

Summary
MetroGIS Policy Advisory Team
May 2, 2001

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Hentges at 11:55 a.m. immediately following the joint meeting of the Policy and Technical Advisory Teams.

Policy Advisory Members Present: David Arbeit (LMIC), Will Craig, Jim Hentges (Scott County), Jane Harper (Washington County), Bill Brown for Patrick O'Connor (Hennepin County), and Ed Shukle (Anoka County).

Policy Team Members Absent: David Claypool (Ramsey County), Eli Cooper (Metropolitan Council and Dennis Welsch (AMM-Roseville)

Support Staff: Randall Johnson, MetroGIS Staff/Policy Coordinator

1. Approve Agenda and 2. Approve Meeting Summary

Member Craig moved and Member Shukle seconded to approve the agenda and the March 28, 2001 meeting summary as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Action and Discussion Items

a) Appointment of Brad Henry to the Coordinating Committee

Member Shukle moved and Member Arbeit seconded to recommend that the Coordinating Committee appoint Brad Henry to its membership as a person with “special expertise important to the MetroGIS mission not provided by another member. Motion carried ayes all.

b) MetroGIS Membership in National GeoData Alliance

Randall Johnson summarized staff’s recommendation that MetroGIS apply for membership to the emerging National GeoData Alliance (GDA) as an Institutional member at an annual fee of \$500. Johnson also shared with the Team that he has tentatively accepted a request from the Interim GDA Director, Kathy Covert, to work full time on a project for the GDA from mid-July to mid-September. He stressed that MetroGIS would continue to move forward on all critical projects in his absence under the oversight of Trudy Richter, member of the MetroGIS support team.

Team members expressed support for both membership in the GDA and staff’s special project involvement. Members also cautioned that staff needs to be vigilant that time spent on GDA matters does not negatively affect progress on MetroGIS’ activities. Notwithstanding, all agreed that it is also in MetroGIS’ best interests to be involved in the GDA to continue to shape it, take advantage of the connectivity that it is designed to produce, and possibility position MetroGIS for additional grants and other supplemental resources. Johnson also shared with the Team his desire to have a member of the MetroGIS Policy Board accept nomination for election to the first GDA National Board of Trustees as a representative of regional GIS collaboratives. The election will be held at the first national GDA conference of members scheduled for Nov 1-3, 2001 in Denver, Colorado. To be eligible for election, an institution or individual must have been a member for 60 days prior to the election.

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The members concurred that the application for membership should be endorsed by the Policy Board and the staff should use as an opportunity to both educate the Board about the GDA as well as explain the role that MetroGIS has played in its development.

Arbeit moved and Craig seconded to recommend that the MetroGIS Policy Board authorize MetroGIS to apply for membership in the GDA, via the Metropolitan Council, as an Institutional member.

c) Meeting Schedule

The members agreed to the following meeting dates, assuming availability of a meeting room:

All Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m., tentatively the Roseville City Hall: June 20, July 18, and Aug 15.

(Note: Following the team's meeting, staff learned the Trudy Richter is not available June 20. June 13 or 14 will be suggested as an option at the May 22 special meeting of the Coordinating Committee.)

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Prepared by,

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