

HIGICC Executive Board Meeting minutes
December 17, 2004
Meeting began at 11:35 a.m.

Attendees:

Chris Chiesa (on phone)
Craig Clouet
Darcee Killpack
Ingrid Kunimura
Nami Ohtomo (on phone)
Ron Salz
Ken Schmidt
Craig Tasaka
Henry Wolter (on phone)
Lisa Wong (on phone)

Guests:

Gary Fitzpatrick

Old Business

Minutes from meeting of September 30, 2004 were reviewed and approved via email.

New Business

1. Newsletter

The first HIGICC newsletter is complete and has been distributed to the membership and others on the mailing list. Nice job Steve and Nami!

A couple of questions came up. The first was on frequency. It was discussed that it should be quarterly or semi-annually. This question is brought up again later in the minutes and will be referenced here.

The second item on the newsletter, recommended by Gary, is to number them consecutively without reference to year. So, we've just completed #1.

2. I-Plan Chapters

Copies of each chapter, in the original word format, will be sent to all chapter authors. (This was done on January 7, 2005).

The Physical Environment and Natural Hazards chapter has been separated. Rod Low will still be the chapter author for Physical Environment. The Natural Hazards chapter will be authored by the PRIMO-Hui chairs, Eric Wong and Larry Kanda.

Ron will create a list for the entire email contact list with the names of each chapter chair and chapter responsibility, asking if they want to be involved to contact them directly. (Obviously this didn't happen. I can still send out an email to the mailing list, but it may be a little after the fact at this point. Chapter chairs, do you still want this to happen?)

3. Gary Fitzpatrick and recovery of UH Manoa Map Collections

As everyone knows, the Manoa Flood of October 30, 2004 caused extensive damage to the University of Hawaii, including the Map Collection at the Hamilton Library.

Gary Fitzpatrick attended the meeting. Gary has recently retired as the Geographic Information Systems Specialist, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress. Gary is also the co-author with Riley Moffat the "Early Mapping of Hawaii: Palapala'aina, Vol. 1" and "Surveying the Mahele: Mapping the Hawaiian Land Revolution, Palapala'aina, Vol 2." Volume 3, Mapping Lands and Waters of Hawaii is just about released.

Gary was asked to visit UH about rebuilding the map collection.

A couple items:

1. At LOC, he put together a scanning program with more than 7000 maps online using Mr. Sid to permit downloading the images for free. He is looking to see if the use of scanned maps is more appropriate to replace the damaged items instead of buying them new. This would be a major scanning operation for historic maps. Gary also wants to discuss a collaborative approach where UH will want to involve anyone in Hawaii for a coordinated statewide effort.
2. He met with the Hawaii Historical Society members of 2 organizations ***
3. Could put together grant proposals with the National Endowment for the Humanities and possibly LOC.
4. Craig Clouet may talk with Gary to share information.
5. Gary commented that a good cataloging system is the most important and UH can bring this skill forward.
6. Gary will be the POC (point of contact) when he has a signed contract.
7. Priority for map recovery – Doctoral research, classes, longer term research
8. The Library of Congress may be able to provide Hawaii and Asia/Pacific maps that were lost in the flood.

Motion: HIGICC will be supportive of the recovery efforts of the UH Manoa map library and will coordinate with that effort as HIGICC pursues our historic map library.

Motion passes unanimously.

4. GIS Day

Over 300 students attended the GIS day festivities this year. Thank you to all the organizations that participated. Ken Schmidt will send out photos and John Hodge has a video. Let's bring this up at the next meeting, about how to make the video available.

The question is now 'What to do with GIS Day in the Future?'

New Items

1. GECCO/GITA

This was discussed in order to brief Board members on what this program is, and how it may interrelate to other GIS data sharing efforts.

GITA - Geospatial Information and Technology Association, an International non-profit organization that promotes the use and advancement of geospatial technologies. Members are primarily utility based organizations, i.e. HECO, HTEL.

GECCO - Geospatially Enabling Community Collaboration, a program presented by GITA to support the sharing of geospatial data among public safety and first responder agencies.

A GECCO workshop was presented in July of 2004, with a report completed. A follow-up meeting is to be scheduled in early 2005. Need to keep everyone aware of HS and Disaster recovery work.

Dave DiSera from the company called EMA is the lead contact for GITA locally and is willing to participate in the updating of the utilities chapter of the I-Plan. Ken will coordinate with David on this activity.

Utility based – HECO, HTEL. Dave Desera (sp?) from EMA (Emergency Management Agency) will support modifications (to what?)

2. Datahui – Chris Cheisa

Chris Chiesa reported that PRIMO, the Pacific Risk Management Ohana, is putting on another workshop to bring together data providers, the week of March 14, 2005. The Hui is managed by Eric Wong and Larry Kanda.

They are documenting existing data collection and development activities. A working group is producing a hazards data model/schema.

Chris, Eric and Larry have agreed to take on chairmanship of the I-Plan Chapter on Natural Hazards. The extension of chapter deadlines until the end of March (not official,

just realistic) allows Eric and Larry to further update the Hazards chapter with information from the March Primo meeting.

3. Map Scanning – Craig Clouet

NEDCC, Northeast Document Conservation Center, did a report for Craig on conserving Kamehameha Schools' maps.

Craig will coordinate a meeting during the second week of January (not the day of the luncheon) for Board members to visit his shop. I think Craig said he will email a PowerPoint presentation to the entire Board so those who cannot attend can follow along at home.

4. HALS - Nami Ohtomo

Nami will get a message on the HALS conference to Connie to post on higicc.org.

5. GISMAP – Data Collection Panel – Darcee Killpack

Darcee asked about an HIGICC sponsored meeting where agencies can present new data. Darcee will work on a plan for the next HIGICC Board meeting.

6. Membership– Ken Schmidt

The Executive Officers need to get together to refine the Official Membership list. Ron Salz, as Secretary, should have a list of all members. The list could be completed and then circulated to the membership for verification, as had been done by Bill Medeiros in the past.

7. HIGICC List Server – Ron Salz

Ron contacted Scott Splean, who used to manage the HIGICC list Server and now lives in Lake Tahoe, California. Ron will get in touch with the customer service folks at MHPCC to determine if the list is still working, how to manage it, etc.