvania Geospatial Information Council was signed by numerous state agencies, independent agencies, the State Association of Boroughs, PA One Call and PaMAGIC. One of the purposes of the council is to establish the Pennsylvania Geospatial Data Clearinghouse. In 2006, Geospatial moved from DEP to the Office of Administration. The Pennsylvania Spatial Data Access system is housed at the Penn State Institutes of the Environment at PSU, and has been located there since 1996. OA enters into purchase orders issued from the master Intergovernmental Agreement with PSU, which was developed by DGS. Since PSU simply maintains the system and performs functions at the behest of OA, an alternative to an Executive Director would be the Principal Investigator responsible for the project. Any subsequent purchase orders would have to be amended to broaden the scope of the Principal Investigator's duties to include serving on the board.

Next the issue came up regarding the language on page 5 line 30 through page 6 line 1: Do we really need it? It actually conflicts with the next subsection (j) because the first one is a shall and the second one is a may provision. I believe the administration will be happier with the (j) since it provides them with more discretion and direct control over expenses.

Final thought: Do we need to define the terms in the bill such as Board, Geospatial and GIS? Just checking or are they common terms defined elsewhere in law?

I think it is good that we are at this level of discussion because we have went past the concept point to actual functionality questions.

If we can resolve these few remaining questions/points I'd like to ask the Chairman to consider moving this in June prior to the budget.

Thanks

Bryan

PAMAGIC position: Determine PASDA's thoughts and have a meeting at PAMAGIC session at PAGIS Conference. Potentially drop PASDA from ex-offio (there is no position of Director at PASDA and there is already a contract of PASDA to OA). Leave 'shall' in the context of \$. Define terms. (Glenn) Eric- Print for the booth and have people provide comment. Meeting with Cutler will be made after the Conference. It is important to respond to Cutler by the end of next week.

Discussion of Municipal Boundaries governance by Dept of State. – noews

GIS Conference Prep

-Elections

- **Elected 2010 - Mike, Dave, (Brady)**
- **Elected 2011 - Nikki, Tom, Laura**
- **Elected 2012 – (Ken, resigned), Eric (1 yr term), Peirce, Glenn**

Three board members expire this year: Mike and Dave (+Ken), Eric Four slots available (one of which will be a two year slot instead of three)

Send out email listserve for nominations and post on Facebook

Nominations:

Dave Gilbert (Accepted)
Mike Bialousz (Accepted)
Eric Jespersen (Accepted)
Noemi Mendez (Accepted)
Steve Kocsis, Cambria County GIS (Accepted)
Matt Gilara, Venango County GIS - declined nomination
Mary K. Seville, Fulton County Planning and GIS (Accepted)
Brian Young, Huntingdon County GIS – declined nomination

- Questions sent to OA –

Dave to print ballots and membership forms for the conference

Two video submitted, seven submittals if u were GIS Czar, nine app reviews.
PAMAGIC session – Tuesday afternoon – advisory board update. State of GIS

- Excellence award: Eric will send wrote up to Glenn McNichol and cc Tom
- Booth: Mike Big screen. Laptops to show video entries. Tape measures and membership forms
- Preconference workshop – moved to Penn Stater again but Peirce had to pay \$800 of his own money to make this happen.
- Infoswap - \$1,700.00 (less than we usually get – light food)

Aerometric, Inc.
Remote Intel
BAE
GeoDecisions
geographIT
JMT
NTM Engineering
PA-MAPPS
Photo Science

Newsletter

Send info to Nikki

New Business

Next meeting: at PAGIS Conference and then again June 14 at 2pm