

Minutes
2019 WI Presidents Council Annual Meeting #2
(Meeting #1 held on March 5, replacing the 2018 Meeting)

November 14, 2019

Conference Room 121, Dane County Extension Building, 5201 Fen Oak Drive, Madison, WI

Attendance

Association of Assessing Officers:

Alan Land, President – City of Brookfield

Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials:

None

County Surveyors Association:

Bryan Meyer, President – La Crosse County

Ryan Duckart, Vice President – Brown County

County Treasurers Association:

None

Department of Administration (DOA) – Division of Intergovernmental Relations:

Jim Giglierano, Geographic Information Officer

Department of Transportation – Surveying and Mapping (DOT):

Keif Callaway, Plats Coordinator

Land Information Association:

Peter Strand, President – Eau Claire County

Tony Van Der Wielen, President-Elect – Consultant

Land Information Council:

Adam Derringer, Chair – Ayres Associates

Howard Veregin, Vice-Chair – SCO

Land Information Officers Network:

Zach Newton, Chair-Elect – Waushara County

Land Title Association:

None

Real Property Listers Association:

Brannick Beatse, President – Monroe County

Britta Kelly, President-Elect – St. Croix County

Realtors Association:

None

Register of Deeds Association:

Heather Schwersenska, President – Waushara County
Kyle Franson, 1st Vice President – Oneida County

Soc. of Land Surveyors:

Frank Thousand, Executive Director
Terry Van Hout, President – Brown County
Kevin Boyer, President-Elect – EMCS Inc

State Agency Geospatial Information Committee:

Colter Sikora, Chair – Public Service Commission of Wisconsin

State Cartographer's Office (SCO):

Howard Veregin, State Cartographer
Jim Lacy, Associate State Cartographer

WI Chapter of National Emergency Number Association:

None

Call to order

Meeting called to order by Jim Lacy at 1:00 p.m.

Brief Follow-Up on Last Meeting

None

Organization Reports (Listed in alphabetical order of organization)

Association of Assessing Officers (WAAO) – Presented by Allan Land, President

- WAAO met in September in Oshkosh- We also meet quarterly for continuing certification credits
- Our main areas of emphasis are:
 1. Recently we have had an influx of new assessors that are more technology know how than some of the older members. We want to take this opportunity to train all assessors with updated technology like the use of GIS to make our jobs easier.
 2. Legislative changes to close the loophole when sale one LLC to another LLC. Currently these transactions do not require a transfer return. Typically, we find out about sales when tax bills going out. We will receive notice that there is a new ownership name and a new address. Consequently
 - a. Assessors do not receive the sales data
 - b. State does not receive the revenue from the transfer returns
 3. Improve the functionality of our sales data system
 - a. With over 1850 + municipalities there is a need for consistency of data
 - i. Good data makes for good models. WAAO and DOR are going to propose a partnership with UW Madison school of real estate to enhance the current collection system to provide enhanced data collection & modeling sales and income

4. We have been working with the League of WI Municipalities to change legislation to eliminate the “Dark Store Theory” of valuing vacant (dark) commercial parcels. We have bills in both houses of state government with enough votes to pass the bills, but we cannot get the bills to the floor for a vote.

Association of Public-Safety Communication Officials (WI-APCO)

- Did not attend.

