

# ***Presidents Council***

## ***Meeting Minutes***

October 2, 2007

### **I. Call to order**

**Jason Grueneberg, WLIA President** called to order the meeting of the **Presidents Council** at **9:00 am** on **October 2, 2007** in the **Wood County Annex** in **Stevens Point**.

### **II. Roll call**

The following persons were present: Jason Grueneberg Wisconsin Land Information Association, Jeremy Erickson Wisconsin Real Property Listers Association, Tod Koch State Cartographers Office, Nathan Czech WIDOT, Marvel Lamke Wisconsin Registers of Deed Association, Lisa Van Horn Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors, Bret Davies Land Information Offices Network, Dave Karl, International Right-of-Way Association and Frank Thousand Wisconsin Society of Land Surveyors

### **III. Open issues**

- a) Introductions. The members present gave a little personal background and brief association background. It was suggested that a history or background for the group be created. Invitations to other groups with similar interests were discussed. Wisconsin Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association and the American Planning Association were suggested as possible groups to invite.
- b) WLIA's focus is on task forces. One of the task forces is the Parcel modeling task force working on data standards. Another task force is the digital orthophoto task force. This task force is talking about the statewide flight in 2010, products from the flights and elevation models. Another task force is geo-spatial preparedness. This task force is to work on implementation of recommendation of previous studies of emergency management. Jason encouraged the participants to check the WLIA website for updates. WLIA is working to develop a strategic plan for GIS. Part of which is an on going effort to create a coordinating council with oversight for the state but advisory in nature. Jason reported that the state GIO position would be filled following a letter of support from WLIA. WLIA is looking into the recently introduced AB 496 prohibiting name searches on websites of a taxation district. Jason identified a number of concerns with the bill. Since the budget bill has not yet been approved the impact of the state budget on the WLIP and local programs is not yet known.
- c) IRWA. The Badger chapter's focus is on education for its members including mandatory versus voluntary.
- d) WSLS. Lisa reported on the progress of the Standards Review group effort. WSLS is setting up the group to act as a resource for the review of survey

maps to see that they meet the minimum standards established in A-E 7. The focus is on education and as a means of insuring that surveyors are meeting the minimum standards. Once up and running it will be open to the other groups around the table as a resource. In the area of legislation, WSLS is working on continuing education, the Landscape Architects practice bill, and the survey modernization proposal.

- e) WRODA. The Register of Deeds are working on a number of issues including electronic recording of documents and issues with affidavits of correction. The registers are also discussing the impact of recording a new subdivision between the time the first TPP plat was recorded and the later sheets of the same project. The registers would like to see space on the first page of CSMs to accommodate their recording information.
- f) WRPLA. The real property listers are looking at redefinition similar to SB-444 introduced in the last session. They are trying to more clearly define their role. They are also looking at affidavits of correction and discussing what is acceptable. Jeremy also talked about an affidavit of lost document.
- g) WIDOT. Nathan said the CORS sites were targeted to be up and working by mid December. WIDOT will be presenting an overview at a number of upcoming meetings.
- h) State Cartographers Office. Ted talked about the Wisconsin Geographic Information Coordination Council and the progress in its formation. The committee is meeting to discuss the listening sessions held in the summer. Ted also talked about possible next steps. He reported that the National States Geographic Information Council met in Madison recently
- i) LION. The group focus is on funding issues for their offices. They are talking about open records law and how it impacts their offices. There is a gray area surrounding electronic records versus other records when it comes to open records. Bret also talked about creating a book of success stories in the land information. The documented stories would demonstrate the positive impacts of the Land Information Offices on county government. They are looking into ways to insure ortho flights take place at regular intervals. They too would like to see the Geographic Information Officer position filled by the state.

#### **IV. New business**

- a) WLIA has its next meeting in November to discuss data distribution. The next Presidents Council will be hosted by the WRODA, April 1, 2008.

#### **V. Adjournment**

**Jason Grueneberg** adjourned the meeting at **1:45 pm**.

Minutes submitted by: Frank Thousand