



"Facilitating Collaboration, Coordination, and Counsel to California's GIS Community"

2005-06 CGIA Annual Report Highlights

The [2005-06 CGIA Annual Report Highlights](#) provides an executive summary of accomplishments in 2005-06, areas that need improvement, and suggested CGIA initiatives for the 2006-07 Board to consider. (The entire [2005-06 CGIA Annual Report](#), a total of 30 pages, can also be downloaded from CGIA's web site.)

1. During the process of **redesigning the CGIA web site**, in July through September 2006, the CGIA chair, with concurrence of the CGIA Board, created a vision for CGIA to engage in "facilitating collaboration, coordination, and counsel to California's GIS Community."
2. The CGIA **web site redesign** was not only achieved but the results exceeded expectations, because PayPal integration was completed along with an events calendar, training opportunities, and job opportunities features. Moreover, the web site was updated each month, and a **CGIA NewsFlash** was distributed to CGIA members and interested parties covering the updates, including hot news topics, an events calendar, training opportunities, and job opportunities.
3. In 2005-06, the CGIA Chair **created an organization structure** so the workload of the board would be performed by committees as envisioned in the CGIA By-Laws.
4. CGIA **grant administration role was accomplished**, because work was completed on two grants (data sharing and metadata outreach) and on schedule and within budget on the third grant, California Geospatial Framework Data Draft Plan.
5. **A solid beginning of improving coordination among Public, Private, and Non-profit Sector Organizations took place in 2005-06**; more work is needed. Steps need to be taken within the next two to three years to implement the components of the "Fifty States Initiative." Better integration with the efforts of California's URISA chapter is also needed. These activities will contribute to CGIA's goal of supporting the development of California-centric framework data and obtaining federal and state funding for GIS projects that support state-wide and regional projects that have appropriate business plans which contribute to state-wide overall strategic directions that have been articulated through the California GIS Council and the Technology Services Board.
6. **CGIA undertook a series of tasks during 2005-06 to facilitate coordination with the California GIS Council**; more work needs to be done:
 - o CGIA developed a letter to the California GIS Council (the Council) outlining its focus on supporting the GIS Council.
 - o CGIA made a presentation at the Council meeting in October 18, 2005.
 - o CGIA created a PowerPoint Slide presentation identifying the close relationship between CGIA and the Council.
 - o CGIA made a presentation at the Council meeting at CalGIS on April 4th, identifying various activities associated with coordinating regional collaboratives.
 - o CGIA closed the year by forming a Private Sector Task Force at the response of the Council.
 - o Next steps are outlined in the full report.



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7. **CGIA made progress on facilitating collaboration with Regional GIS Collaboratives/Councils;** more work is needed.
 - o A directory and map of the regions was updated at <http://www.cgia.org/regional-directory.htm>.
 - o CGIA published survey results from seven regions, which can be viewed at web site: <http://www.cgia.org/gis-councils.htm>.
 - o CGIA facilitated presentations of examples of regional collaboratives/councils at CalGIS.
 - o Next steps are outlined in the full report.
8. **CGIA provided programs that meet the needs of the GIS community**
 - o CGIA developed an "Overview CGIA Slide Presentation.:"
 - o CGIA provided a series of policy forums.
 - o CGIA facilitated regional collaboration at CalGIS.
9. **The CGIA Award Program recognized outstanding achievements in various aspects of GIS within California,** in the categories of:
 - o Exemplary Systems;
 - o Advancement of Collaboration;
 - o Outstanding Internet Presentation;
 - o Excellence in Education; and
 - o Chairman's Award for exemplary service and individual contributions to the advancement of the GIS field.
10. **The year closed with the nominations and elections committee of 2005-06 Board members, nominated exceptional candidates running for the vacant CGIA Board positions.** The results of the 2006-07 CGIA Elections process are posted at <http://www.cgia.org/board-roster.htm>.
11. **As a result of membership campaign, CGIA membership and dues payments for 2006-07 are beginning to increase.** The number of sustaining members is also growing. CGIA dues collected in 2005-06 were higher than any year over the past five years. While the initiative of increasing CGIA membership by 100% was not met in one year, the groundwork was laid to accomplish it within the next year.
12. **A draft set of initiatives for the CGIA Board to consider for 2006-07 focuses on the continuation of commitments:**
 1. Regular Communication to Geospatial Community,
 2. Facilitate Coordination for the California GIS Council with Regional Collaboratives,
 3. Facilitate Coordination for the California GIS Council with the Private Sector Task Force,
 4. Partner with CERES and California GIS Council to develop and disseminate a geospatial data plan for California,
 5. Partner with CERES and California GIS Council to develop a Strategic Plan,
 6. Increase CGIA Membership to Better Representative of Sectors and Regions, and
 7. Continue improving the execution of CGIA activities.

(Details on the annual report highlights are presented in the full [2005-06 CGIA Annual Report](#).)