

Potential WIGICC Governance Model

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This DRAFT governance model is based on a traditional council structure, but emphasizes stakeholder input for determining council business. Council members are appointed (or elected) by stakeholder groups. Council Chair will be elected by council members on a yearly basis. Administrative support for council will come from DOA and/or SCO.

Members (25 voting)

- Six members from towns, municipalities, and counties
- Three members each from state agencies and the private sector
- Two members from Wisconsin higher education institutions (public or private)
- One member each from federal, tribal, regional government agencies
- One member each from WLIA, WSLS, Register of Deeds Association
- One each appointed by Governor, senate, assembly
- WDOA Geographic Information Officer and the State Cartographer (*ex officio*)

Stakeholder Registration

Anyone may "register" with the council, and then be eligible to vote on periodic non-binding "referenda" as one means to provide feedback to the Council on key issues and proposed policies. The council will actively promote communication among stakeholders through the use of collaboration technologies such as Web portals, blogs, online forums, and other methods to be determined.

Standing Committees

The council, with input directly from stakeholders and the Stakeholder Relations committee, will identify the key issues to be addressed and make committee assignments as needed. The standing committees will also identify issues and proposed solutions to the council for review and concurrence.

Stakeholder Relations

Responsible for filtering key issues to the Council for action based on stakeholder input. Works closely with outreach committee to ensure stakeholders are satisfied with council performance.

Standards

Perhaps modeled after the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC), this committee will develop technical standards using an open, collaborative approach. Ad-hoc working groups will be established as needed to develop specific standards.

Council Operations

This committee is comprised of the Chair of the Council, the ex-officio members, and the chairs of the standing committees. It provides advice and support to WIGICC on organizational and programmatic matters.

Data Infrastructure

Develop and promote data sharing agreements, work with stakeholder groups to develop data custodianship responsibilities, develop proposals and solutions related to data access.

Outreach

Educates on the purpose, vision, and responsibilities of the council. Communicates council decisions and logic behind those decisions to stakeholders and decision-makers.

Funding

Establish adequate and reliable funding mechanisms dedicated to the coordinated development and maintenance of geospatial resources and activities in Wisconsin.