

**Meeting Description:** December Monthly GIS Users Group Meeting

**Date:** January 10, 2008     **Time:** 10:00 AM

**Location:** Michigan Center for Geographic Information, George W. Romney Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Large Conference Room

**Attendees:**

Ann Burns, SEMCOG

Cory Johnson, MDOT

Everett Root, CGI

Joyce Newell, MDOT

Julie White, Census Bureau

Justin Booth, MSU/RSGIS

Kim Borland, MNFI

Laura Blastic, CGI

Rebecca Rogers, MNFI

Sam Quon, City of Lansing

Sherman Hollander, DNR

Valdis Kalnins, Allegan County

Wade Prestonise, Meridian Township

**Conference Update**

- IMAGIN – May 5-7, 2008 – Dearborn, MI
- Asset Management – April 13, 2008 – Kellogg Center, Lansing MI and May 21, 2008 in Marquette.
- MiCAMP – September 18 & 19, 2008.

**Framework Update**

Laura Blastic, CGI

1. Currently in the last stages of editing for version 8.
  - a. We have had several inputs at the end of November and we are finishing those and will move into our QA/QC mode in February.
  - b. Delivery is May 1<sup>st</sup> this year.
  - c. We have also been adding in the boating access sites.

1. Half of these will be in version 8; the other half will be in version
- d. We have been working with MTU – TTAP Tribal Technical Assistant Program to start integrating some of the Indian Reservation roads and getting those networks into the framework.
  1. This will allow LTAP to customize Roadsoft software for the tribes for Asset Management uses.
- e. Roundabout ID's will be integrated into the framework.
  1. This is the first year that the Roundabouts have been added to the framework.

### **Digital Ortho Update**

Laura Blastic, CGI

1. The hardware has been purchased and delivered to MSU for the MIP.
  - a. This is for servers and storage.
  - b. Starting the creation for the production pages of the MIP.
  - c. Once all the hardware is completely set up, the process will be started to procure the software.

Everett Root, CGI

2. Based on the estimates that we have, there is not enough money to fly the rest of the state for 2009.
  - a. MDOT has set priorities for each County.
    - i. US Geological Survey is going to manage this project for us.
    - ii. Those Counties with the higher priority will be sent back to USGS to get a new quote for flying in 2009.

### **MDOT Update**

Cory Johnson, MDOT

1. PR Finder II is at the same URL; [mcgi.state.mi.us/prfinder](http://mcgi.state.mi.us/prfinder)
  - a. This is a .net platform
  - b. There is a new look and feel.
  - c. Added bridge, interchange and traffic volumes information.
  - d. The functionality is very familiar to the old version.

Joyce Newell, MDOT

2. We are closing in on getting the rest of the data in for Asset Management.
3. There have been a few bills that have passed.
  - a. Senate Bill 59 establishes a task force and a citizens advisory committee to make recommendations on alternatives for funding transportation in Michigan.
    1. The task force will study the state's transportation needs and finances, including alternatives to the fuel tax, recommendations on alternative user fees or non-user taxes, may recommend changes to fees and taxes, as well as the distribution of transportation revenues for road, public transit and aviation.
  - b. The other bill is a clarification of enlarging the scope of the Asset Management bill that was passed a few years ago. It says that local agencies must prepare a 3-year list of projects derived from an Asset Management system.
    1. The tools have not been specified as each agency has a different method.
4. During a recent Asset Management meeting, NavTech and Teleatlas were there explaining the different data that was collected by driving the roads and that they will look to have that information made available to MDOT.
5. We had a meeting this week with our Rail people at MDOT regarding asset management on state owned rail lines.
  - a. Wanting to collect information on what the state owns, the condition, the size, age, buildings alongside, etc.

### **CGI Update**

Laura Blastic, CGI

1. CGI currently is working on a MI Drive 2.
  - a. This application shows the traffic cameras on the interstates in the Detroit and Grand Rapids area.
  - b. MI Drive 2 will include lane closures.
  - c. Should be rolled out by the end of the month.

## **Local Updates**

### **MSU**

Justin Booth, MSU/RSGIS

1. We have training next week for Arc GIS and Geo Database training.
2. We also have a new Ortho Class that is being offered.
  - a. How to create Ortho's and incorporate those into your GIS application and working with utilizing those better.
3. The Imagery Workshop last month went over very well and some of the material will be available online shortly.

### **City of Lansing**

Sam Quon, City of Lansing

1. We have our 2007 parcels updated through our contract with MSU.
2. We have a new assessor, and we will be working on our lot dimensioning.
3. We also have Arc SDE going.
  - a. Had a few issues with our Rastor load.
  - b. We dropped that database and we are rebuilding it with Microsoft Sequel.
    - i. There were a few tiles that were beyond the extent of what we defined.

### **Meridian Township**

Wade Prestonise, Meridian Township

1. I am the new GIS specialist at Meridian Township. I started in November and I am here to introduce myself.
  - a. Working on getting familiar with our datasets.
  - b. Working on the parcel data and updating of our website.
  - c. Working on smaller projects and getting familiar with the ongoing projects within Meridian Township.

### **Allegan County**

Valdis Kalnins, Allegan County

1. We will be looking for a new GIS staff person.
2. We are currently working on a project for our Public Transportation Department.
  - a. The Transportation Department will be using Dispatch software that uses GIS routing.
  - b. We are currently integrating our framework with other applications to provide the Public Transportation Department with the correct GIS routing.
3. We have exported Roadsoft data information with pavement ratings and produced a planning map that shows the paving on all the County primary roads to help prioritize in January with the Townships.

### **Regional Update**

#### **SEMCOG**

Ann Burns, SEMCOG

1. We are still working on data management issues and creating metadata out of the old data.
2. We are training our staff in different areas of GIS Software in hour-long workshops each month.
3. We have unveiled our new website for SEMCOG's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

### **Federal Update**

#### **Census Bureau**

Julie White, Census Bureau

1. We are finally working on the local update of census address project.
  - a. Most of the material has been sent out to the different government's that have signed up.
  - b. We have new staff coming on board.

### **Other**

#### **Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI)**

Rebecca Rogers & Kim Borland

1. We are working on a web application for Conservation Planning for different areas around the state.
2. We are just finishing up a biodiversity assessment of Michigan with TNT and the DNR.

**Next Meeting**

February 7, 2008 from 10:00-12:00 PM, CGI Large Conference Room  
111 S. Capitol Ave., Romney Building, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Lansing, MI 48933