

# GIS Users Meeting

Agenda  
April 3rd, 2014

Location: Constitution Hall, 525 W Allegan, Lansing

Conference line: **877-873-8017 access code 7774472**

## Timeline:

9:30 – 10:00 Networking (Coffee, bagels, muffins provided)

10:00 – 12:00 Morning Session

- I - Introductions and Approval of Meeting Minutes
- II - Federal, State, and Association Updates (5 minutes each)
- III - Local, Regional, Vendor Partners, Other Updates (2 minutes each)
- IV - Special Topic
- V - Other Items, and Conclusion

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch on your own.

1:30 – 3:30 Educational Session.

Morning session Special Topic: **Michigan GIS Users Forum Collaboration Site**

Presented by: Everett Root & Paul Harmon, State Of Michigan, Office of Technology Partnerships

Everett & Paul will describe the process to set up an account and gain access to the site. Included will be a demonstration of site functionality. Capabilities such as:

- Document sharing
- A calendar of GIS events around the State
- Contact list for the GIS community
- Blog space for discussion forums...like GIS data sales or open GIS positions
- And more...

Afternoon session Educational Topic: **GIS Education at MI Colleges and Universities**

Presented by:

Introduction: Pete Schneider – Holland Board of Public Works

Panel Members:

- Michigan State University – Ashton Shortridge
- Lansing Community College – Rebecca Rogers
- Central Michigan University – Benjamin Heumann
- University of Michigan – Dan Brown
- Grand Valley State University – Jeroen Wagendorp
- Oakland University – Jon Carroll
- Calvin College – Neil Carlson
- Ferris State University – Gabor Barsai
- Saginaw Valley State University – Andrew Miller

Pete Schneider will start the session and share his experience working with MI Colleges and Universities in his role as coordinator of the IMAGIN student paper and poster competition. Following Pete will be presentations from the listed Colleges and Universities about their programs. Bring your questions, comments and suggestions for a lively discussion with the educators of future MI GIS professionals.

This meeting is all about the sharing of information. We'd like to have in attendance those of you that have recently hired or are thinking of hiring a GIS professional, individuals who have recently experienced the hiring process, and anyone who is looking for a GIS program.

This is also an excellent opportunity for future grads to interact with GIS professionals from all over Michigan.