



January 7, 2009

**HIGICC Meeting Minutes**

11:30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

USGS Water Resources Conference Room 677 Ala Moana Blvd Suite 415

**Attendees:**

Arthur Buto  
Carol Kennedy  
Ron Salz  
Brian Loomis  
Alexa Jacroux Biggs  
Sandy Magriter  
Salim Mohammed  
Henry Wolter  
Adrian Fitzgerald  
Joan Delos Santos  
Harley Parks

**Listening in:**

Carol Kennedy

1. Treasurer's report:

- There was \$34 difference during the last luncheon meeting.
- Form 990 is required, and accountant filed extension for HIGICC
- Need home addresses for Ron and Royce as part of the tax paperwork.
- Joan reported that Act 174 may require us to provide information to the state as a non-profit. However, since we receive less than <25,000 in income, we may not need to do so.

2. USGS update:

- Henry reported that FGDC folks had a successful meeting with the Obama transition team.

- Henry also reported that there is National Hydrography training Jan 20, 2009 between 8.15 and 5;
3. State and County updates:
    - Joan and her office submitted a CAP grant; had a Jan 6 deadline which is difficult because of the holidays; without a grant, they won't be able to get the planning portion done.
    - Carol Kennedy reported that there will be new parcel data available and is in the process of being approved; expect to have data approved within weeks.
  4. DNLN update
    - Laura (last name, help Arthur!) (Arthur's boss) has set aside monies to bundle ESRI licenses, and it is a great step in the right direction. This should mean that there will be money available each year for GIS software.
  5. Strategic Plan Update
    - Henry, Joan, Royce and Ron will work on a paragraph addressing the outreach part of the plan
    - The plan will be out on the wiki for public comments/suggestions in the next couple of weeks
    - We need to start thinking of writing the business plan part
  6. PacGEO/HCPO/APA/HIGICC
    - HIGICC is exploring options to hold a joint conference with HCPO/APA and a Friday meeting planned with them.
    - Pacific Rim Concepts is likely to be hired to give us an estimate of costs
    - HIGICC is a relatively fiscally conservative organization and cannot afford high costs. Our collaboration with them this time is a big question at this point.
  7. Harley Parks – CH2M Hill's Using Spatial Technology to Access, Organize, and Query Environmental Site Records luncheon presentation
    - Harley Parks brought up issue that might cause a problem with CH2M Hill's sponsorship of the upcoming luncheon. A long discussion ensued—focusing on the problems with such a sponsorship under HIGICC's auspices including conflict of interest and exposure to HIGICC against possible problems including

government regulations about accepting in-kind contributions/gifts in exchange for providing an audience for commercial products. The board decided that:

- a) the best course of action was to cancel the upcoming presentation
  - b) re-schedule it without a lunch sponsorship at another time
  - c) discuss the issue in detail via e-mail and have a written policy
- Parks also reported that there now an Adobe User Group and wants to publicize this particular group within the geospatial community.

#### 7. GIS Curriculum

Ron thanked the volunteers who looked at the GIS curriculum's class lesson and provided feedback to Lisa Wedding and Barbara Gibson. The lesson is now complete and ready to be handed over to interested groups.

#### 8. PRIMO – Adam Stein

- Adam reported working on a non-profit organization called PRIMO that would support PACGEO. Primo is focused on the West Pacific and has a GUAM meeting later this year (Feb 17-19).