County Surveyors Association (WCSA) – Presented by Bryan Meyer, President

- **PLSS Forum:** For the 5th consecutive year, WCSA’s partnership with the State Cartographer’s Office and the PLSS Workgroup allowed us to hold a Public Land Survey System forum on April 18, 2019 at the Lafayette County Multipurpose Building in Darlington, Wisconsin. This free event was titled ***“This Land Is Your land”*** and was attended by 120 guests. This year the emphasis was on PLSS corner maintenance. The event included sessions on the history and importance of the PLSS along with a field trip to a nearby PLSS corner location. The event was well received and very much appreciated by those in attendance. The next Wisconsin PLSS Forum is titled ***“The PLSS: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow”*** and scheduled for April 28, 2020 in Marinette, Wisconsin.
- **PLSS WORKGROUP AWARD:** On June 26, 2019, the Public Land Survey System Work Group (PLSS Work Group) was acknowledged by the Madison Office of the Chancellor, the Office of Community Relations, the Morgridge Center for Public Service and the Community Partnerships and Outreach (CPO) Staff Network for outstanding community-engaged collaboration in embodiment of the Wisconsin Idea. UW-Madison Chancellor Rebecca Blank awarded the 2019 UW-Madison Community-University Partnership Award (CUPA) to members of the PLSS Work Group in attendance at the awards gala. Attendees included Jodi Helgeson, Bryan Meyer, Chris Colney, Howard Veregin, Jeff DeMuth, and Joe Mason — Chair of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Geography Department, who nominated the group. This was in consideration of their project entitled “Uncovering and Discovering Geographical Meaning in Wisconsin’s Rural Landscapes: Outreach and Educational Programming by the State Cartographer’s Office and Public Land Survey System Work Group.”
- **COUNTY SURVEYOR STATUS:** The current status of County Surveyors in Wisconsin is as follows: There are 61 County Surveyors in Wisconsin – 34 serving on a full time basis, 27 serving on a part-time basis. 11 counties choose to function without a County Surveyor. Four Counties still elect their County Surveyor Iowa, Portage, Sauk and Vilas.
- **MEETINGS:** In addition to an annual membership meeting in January, the WCSA board of directors meets 4 times a year in Neillsville. While these quarterly meetings technically constitute a Board of Directors meeting, we have anywhere between 20 and 35 people attend. There are educational segments with representatives from The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (Mick Heberlein), The State Cartographer’s Office (Brenda Hemstead) and the National Geodetic Survey (John Ellingson) in attendance. We are seeing not only surveyors, but many others from the land information community (GIS Mappers, property listers, vendors, etc.).
- **NATRF 2022:** WCSA along with the entire surveying community will be impacted the North American Terrestrial Reference Frame 2022. NATRF is a coordinate system that better conforms to a global framework. Corey Hughes, Assistant County Surveyor for La Crosse County was the WCSA representative on the initial Discovery Team and now serves as a Co-Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee.

- **STATE BOUNDARY CONCERN:** The exact location of Wisconsin's western state boundary is uncertain. It lies within the shorelines of the Mississippi and St. Croix Rivers, but neither Wisconsin nor Minnesota can accurately point to an exact location of that line. Locating this line is important for four main reasons:
- **EMERGENCIES** - Emergencies frequently take place on rivers. 911 dispatchers need to know immediately which municipal emergency response unit(s) to dispatch to those emergencies. Seconds count in emergency situations and uncertainty can cause unnecessary delays and possibly result in loss of life.
- **REGULATIONS** - Boating, fishing and hunting regulations require adherence and enforcement. Both citizens and those responsible for administering regulations have a genuine need to know an exact location for the State line to enforce applicable laws.
- **CONSTRUCTION** - Bridge projects take place to connect states. An accurate state line location is necessary to determine how many federal dollars each state would receive for these projects and to apply prevailing wage rates.
- **OFFICIAL RECORDS** - Should a tragedy take place on the river, a death certificate would need to be filed. Knowing the location of the state line will determine which Coroner would be called to investigate the death and file the death certificate.
- Our attempt to remedy the situation is to create a boundary line agreement for a line that is workable for both states. We are in the early stages of this effort and we realize there is much work to be done to accomplish a final line.
- **WCSA BOARD TURNOVER:** I have decided to step down as President after 5 years. Our Treasurer, Steve Geiger and Secretary Brenda Hemstead have decided to step down from their respective positions on our Board of Directors. Steve has served as Treasurer since 2001. Brenda has served her role since 2014. In my opinion, ***Brenda Hemstead*** has been the single most positive influence in the history of WCSA's 42 year of existence. She asked the right questions at the right time and pushed us and encouraged us to be more than just a group of County Surveyors serving our own interests. Brenda showed us the value of reaching out and interacting with other professions and groups. We would not be where we are today without her positive energy and can-do spirit. On a personal note, I am a better human being for having known Brenda and for having worked with her. I became a better leader because I had Brenda to work with and attend meetings with. She is an amazing encourager, I am in a better place in life because our paths came together and we walked that path together for a brief time on the WCSA Board of Directors.

County Treasurers Association (WCTA)

- Did not attend.

