

WV Association of Geospatial Professionals

MINUTES	DATE: 23 June 2020	TIME: 10:00 AM	PLACE: Zoom
MEETING CALLED BY	Kevin Kuhn 10:03 AM		
TYPE OF MEETING	Annual Meeting		
PRESIDING OFFICER	Kevin Kuhn, President		
SECRETARY	Chelsea White		
ATTENDEES	WVAGP Membership (43 total in attendance)		
Special Order	Barbara MacLennan: Final Call for Ballots, Final Call for Ballots, Final Call for Ballots.		
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	2019 Annual Meeting Minutes; Marvin Davis makes the motion to approve the minutes; Jennings Starcher seconded the motion; Motion approved by membership		
REPORTS	<p>President's Report: (Kevin Kuhn)</p> <p>The 2019-2020 year has been a year of change. Our midyear meeting successfully changed venues this year to Adventures on the Gorge, offering new grounds to gather on. The Corona Virus Pandemic has instigated significant change for everyone this year. Some of our own members have been furloughed, some have been working remotely and most certainly budgets are going to change. Covid-19 forced change upon us and using the data and direction we had at the time, cancelled our plans for the West Virginia Semi-Annual GIS Conference.</p> <p>Our goals this past year was to also provide for training and support to our users, facilitate dialog and inter-agency cooperation, as well as connect users who share their experiences with one another. The Annual meeting was a big loss to our organization this year. Part luck, part planning, WVAGP did not incur significant financial loss, but we lose out on the meetings benefits. Our Annual Conference and membership meeting is intended to serve GIS Users in this state. It creates a forum to exchange experiences, both failures and successes. It helps us generates new ideas and borrow best-practices to apply to our own. The conference provides an environment that facilitates discussions between managers and users, policy makers and technicians. This is what we lose, but we will adapt. Change will come again as we reclaim our lives from this pandemic. Applying the lessons learned, keeping the good (remote work) and discarding the rest. WVAGP board has already began discussions for planning both a mid-year meeting and are in the beginning stages of planning next year's conference. Join us in these discussions by volunteering to sit on the conference committee.</p> <p>This year's agent of change has pushed us to focus on getting additional topics of training but offering also offering courses online. We expect additional courses and resources to be made available over the next year, creating a work-around to meeting in person and adding flexibility of schedules and travel restrictions.</p> <p>I want to take the opportunity to thank the board members, who have put in the work to facilitate conferences, meetings, trainings, and exchange of ideas for GIS users in WV. They truly work hard, and I am grateful for it. I also want to thank you as members, who put forth the effort and commitment to assist each other and advance GIS in WV. This coming year will see additional challenges and change, and we are preparing to adapt and continue to serve the GIS users in the great state of West Virginia.</p> <p>Vice President's Report: (Jessica Perkins)</p> <p>(Not on Call, sends her regards)</p> <p>Despite the recent global pandemic and resulting adjustments and slowdowns, we had a productive year with WVAGP. I am continually impressed with the level of support and technical expertise in the geospatial community across The Mountain State.</p> <p>The 2-day Annual Meeting at Adventures on the Gorge in May 2019 was a great success. Thank you Colleen for leading the charge to get us to a part of the state we had not ever met in. I learned a great deal helping with logistics for and hearing from experts in the unmanned aerial systems (UAS, drone) field.</p> <p>We repeated GIS Day at the WV Legislature on January 10th. There was less attendance since it was on a Friday and the ongoing construction in the rotunda and dome area, but we spoke to several legislators and networked with each other. We have discussed securing a date in the middle of the week next year</p>		

which will increase traffic. We should not underestimate our presence at the Capitol as a reminder of the importance of geospatial data and analytics to our state and communities.

The WVAGP Board has met monthly throughout the year and tackled various topics, including changes to the way we do elections, website updates, trainings, and WV GIS Conference Planning and adjustments as the pandemic unfolded, among other day-to-day tasks.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve on the board and as vice-president. It is an honor to work in this field and alongside all of you.

