

Hawaii Geographic Information Coordinating Council

Meeting Minutes

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Craig Tasaka facilitated the meeting, and Ivy Kawakami recorded the minutes.

I. Dr. Luciano Minerbi and Dr. Jon Matsuoka of the University of Hawaii's Urban Planning Department asked the HIGICC committee members to participate in a PASH survey. The survey is being prepared for the State of Hawaii's Coastal Zone Management Program to assess the status of GIS/Digital Spatial data in the State of Hawaii.

II. Posters – Royce Jones presented parcel maps for the neighbor islands with land ownership defined. Vicki Lucas' poster that was presented at the NSGIC meeting in Annapolis was displayed as well.

III. Minutes from the last HIGICC meeting and updated USGS information were distributed by Craig Tasaka.

USGS Announcements:

Vicki Lucas was not able to attend the meeting, however, Craig gave us her update for her.

Hawaii Topographic Map Revision and Reprojection Project

USGS Topo quads are being reprojected to NAD83, which results in gaps where the quads meet. Nineteen quads need cooperators who would invest \$1000/quad to have them reprojected. DBEDT co-oped \$23,000 for 23 quadrangles.

USGS Digital Map Products Prices

New prices will go into effect October 1, 1998. The new price list was distributed by Craig Tasaka.

General Announcements:

Hawaii Survey Conference: January 20-22, 1999. David Doyle, an expert on Hawaiian Datums will be the key note speaker. Brochures for the conference were passed out.

Member rates are being offered for HIGICC committee members (\$110 whole conference/\$80 per day).

GDSI parcel data: Royce Jones announced that group purchase arrangements could be

possible.

AAG Conference: Rod Low described the geographic/technology orientated conference and said that it was open to non-members.

Mayor's Asia Pacific Conference: January 27 – February 3. Al Gore, Jack Dangermond, local government and Asian governments will be gathering together to discuss environmental issues such as recycling, energy conservation, wastewater and discharge management.

Initial Charter Committee Report

Rod Low announced that he and Ron Cannarella met with a lawyer and discovered that we can file in early January with the state articles of incorporation. Our address can't be a P.O. Box, so the suggestion that we use Dan Dorfman's TNC's address since it is a not-for-profit organization.

An application of exemption for the IRS should be filed next year to avoid paying taxes this year. This would require a narrative description of specific projects (i.e. specifically what are we doing – GISMAP, webpage, metadata clearinghouse, framework proposal) and a proposed budget for the first few years. It was suggested that a committee be created to work on this. Rod will be sending out an email on these issues.

Committee Reports

Strategic Planning – Ken Schmidt and Craig Tasaka have met since the last meeting to brainstorm on the best way to get the HIGICC recognized by the legislature. An executive order instead of legislation could be an option because it carries as much weight in making the council a recognized body for coordinating, setting standards, and being an advisory for GIS programs in the state of Hawaii. It would be the path of least resistance. Craig and Ken shared examples of executive orders from the states of California, Colorado, and Arizona that defined representation and duties.

Richard Stone expressed concern that an executive order would make the HIGICC a state agency rather than a professional organization. It was suggested that we ask Vicki her opinion on this issue.

The committee will research executive orders for those that are modeled as professional organizations and draft a preliminary executive order for the whole group to review.

Charter Committee – The committee described several methods of selection for the roles of president, vice president, and treasurer. The consensus was that the elected board members would self-select who would fill those one-year term positions.

The committee decided that four standing committees should be created with a board member chairing each:

data standards and sharing committee
professional development and community outreach
finance (treasure chairing)
ad hoc

Web Page Committee – The committee asks the group to review the HIGICC’s webpage for suggestions. The address is <http://wailea.mhpcc.edu/HIGICC>

The committee will be adding resources to make the page useful as well as informative. Tutorials, hardware and software information as well as employment opportunities and resumes will be posted.

It was suggested that we offer private companies the opportunity to advertise themselves at our site if they become members or pay a fee.

The issues to resolve are:

How will we fund the site?
Who’s going to maintain the site?
Should we register our site with search engines?
Should we hire a webmaster?
Will we be able to obtain a GIS server?
Where will we host the permanent website?

Next Meeting
To be announced.