Department of Administration - Division of Intergovernmental Relations (DIR) – Presented by Jim Giglierano, Geographic Information Officer

- Lidar update – state completely covered once. Now, updating older and lower resolution datasets until all counties are at least Quality Level 2. Federal 3D Elevation Program going strong. Two projects submitted this year for funding: WROC led 8 counties, and FEMA led 2 counties. If funded, 18 counties remaining that could be eligible for 3DEP assistance. Likely that many will not participate in a 50-50 cost sharing program, therefore another project sponsor needed (state and federal agencies within Wisconsin). New funding model possible with federal assistance > 50%.

- Wisconsinview lidar folder always adding new data as it comes in. FTP client still the best way to browse and download from the collections.
<ftp://ftp.ssec.wisc.edu/pub/wisconsinview/lidar/>. Status map maintained by SCO
<https://www.sco.wisc.edu/data/elevationlidar/>. May not achieve 100% public availability. Some counties have said no to hosting on WV. May have to wait for final 3DEP collections for counties that don't want to make their data public.
- Hydrography the next big thing. WDNR is looking for ways to update old 24k stream features to lidar based stream network. This is another expensive layer to produce and attribute. Relationship to National Hydrography Dataset unknown. Funding unknown.
- Building footprints attributed with tax assessment data is another big thing needed for emergency management, especially flood risk analysis. Some building footprint data available (Microsoft data for example), but lacks attributes needed for hazard vulnerability assessments.
- Wisconsin Coastal Management Program – NOAA funded, non-regulatory coastal zone management program at DOA historically has provided funding to many GIS projects, or projects relying on geospatial data. Project grants have to be rooted in a coastal county, but can have statewide relevance. Recent examples include Bayfield Co Hydrogeologic Atlas, SEWRPC lidar, DNR wetland mapper position, Geodata@UW update, WisconsinView server update, Wisconsin Wetland Association slow-the-flow projects, coastal oblique photo viewer.
- A new WCMP/NOAA funded culvert project in Lake Superior region was launched this summer. This project involves developing a hazard mapping community of practice that will use a cloud-based geospatial infrastructure based on Open Source GEONODE software. Project is managed by the SCO for DOA and will develop a model for collaborative mapping of culverts across Lake Superior region agencies, tribes, NGOs as a case study. Besides asset management, the culvert database will be useful for ecohydrological/fish habitat characterization, storm damage information management and assessment of flood vulnerability risk factors. <https://wicdi.org/>
- Growing need for hazard related geospatial data, analysis and visualizations at state and local levels. Minnesota newly released state hazard mitigation plan includes an action item for a "climate information infrastructure". Wisconsin is several years behind other states in climate resiliency and adaptation planning as evidenced at two recent conferences in Madison. Recent moves by the new state administration to address renewable energy, sustainability and climate change are in the works. Geospatial community needs to be an integral, functioning part of the planning and implementing of any new policies. Similar to the lack of recognition that GIS tech is critical to NG911 success (this is getting somewhat better), there is an equally large hole in the knowledge of decision makers of the role that geospatial must play in the statewide climate resiliency efforts.
- Link to Minnesota SHMP <https://www.adaptationclearinghouse.org/resources/minnesota-state-hazard-mitigation-plan-2019-including-recommended-actions-for-climate-change-adaptation.html> Section 5 item 6

Department of Transportation (DOT) – Presented by Keif S. Callaway, Bureau Plat Coordinator
WISCORS Network Updates:

- 104 active stations / 91 stations in Wisconsin. Stations consist of concrete pillar monuments (72) and building mounts (19).