Treasurer's Report: (Jennings Starcher)

Starting Balance (2018-19): \$93,655.60

Ending (Net) Balance (2019-20): \$91,804.39

WVAGP filed federal tax documents and it has been sent to the IRS for review.

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Aaron Cox; seconded; Marvin Davis

*Jennings Abstained

Secretary's Report: (Chelsea White)

We have continued Membership growth, GISPs in 18 counties. Compiled resources (emails, meeting minutes, agendas, treasurer reports, etc), Creation of WVAGP Secretary gmail account (WVAGPSecretary@gmail.com), Transitioned from Dropbox to Google Drive (Thank you Colleen) Organized the resources. It was a pleasure to work with everyone in getting the original meeting planned (Alumni Center) and then switching to the online platform. Nice work and looking forward to next year's meeting!

Audit Committee: (Tony Simental)

Thank you Jennings Bank account is good, everything is correct, perfect, and honest. Annual Assessment: No irregularities

Motion to approve Marvin Davis Seconded; Colleen Lemasters

*Jennings Abstained

Communications & Outreach Committee: (John Bocan)

We have many means of communication (Constant Contact, Listserv, Facebook, Twitter), we have a very active Facebook site (if not familiar – WVAGP- West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals) we have many posts, reactions, likes, we have been decently active and will continue to do so.

March 24th of 2021 (Wednesday) will be the next GIS Legislator day.

This will be my last term, will be making all the appropriate documents available on Dropbox.

Marvin: Could we have those documents saved to our Google Drive instead?

Chelsea: I will send an e-mail to you John.

Conference Committee: (Colleen Lemasters (Co-Chair) & Aaron Cox (Co-Chair)

A big thank you to the committee members (Tony, Jennings, Chelsea, Kevin, Jessica Perkins, and Julnet)

We worked really hard for the past year to get this all planned (along with Julnet) and then COVID-19 happened. We have everything planned, ready to go, including swag (hopefully we can order that for next year). Thank You everyone for attending!

We started exploring ideas for our 2021 meeting but had to put that on hold since we do not know what next year will look like.

Kevin: I want to echo off of that and say thank you everyone for all the hard work, hopefully we can take what we planned this year and put it towards next year.

Aaron: I thought it was nice to get some recognition for ESRI sending a senior representative (Bernard Szukalski) to speak at our conference. I think this shows how much our organization is gaining in recognition.

Election Committee: (Barbara Maclennan)

Thank you to everyone and the membership. Last time we voted to have the electronic voting included in our Bylaws (approved); we were able to implement that thank you to Julnet.

The results from the election, nominated: Jessica Perkins, Jessica Gormont, Jennings Starcher, Aaron Ferrari, Steve Harouff, and Dave Weaver. Alternate: Gene Del Greco Written-In: Andrew Dolch.

I don't think we will be able to tell if electronic voting will increasing voting or not, hopefully will be able to tell next year.

We worked hard to increase voter turnout, we met our goals of trying to implement ways to increase ways of voting (electric voting) we were impacted by not being able to vote in person. Thank you to everyone on the committee, if you are interested, please reach out and join.

Kevin: Congratulations to our new board members. Barb if you can, will you e-mail the new list to Cassie so she can send the new zoom link to the WVAGP board.

Kevin: Thank you again Barb for all of your hard work. Members I will open the floor to you, any Questions, comments, or concerns?

Barb: Someone asked if we could vote using Survey123.

Barb: We have to consult with the people who know the bylaws due to security, Julnet has everything setup which made it easier for voting.

Kevin: I am not sure Survey123 would be able to facilitate the needed votes, since there are a couple of factors that go into it (numbers, e-mail addresses).

Technical Issues Committee: (Steve Harouff)

Appreciate the opportunity to provide the technical issues committee report.

