

HIGICC Executive Board Meeting 10/28/03

Minutes

Recorded by Rod Low (in place of Ron Salz, Secretary)

For approval and posting on <http://www.higicc.org/>

Board Member Attendance: Ken Schmidt (President and chair of meeting), Craig Tasaka (Vice President), Michael Parke (Treasurer), Henry Wolter, Ivy Pescador, Goro Sulijoadikusumo, Nami Ohtomo, Tom Giguere, Chris Chiesa, Rod Low

A quorum was established.

I. Approval of Minutes

Ken Schmidt stated (1) that minutes from the July 29, 2003 Executive Board Meeting had been approved by Board members electronically and (2) that the minutes are posted on the HIGICC web site. (Clarification RL 11/15/03 – There is a place to post minutes, but the link is not active.)

Ken made a note to tell Ron Salz to make sure that meeting dates are posted on the HIGICC web site.

Ken provided background on HIGICC to new attendees of meeting.

II. Old Business

A. I-Plan Status

Ken Schmidt and Henry Wolter explained that the Hawaii I-Plan has been accepted by the FGDC director and a link from the FGDC web page to the I-Plan document located at the HIGICC site.

B. Review of amendment of HIGICC bylaws

Goro Sulijoadikusumo notified the Board that the next step on the bylaw amendment is a vote of the membership. The text of the proposed amendment contains structural changes to organizational memberships which require bylaw amendment. The actual membership dues are spelled out in the amendment, but could by themselves be changed in the future without further amendment. A motion to remove the actual dues amounts from the amendment was not approved.

The Board decided that Goro will prepare a text message explaining the proposed amendment which Ron will need to mail out. Michael Parke noted that there are currently about 64 HIGICC members and Ron Salz will need to check with him to confirm who is eligible for the vote.

III. New Business

A. GIS Day

Ken Schmidt described the status of preparations for GIS Day.

Geographic Awareness Week is the week of Nov. 17-24. This includes GIS Day, which is usually observed on the Wednesday of the week, but will be held on Monday in Honolulu because of the availability of facilities. For approximately five years, school children in Hawaii have been invited on field trips to the McCoy Pavilion at Ala Moana Beach Park, for events intended to instruct on the usefulness of GIS technology. In 2002, approximately 150 students attended.

This year GIS Day will again be held at the McCoy Pavilion starting at approximately 8:30am. Joan Esposito and Charlotte Ganal are heading the effort, with Mary Francis Higuchi of the Hawaii Geographic Alliance coordinating with the schools. There will be two sessions with an expected attendance of 240 students. Like last year, there will be four activity areas coordinated by Joan, Charlotte, Darcee Killpack and Royce Jones. The theme this year is on Habitats.

Volunteers are needed and should contact Joan (jesposito@dbedt.hawaii.gov). Last year Gemini Tech provided computers, but will not be able to this year. Joan has secured nine of the twenty laptops she needs and is looking for organizations to loan GIS Day laptops capable of running ArcView 3. Organizations can contribute educational but not marketing materials to the teachers who are accompanying the students. HIGICC will be asked to pay for snacks for students and volunteer workers.

B. GISMAP Conference

Tom Giguere discussed the status of preparations for the next GISMAP conference, which is held in Hawaii every other year. Darcee Killpack and Michael Parke have both been nominated to chair the GISMAP organizing committee. Discussion on likely date for the next conference focused on April or May of 2004. Mike will be in American Samoa for twenty days in April, so he withdrew his name. The Board elected Darcee chair, subject to her continued interest in the position. (Note: she has confirmed).

The Board recommends that Darcee convene a meeting to set the conference dates, venue and keynote speaker. PRC (Pacific Rim Concepts) will handle most of the conference details.

IV. Announcements

A. ISRSE (International Society for Remote Sensing of the Environment) Symposium

Chris Chiesa announced the upcoming ISRSE conference to be held the week of Nov. 10-14 at the Sheraton Waikiki Beach Resort. This is the 30th convening of the Society and

about half of the attendees will be international. The registration fee is about \$500, but day passes are available for \$150. In addition, room monitor volunteers are needed and will get to see four sessions. To volunteer contact Marilyn Li (LiM@EastWestCenter.Org).

B. Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition

Royce Jones mentioned that there will be an inaugural Asia Pacific Homeland Security Summit & Exposition on Nov. 19-21 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

C. Juvenile Justice Information System / State Attorney General's Office

Eileen Madigan, coordinator of the Juvenile Justice Information System in the State Attorney General's Office, described a report and presentation given in August on "Crime Mapping Applications for Hawai'i's Juvenile Justice Information System" which can be viewed at <http://www.cpja.ag.state.hi.us/>.

D. Hawaii Army National Guard

Joe Tilman described the "Visual Automation System", a GIS being developed by the Army National Guard.

E. NOAA Grants

In response to a question from Ken Schmidt, Michael Parke explained the products from the Coral Reef Task Force which includes the \$1.5 million to STI for coral reef ecosystem mapping using hyperspectral imagery, \$1.5 million to UH SSRI to study alien invasive species and \$2.5 million to CEROS for additional local projects. NOAA has a proposal for laser line-scanning to image the seafloor at 2-3 inch (vertical) accuracy.

F. FEMA Lidar and Multi-hazard maps

Henry Wolter mentioned that FEMA has begun lidar acquisition had begun for downtown Honolulu, Kihei, Maui and a location on the Big Island. Lidar is being collected at different resolutions (4 meter, 2 meter and perhaps 1 meter). Also discussed were the update of FEMA flood maps, which will eventually become multi-hazard maps. The current phase is a proof of concept to convert existing boundaries to an aerial image background. Future work will be needed to resurvey.

G. Imagery – Various Projects

Henry Wolter announced that NIMA will produce 1 foot true color orthophotos in Hawaii. He also said that he is scanning at 600 dpi and mosaicing the black and white aerial orthophotos that were created in 1976-78. Chris Chiesa noted that the Ikonos Consortium has started to deliver imagery.

V. Committee Reports

A. GISMAP

As the only aspect of this committee that had not been previously covered, the Board decided that the GISMAP committee will report directly to the Board.

B. Strategic Planning

Ken Schmidt described a lack of recent progress, partly due to family and health issues for Sherry Amundson. Previously, a draft of the strategic plan was circulated within the committee, but no final document was produced. The HIGICC has been engaged in activities in accordance with the general vision, such as the I-Plan. Ken will speak to Sherry about how to resume committee activities.

C. Data Coordination and Standards

Chris Chiesa stated that there was no response to the general eMail message that Ken Schmidt had sent out as his Fall 2003 message to HIGICC members, so Chris contacted Rhett Rebold and Rod Low who had worked on this committee in the past. Rhett mentioned to Chris that in the past, interest has coalesced around specific data collection efforts. The need to pursue an update to the I-Plan and to focus on specific chapters and cross-cutting issues was discussed. Rod suggested a committee to do fact-finding and make recommendations on the use of Hawaiian diacriticals.

Chris relayed Rhett's suggestion that a committee be set up to make recommendations on improving the spatial accuracy of parcel layers. Royce Jones replied that this can create problems for users who reference other layers to the parcel layer. Chris noted that in Tuscon approached modernization by supplying controls points and procedures so that users could apply the same corrections to their own layers.

D. Membership and Bylaws

Having previously addressed proposed bylaw amendment, the Board tasked Goro Sulijoadikusumo to convene a meeting to complete the cleanup of bylaws.

E. Education and Outreach

Nami Ohtomo relayed that like Chris Chiesa, she also did not receive any response to Ken Schmidt's Fall 2003 email message. She noted that Momi Aiu has left STI and apparently is not working in the GIS field at present. As a result, the committee needs a new chair. A second issue is that maintenance of the web site has been shifted from Harley Pennington to Connie Hoong, who works with Henry Wolter at the USGS. Finally, Nami said that one of her top goals would be to establish an HIGICC newsletter as previously discussed.

F. General Discussion on Committees

Ken sought ideas on how to reinvigorate the committees.

- The suggestion was made to focus on specific content rather (e.g. I-Plan chapters) than general committees.
- Another suggestion was to pursue the idea of a UH scholarship, which was refined by the suggestion to hold a map contest with the prize leading to the scholarship.
- Chris Chiesa offered the suggestion of holding outer island meetings and offered PDC as a possible location.
- Royce Jones noted that there has been a change in the nature of Board meetings which had become more business and less informational. The suggestion was made to have a different set of meetings that would be more social and would include luncheon speakers to address specific topics. It was agreed that Nami Ohtomo will try to schedule one such luncheon before the end of the year (after GIS Day).

The meeting was adjourned.