- Ongoing testing regarding Iowa and Michigan stations.
- Dekorra (DEKO) solar station incorporated in 2019. Located in Columbia County at rest area 11 along I39 and I90/94
- Reedsburg (REED) station incorporated in 2019. Located in Sauk County at Reedsburg Municipal Airport.
- Oxford (OXFO) solar station incorporated in 2019. Located in Adams County along STH 82.
- Burlington (BURL) station incorporated in 2019. Located in Racine County at Western Racine County Sewerage District.
- Oshkosh (OSHK) station incorporated in 2019. Located in Winnebago County at City of Oshkosh Street Department garage – Wall Mount Installation.
- Sister Bay (SIBA) station to be destroyed in 2020 due to wastewater treatment plant improvement project. Located in Door County at Village of Sister Bay Wastewater Treatment Plant. Proposed replacement will be in-ground solar station monument.
- Wausau (WAAU) station to be destroyed in 2020 due to wastewater treatment plant improvement project. Located in Marathon County at City of Wausau Wastewater Treatment Plant. Proposed replacement will be at Wausau downtown airport.
- Eau Claire station decommissioned due to WisDOT land sale to Eau Claire County for future highway shop.
- New Lisbon station to be incorporated in 2020. Located in Juneau County at Mauston/New Lisbon Union Airport.
- De Pere 2 station to be incorporated in 2020. Located in Brown County at City of De Pere Water Utility.
- Procurement of Galileo-enablement of WISCORS Network GNSS receivers is moving forward. Europe’s global navigation satellite system (Galileo) consists of 22 satellites.
- 3G wireless networks will be sunsetting. 4G wireless network testing has begun.

Facilities Development Manual (FDM) Updates:

- Chapter 12 – Right-of-Way Plat and Exhibit Development: The guidelines and procedures pertaining to plat development have been updated including examples. A new section pertaining to acquisition exhibits was added. The updated version was made available on the WisDOT FDM web page on November 15.

Chapter 9 – Surveying and Mapping, Section 9-5-3. A monument perpetuation document was added to the chapter with examples. The document provides a way to perpetuate existing property monuments that were disturbed by WisDOT improvement projects.

Land Information Association (WLIA) – Presented by Peter Strand, President and Tony Van Der Wielen, President-Elect

- In 2019 the WLIA held our Annual Conference in Appleton: 375 Attendees, 71 exhibitors, 95 Speakers, 15 Workshops, 100s of Hours of Education Content
- Spring Meeting was held in downtown Eau Claire: (new location at the Lismore Hotel): Joint meeting with the RPL’s, 118 Attendees, 3 morning workshops
- Fall Meeting was held in Bayfield (also our first time): 91 Attendees, keynote from Charlie Fitzpatrick of ESRI.
- WLIA is currently tracking several pieces of active legislation and last week voted to register our support for SB-550 the condo bill.

- 2020 Annual meeting will be held on Feb. 19-20. Roger Kain, James Whitehorne, and Jack Dangermond will keynote.
- Our Spring 2020 meeting will be held June 4-5, 2020 in conjunction with the ROD's.

WLIA NG-911 Task Force

- Working with DMA staff on the development of a Scope of Work (SOW) for a planned 2020 Gap Analysis for GIS data used in NextGen911.
- Continue to work with DMA to leverage the WLIA standards for the Address Points and Street Centerline as part of the Gap Analysis, to provide a better understanding the work needed at a county by county basis to meet the standard.
- Recommending to DMA to leverage WLIP Annual call for data, to help collect statewide data, to allow vendor to focus on Gap Analysis.
- Will be working with DMA and vendor to establish the WI NG-911 schemas for GIS datasets.

WLIA Standards

- Approved the expanded documentation, domains and comparison against NENA standard. Provided documentation on the revision process. Important to note that forward from this point revisions will follow a specified process through the Tech Committee and Board
- Continue to advocate to DOA/WLIP to formally adopt these standards and start to collect statewide datasets.

Take home for other associations

NG-911 will have a major impact on the processes of local governments and county's that manage address and street centerline data. It is critical that any implementation leverages locally develop data. This means that we will all need to be more efficient and streamline workflows to maintain an authoritative source for address points, street centerlines and other dataset needed in 911. We need to work smarter, not harder. Important to note that revisions follow a formerly approved, and documented process through the Data Standard Revision Committee, the Tech Committee, and then Board.

Land Information Council (WLIC) – Presented by Adam Derringer, Chair

- I started with a summary of the WLIC
- I discussed that the Council is continuing to monitor the WLIP Plan; specifically our 4 core data interests in Parcels, PLSS and the SCO's new program, LiDAR and ortho imagery and the WROC is coming up in 2020 which will mean a lot of new imagery and lidar data becoming available.
- We are continuing to review data Submission/Data availability and talked about the cooperation and progress with RML (Robinson Map Library), WisconsinView and LTSB.
- I mentioned that the lower than expected recording fees from around the state which fund our grants will be dropping the WLIP strategic initiate grants from the \$50k level to \$40k.
- I mentioned that the Council members were now duly appointed and that we approved an amendment to our By-laws which will cover any gap in membership terms in the future to allow us to continue business. (At the last Presidents Council meeting we were in limbo.)