I, Steve Harouff was re-elected in 2019 to the Board as an alternate, which allowed me to continue as Chair of the Technical Issues Committee. Over the past year, as committee chair, I helped organize and participated on the UAS Panel for the 2019 WVAGP Annual Meeting. I also coordinated the use of one of the Division of Forestry's drone pilots to take a group photo of those in attendance at the annual meeting.

I worked with board member Frank Lafone and WVAGP Treasurer, Jennings Starcher to set up a new domain account for WWW.WVAGP.ORG, which was previously under the WVU GIS Tech Center's account. I also took over the free conference call number account used by the Board.

I worked with Communications Committee Chair, John Bocan reviewing the WVAGP website to determine needed changes and updates and provided a list of needed changes.

I reviewed the WVAGP strategic plan to get familiar with the document for planned future updates.

The Technical issues committee was asked to review any existing State legislation for the official state and county geospatial boundaries. Working with state GIS Coordinator Tony Simental, we had conversations with Director Mitch Blake from the WV Geologic Economic Survey, the official steward of the State Boundary. No official legislation was found, so this issue will be taken up by the State GIS Steering Committee as part of the Next Gen E911 project by coordinating with surrounding states on an official working geospatial boundary that will align with surrounding states. Necessary legislation will be coordinated through the WVAGP and other stakeholders.

The committee was also asked to review the new Datum 2022 being developed by the National Geodetic Survey (NGS). NGS is replacing NAD 83 and NAVD 88 with a new geometric reference frame relying on global navigation and positioning systems, along with gravity measured geoid models, which will all be easier to maintain. The project however is on hold as collection of gravity data measurements needed for the project are currently on hold. State GIS Coordinator, Tony Simental has indicated current legislation based on NGS templates is in place at this time for the transition to this new Datum. Future coordination is planned with federal partners to provide status updates for future meetings to the WVAGP.

	<p>As Technical Issues Committee Chair over the past year, I participated in all but 1 monthly Board meeting, various special meetings, providing support as needed to the other committees, helping with annual meeting planning, and voting on WVAGP Board decisions. This has been a very rewarding experience and I look forward to continuing as a member of the WVAGP Board.</p> <p>Steve: I would like to invite anyone to be a part of the committee.</p> <p>Training Committee: (Marvin Davis)</p> <p>Marvin: We did hold a little over half of our courses (Foundations I,II,III) we added two new courses: ArcGIS PRO and ArcGIS Online taught by Aaron Maxwell (thank you). We also held a GeoStats course over the summer of 2019 and switched gears to begin planning for Winter and spring trainings, we had a foundations course scheduled at Beckley for the second year in a row, we were intent on it being a full class, had some news the course itself could not happen due to logistics. That was the first casualty of COVID-19 we also had two other courses scheduled online (ArcGIS Pro & ArcGIS Online) we had to cancel those but offered an alternative version to students who had signed up, basically could go through the course itself. Sadly, bulk of the people ended up canceling because it was not in person. As it currently stands we do not have any courses scheduled due to COVID-19, Aaron Maxwell has some online training scheduled for late fall, via zoom. My hope is that early 2021 COVID-19 will be gone or manageable enough to where we can resume.</p> <p>Marvin: Want to thank: Aaron Ferrari, Aaron Maxwell, Brandy Bachman, Frank LaFone, Jennings Starcher, Jessica Brewer, Jessica Gormont, Kevin Kuhn, Pam Hoskins, and Vince Post.</p> <p>I also welcome any new members; I very much would appreciate any new members as this is a very active committee.</p> <p>My term is not up this year, but I hope to still be involved with the training committee!</p> <p>Kevin: Thank you Marvin, it has been a challenging year. Jamison Conley had stated he would offer an online Python course in the fall.</p>	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	None	
DISCUSSION		
NEXT MEETING	To Be Determined (May/June 2021)	
ADJOURNMENT	11:18 pm. (moved by Colleen Lemasters, seconded by Kevin Kuhn)	
	ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY	PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE
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