

Hawaii Geographic Coordinating Council Meeting

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Attendance

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Agenda

1. USGS Status Report
2. HIGICC Tax Status
3. Emerge Project
4. FGDC Grant

USGS Status Report—Carol Ostergren

Carol attended the Global Disaster Information Network (GDIN) conference held in Honolulu

from October 9-12, 2000. The previous week, she attended the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) meeting in Lake Tahoe. There were 251 people registered at the NSGIC meeting; three quarters of the states were represented. Carol provided a status report on Hawaii at the NSGIC meeting. She reported that the HIGICC had incorporated, elected a Board of Directors, that a strategic plan was nearly complete and that HIGICC received a Federal Grant from the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC).

On the national front, NSGIC was struggling with issues relating to whether GIS should be viewed as a profession or as a tool. They are also reviewing the role of the FGDC and how it may be morphing with the changing technology. She highly recommends that Hawaii become a "member state" of the NSGIC. For further information on NSGIC, see their web site at: www.nsgic.org

Regarding USGS mapping, there are now 14 topo maps that have been recast to NAD 83 with revised Hawaiian names (including diacritical marks). There are 35 DRG's available through GLIS, which is being phased out in favor of Earth Explorer (<http://earthexplorer.usgs.gov>). Another issue was whether or not USGS would continue to show ahupuaa boundaries on the USGS maps. Current USGS policy calls for the inclusion of ahupuaa boundaries, but this should be reinforced by HIGICC through documentation supporting this policy. Shannon McElvaney will be the point person to put together documentation supporting the need for ahupuaa boundaries on USGS maps.

HIGICC Tax Status

Goro reported that he tried to establish an HIGICC checking account, but was unable to due to the lack of evidence that HIGICC existed. For this reason, he was not able to deposit checks written to HIGICC. He now has sufficient evidence that HIGICC exists and can establish an account. The Board voted to extend check-writing privileges to the President, Vice President and Treasurer.

Rod reported on the status of applying for a recognition of exemption (i.e., tax free status). He passed out a draft essay on what the organization plans to do. The document identifies the following activities: 1) Hawaii Geographic Metadata Standards and Training, 2) GISMAP 2001 Conference, 3) Open Meetings, 4) HIGICC Web Site, and 5) Other Projected Future Activities.

Emerge Project Status

Pat reported that Emerge had completed ten quarterquads and that 28 more were allegedly on the way. Rod has been making natural color simulations with the released quarterquads. Emerge has flow about one-third of the state. It is not clear what will happen after December 31st. Hopefully, the contract can be extended. There has been some discussion regarding the possible use of GeoInsight's photography to fill in the military areas that they have flown. Rhett's committee will be looking at possibly creating a master mosaic for HIGICC.

FGDC Grant

Royce reported that HIGICC received a Federal Grant of \$16,220 from the FGDC for Metadata training. The grant will be used primarily to support the hiring of an instructor, travel expenses of neighbor island participants and room and equipment rentals. There was some discussion about trying to coordinate metadata activities around mid-January since Doug Nebert, the FGDC metadata guru, will be in town at that time. A Metadata

Subcommittee was formed to draft plans for training and expending the grant monies. The Subcommittee includes: Selima Siddiqui, Sherry Amundson, Joan Esposito, Joe Ramos and Rod Low. A Clearinghouse Node Subcommittee was also formed and includes: Shannon McElvaney, Scott Splean and Craig Tasaka.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the HIGICC was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 30th at 1:30 p.m.