What we are keeping an eye on:

- NG-911 will have an impact on everyone and we want to be ready help coordinate the counties and if funding becomes available. GIS costs estimates for this effort have ranged from over \$10million to over \$30million.

- We have been reviewing WLIA's Address and Centerline Standards and are discussing the road map for the multi-use standard adoption (with the inclusion of NENA Standards)
- We continue to monitor WSRS 2022 as we believe this could have significant financial impact on Counties.

Land Information Officers Network (LION) – Presented by Zach Newton, Chair-Elect

- The NGS 2022 Spatial Reference update.
- NG-911 and the cost associated to the counties in upgrading the data to meet standard.

Land Title Association (WLTA)

- Did not attend.

Real Property Listers Association (WRPLA) – Presented by Brannick Beatse, President

- WRPLA joint meeting with WLIA at the Spring Regional in Eau Claire.
 - a. Meeting had excellent content that went over well.
 - b. Meeting was very well attended by RPLs and non-RPLs alike.
- We are interested in cleaning up and clarifying some of the language in §706.085 regarding Correction Instruments. At this point a draft outlining where we see ambiguities or problems with the statute has been sent to a WLTA representative for further review. (Attached are those notes for anyone interested)
- Joint Alpha Meeting – first Joint Alpha Meeting (meeting between WLTA, WROD, & WRPLA) held in several years.
 - a. WRPLA was questioned as to why some listers are not transferring tax bills in some deed error situations that were considered by the questioner to be minor errors.
 - i. Specifics were not given so it was difficult question to respond to.
 - b. It was suggested that WRPLA adopt some consistent policies regarding response to minor errors.
- PRIA Local – it was requested that the WRPLA provide representatives to attend the PRIA meetings in order to respond to questions that were raised about RPLs at the previous PRIA Local meetings.
 - a. PRIA provided prepared questions for WRPLA representatives to respond to.
 - b. WRPLA had representatives in attendance at both the Madison and the Weston meetings.
- Copy of notes sent to WLTA regarding the correction instrument statute included on pages 8-9.

Realtors Association

- Did not attend.

Register of Deeds Association (WRDA) – Presented by Heather Schwersenska, President

Legislative Items

- Electronic Notarization (AB293) – WRDA supports. Referred to Local Gov't Cmte.
- Review of Death Certificate (AB327) – WRDA supports. This will eliminate the RODs requirement to review the death certificate when recording a TDI. Referred to Local Gov't/Labor & Regulation Cmte.

- Condo (AB598) – General clean up and consistencies for all condo related documents; recording standards; clarifies expanding and merging condos; and delivery of bylaws and amendments to unit owners. Referred to Housing & Real Estate Cmte.
- Transfer by Affidavit – New form was released July 2019. Links to the form have been added to the WRDA, State Bar and many county websites.
- Real Estate Transfer Fees (SB455) – The WRDA is monitoring. Referred to Utilities & Housing Cmte.
- ACT 48 Clean Up – WRDA has voted to move forward with having Assessor’s plats, Cemetery plats and Transportation plats reflect the same language as other plats “or stored electronically in the register of deeds office.” DOT is already recording TPPs electronically in many counties.

Joint Alpha Committee

Consists of representatives from WRDA, WLTA, WRPLA and WI State Bar. Committee met in October for first time in two years. Topics discussed included: Standards for transferring property/updating tax rolls, Transfer by Affidavit form, Correction Instruments, and legal description best practices. Future Agenda Items to include: Specific/recent examples for the group to review and discuss, changes to statute for easements from 60 to 40 years, legal description best practices, potential changes to Correction Instrument statute. Specific examples of issues counties may be having will be most helpful to find collaborative solutions. Heather Schwersenska, Chair (WRDA) or Krista Zettle, Co-Chair (WRPLA).

