

Joint Steering Committee Meeting between
IMAGIN, MICAMP & the Michigan Geospatial Steering Committee
Minutes/Action Items
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Present:

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IMAGIN Overview:

IMAGIN's role is to promote Education, Networking, and Professional Development through a member driven volunteer organization

- Stakeholders are the driving force behind their organization
 - Trying to reconnect with university community
 - Practice of geospatial applications and classroom teachings a bit disparate at present time
- Major Goals of IMAGIN currently
 - Reengage membership (membership has dropped to approx. 320)
 - Successful conference
 - Organization accomplishing goals
 - Emerging technology seminar series – sponsored by universities
 - Focused discussions/workshops
 - Webinar-type learning sessions w/ on-site components
 - Content provided by IMAGIN
 - Facilities provided by universities
 - 1st session is February 6, U of M Flint
 - Working w/ MI Assoc. of Planning for planners to attend next years conference at membership rates to reach out and partner with Planning professionals
 - Make sure to rebuild the committee structure & get members to get involved

MICAMP Overview:

- Represent a greater focus on county governments
- Main focus is to provide a venue for GIS people to come together, share knowledge, build relationships, etc.
- Has limited availability to do anything much greater than the annual conference
- Goals are to support any efforts the MI Geospatial Steering Committee comes up with as long as they align with their membership needs
- Comes to monthly GIS user group meetings hosted by CGI
 - Show how using CGI resources
 - Provide feedback on resources
 - Building ties between county and state

- Promote and establish a GIS role in all counties
 - Raising awareness via multiple departments w/in counties to secure GIS at the county level

Questions from MI Geospatial Steering Committee for IMAGIN/MICAMP:

- What are top issues/challenges peers are dealing with in MI
 - Integration w/ non-spatial databases
 - Finding knowledgeable and experienced resources when hiring
 - Result – stealing neighbors, etc.
 - Data availability - Getting information if you do not have already and/or know where came from
 - Formatting
 - Responsibility/ownership
 - ROI
 - Doing more w/ less
 - Staying on top of GIS technology and new developments
- Is data more accessible now? What are the issues?
 - Some data not available for release without higher approvals
 - Many of the counties are not on the same level technologically
 - ‘socialized data’ theory (Valdis)

MI Geospatial Steering Committee Overview:

Our mission is to align the technology w/ the business

Current Projects:

- Statewide Geospatial Assessment (Survey)
- Statewide Imagery Program
- Web Mapping Prototype (Allegan Co. Example)
- Horizon/Spotlight Presentations – January 23, 8:30-1:00
- Support for State IT Collaboration Committee

Next Steps:

- Joint committee meetings proposed quarterly or every six months
- Look for ways to partner

Major action items:

- Swanson to bring more information about the DIT apprenticeship program to February meeting.
- Send Bill Allegan Co. White Paper and Cross-boundary committee org chart