PRIA Local

Property Records Industry Association (PRIA) Local “is the local version of PRIA where government and business partners work together to meet local needs.” The 2nd round of PRIA Wisconsin were held on November 12th & 13th. Representatives from WRDA, WLTA, WRPLA attended. Topics discussed included: Safe at Home, Q&A for RPLs, and remote/online notary update. Discussion to hold future meetings at same time/place each year, maybe May/Oct. Q&A for title companies will be one of the topics for the next set of meetings. PRIA Local would like to request that the Joint Alpha committee work on a “best practice” for counties and their partners to follow. Counties should start working together on this sooner rather than later. Staci Hoffman (WRDA) and Scott Moore (Fidlar Technologies).

Future Conferences

A joint WRDA/WLIA conference is scheduled for June 3-5, 2020 in Sheboygan.

The PRIA Annual Conference is scheduled for August 17-20, 2020 in Milwaukee. This is a great opportunity for real estate/land records stakeholders to attend a national PRIA conference right here in Wisconsin. If you have session ideas to showcase what Wisconsin is doing, please direct them to Heather Schwersenska and she will pass on accordingly.

CSM’s

Many counties will be moving towards recording and NOT keeping Certified Survey Maps starting in 2020. Some counties are already doing this. This would mean that surveyors would no longer be required to submit CSM’s on the more expensive paper! Watch for more information to come and if you are interested in eRecording CSM’s in your county, talk to your Register of Deeds. Also, if you are a county that has an ordinance in place to review Condo plats, invite your Register of Deeds to be a part of that process/committee. Many are willing and able to participate in the process to ensure that the instruments are being drafted and recorded correctly the first time vs. creating endless problems for everyone involved.

eRecording

The DOT is already recording TPPs electronically. The DNR has also started eRecording over the last couple of weeks. The Electronic Recording Council is working with the IRS. eRecording has greatly increased efficiencies in the register of deeds office.

Society of Land Surveyors (WSLS) – Presented by Frank Thousand, Executive Director and Terry Van Hout, President

- The WSLS Government Affairs Committee has been very busy over the past year with the proposed changes to Chapter A-E 7. There were some late changes added by the Board for the Professional Land Surveyors Section.
- At the Surveyors Section meeting they discussed changes to Chapter A-E 2, 6 and 8. The Government Affairs Committee will be monitoring these as well.
- The WSLS Government Affairs Committee is watching the Register of Deeds Association's proposed changes to State Statute 703 *Condominiums* being proposed in bills SB-550 and AB-598.
- There are proposed bills SB-501 and AB-551 that gives a **Presumption of Riparian Rights** to land owners along navigable water that may not have acquired it in their deed.
- WSLS Annual Institute is scheduled for January 29-31, 2020, at the Kalahari in Wisconsin Dells.
- The National Association of County Surveyors is having their meeting in conjunction with the WSLS Annual Institute at the Kalahari.

State Agency Geospatial Information Committee (SAGIC) – Presented by Colter Sikora, Chair

- SAGIC represents 21 state and partner agencies representing much of GIS within Wisconsin state government. Sixteen voting members and over a dozen other active members work to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of state agencies through collaboration using geospatial technologies.
- Open Data Portal: This summer, SAGIC agencies launched a portal website allowing individuals seeking state agency geospatial data a single resource to search for data from all state agencies. The portal site is capable of searching directly through several state agency Open Data Page websites, making data seeking efficient. For other agencies, the Portal directs users to websites where they can find additional data. Some state agencies that don't already use Open Data Page websites plan to utilize these sites in the future to improve search capability. To visit the Portal, please visit mapdata.sagic.wi.gov.
- Maps at the Capitol: SAGIC held an event at the Capitol to share the work of geospatial skills, data, and tools with Legislators and staff in October. Several dozen attendees witnessed several presentations including ones focused on mapping for emergency management, broadband, the opioid crisis, and others. Approximately a dozen standing displays were also available for attendees to learn more about the work of GIS professionals in Wisconsin state government. For more information and to view the presentations from Maps at the Capitol, visit <https://sagic.wi.gov/Pages/MapsAtTheCapitol.aspx>.
- 2020 Priorities: SAGIC is currently preparing for 2020 by selecting priority topics to address and contribute to. Potential topics include seeking more official designations within state government, improving its open data processes, address and road centerline mapping and others.
- For more information, please visit <https://sagic.wi.gov/Pages/default.aspx> or email colter.sikora@wisconsin.gov.

State Cartographer's Office (SCO) – Presented by Howard Veregin, State Cartographer
PLSS Layer

- Reported on this at last meeting in April.
- Part of statewide parcel project. Goal = build statewide PLSS layer using accurate county corner coordinates where available. Fill in with Landnet where county coordinates unavailable.
- As a reminder: Benchmark 4 of the parcel project – what to do after parcels is done – is completion of PLSS remonumentation. (Document)
- E0 (points only) delivered last year. E1 – points, polygons based on section corners – to be delivered Dec 31, 2019.
- Received data from 71 counties as part of 2019 call for data for parcels. We used data from 70 counties.
- Developed Romportl Numbers for as many corners as possible. Note: developed a Romportl standard due to differences in interpretation/implementation of Romportl system; also developed an extended version of Romportl that deals with anomalies; both of these are avail as SCO publications. (Documents)
- Based on Romportl number we joined to a “GLO” database – transcription of the 1830s-1860s General Land Office survey joined to Landnet coordinates. So we have all GLO section, q-section and meander corners.
- Total records received from counties: 237,172
- Total number of GLO true points: 181,947
- ** We preserve all records known to exist for any corner (multiple county, Landnet, even USFS although will not integrate that till next year). Only one point chosen to build geometry but the point is really the coordinates themselves not the map.
- Issues we have faced include lack of metadata at the county level (which datum, which adjustment), as well as inconsistencies in significant digits. We are essentially preserving whatever the counties gave us as a “snapshot”
- Will continue with an E2 next year as part of the V6 parcel project.

WSRS2022

- Also discussed this at April meeting. WSRS2022 is a Task Force created in Jan 2019 to deal with NGS's modernization plans for NSRS. Dick Kleinmann (Ayres) and I co-chair it.
- Essentially, NGS will unleash new vertical and horizontal ref frames in 2022 to replace NAD 83 and NAVD 88. Called NATRF2022 and NAPGD2022.
- What we have been doing over the last year is working on a back-and-forth proposal with NGS to allow us to maintain our WISCRS designs, rather than adopt NGS designs. This is for LDPs (more on other projection systems in a minute).
- Essentially, they want WI to follow their design specs for zone size, central meridian sign digits, eastings, northings, etc.
- If we did this, it would make it more difficult for current WISCRS users. Also, it would take time and \$\$\$ to redesign the system. So we are saying “no”.
- We have gotten NGS to relax some restrictions but not all. They are meeting literally right now to discuss. The result will either be:
- They will grant our requests. We will not have to significantly redesign WISCRS. We will submit our design of WISCRS as our state's LDP, which means that it will be included (starting in 2022) in NGS's ecosystem (data sheets, conversion software, etc.) But we will also lose the 3-zone SPCS some of you may be familiar with. If we wanted continuity on that

we would need to design it ourselves. And we would get an NGS design for a statewide single-zone system similar to WTM.

- If they say no ... I'm not sure. There are differences of opinion. We could go it alone for WISCRS (not in NGS ecosystem) and let NGS design a single- and three-zone layers. Or we could bow to the pressure and redesign WISCRS according to their specs (but we would lose the 3-zone layer as a consequence).
- Regardless of what happens, 2022 will still happen. We will still need to deal with change. We will still need to provide upgrade paths for legacy data. We will need software tools and education.
- One other note. NGS has also decided this would be a good time to deprecate the US Survey Foot and replace it with the International Foot, called the Foot. FRN. This is a big deal since US Survey Foot is in our state statutes (as is
- WSLS – Dick and I will present at WSLS.
- WLIA – a bigger event (1.5 hrs) with members of WSRS2022's Focus Groups. Once NGS decision is made, we feel we can start our education efforts.

PLSS Forum

- Next Forum called "Yesterday, Today and tomorrow" to be held in Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at the Marinette County Recreation Center. An annual PLSS education and advocacy forum.

GeoData@Wisconsin

- SCO and Robinson Map Library (both at UW Madison) recently unveiled a completely new and updated geospatial data portal that includes several thousand GIS datasets produced by state, local, and regional governments in Wisconsin.

WI Chapter of National Emergency Number Association (WI-NENA)

- Did not attend.

Summary of Action Items

- 1) Attendees were directed to send Colter Sikora (colter.sikora@wisconsin.gov) notes and meeting handouts for meeting minutes.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be tentatively in fall 2020, with a specific date and place to be determined.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

706.085 Correction instruments.

(1) ENTITLED TO BE RECORDED; PURPOSES. An instrument correcting a previously recorded conveyance shall be entitled to record in accordance with s. [706.05](#) in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the conveyance is recorded and shall include one or more of the following:

(a) The correction of a legal description, including a distance; angle; direction; bearing; chord; lot, block, unit, or building number or letter; appurtenant easement; section number; township name or number; municipality, county, or state name; range number or meridian; certified survey map number; or subdivision or condominium name.

(b) The addition, correction, or clarification of information other than a legal description, including any of the following information:

1. A party's name, including the spelling of the name; a first or middle name or initial; a name suffix, such as senior or junior; alternate names by which the party is known; or a description of an entity as a corporation, company, or similar identifier.

2. A party's marital status.

3. The date on which the conveyance was executed.

4. Whether the property is a homestead.

5. The tax parcel number.

6. The identity of the drafter.

7. The recording data for an instrument referenced in the conveyance.

8. The nature and purpose of the conveyance.

9. The title of the conveyance.

10. Facts relating to the acknowledgment or authentication.

(c) The addition of an acknowledgment or authentication.

(d) The disclaimer by a grantee under a deed of that party's interest in the real property that is the subject of the deed.

(e) The addition of a mortgagee's consent or subordination.

(2) EXECUTION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) A correction instrument shall be acknowledged or authenticated in accordance with s. [706.06](#) or [706.07](#). It shall recite the document number of the conveyance, the names of the grantor and grantee, and, if given on the conveyance, the volume and page where the conveyance is filed or recorded.

(b)

1. Except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, a correction instrument that is executed after May 28, 2010, may be executed by a person having personal knowledge of the circumstances of the conveyance and of the facts recited in the correction instrument, including the grantor, the grantee, the person who drafted the conveyance that is the subject of the correction instrument, or the person who acted as the settlement agent in the transaction that is the subject of the conveyance, and shall recite the basis for the person's personal knowledge. A correction instrument that was executed before May 28, 2010, is not rendered

ineffective by reason of the instrument's failure to recite that the maker had the knowledge or capacity required under this subdivision.

2. A correction instrument that makes the correction under sub. [\(1\)\(e\)](#) shall be signed by the consenting party, or an heir, successor, or assignee of the party.

3. A correction instrument that adds, removes, or replaces a divisible parcel in a conveyance shall be signed by the following persons:

- a. If the correction instrument supplies a lot, block, unit, or building number or letter that was omitted from a conveyance, by any party identified in subd. [1](#).
- b. If a parcel is being added to a conveyance that also correctly conveys other land, only by the grantor.
- c. If a parcel is being removed from a conveyance that also correctly conveys other land, only by the grantee.
- d. If a lot or unit number or letter is being corrected and the lot or unit incorrectly recited in the conveyance is also owned by the grantor, only by the grantee.
- e. If a lot, block, unit, or building number or letter is being corrected and the lot or unit incorrectly recited in the conveyance is not also owned by the grantor, by any party identified in subd. [1](#).

(c) A person who executes and records a correction instrument shall send notice of that fact by 1st class mail to all parties to the transaction that was the subject of the conveyance at their last-known addresses.

(3) EFFECT OF RECORD. All of the following apply to the record of a correction instrument that complies with this section, or a certified copy of the record:

(a) It is prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the instrument; is presumed to be true, subject to rebuttal; and constitutes notice to a purchaser under s. [706.09](#) of the facts recited in the instrument.

(b) It may be asserted by a purchaser for a valuable consideration against any person making an adverse or inconsistent claim under s. [706.09 \(1\)\(i\)](#).

(4) PREVIOUSLY RECORDED INSTRUMENTS ARE VALID. Any instrument recorded before May 28, 2010, that purports to correct a previously recorded conveyance and that would have been a valid correction instrument under this section had this section been in effect when the instrument was recorded is hereby validated.

History: [2009 a. 348](#); [2017 a. 102](#).

Correcting Real Estate Documents. Andrew. Wis. Law. Oct. 2010.