

# CGIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2025 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

## I. BOARD ROLL CALL

### *Officers*

- **Chair:** Roland Martin
- **Vice Chair:** Tracy Tober
- **Secretary:** Norman Wong
- **Treasurer:** Mary Hurley
- **Past Chair:** Jacob Mark

### *Directors Representing*

#### **Federal, State, and Tribal Government Agencies (4 positions)**

- Guphy Gustafson (2nd year)
- Thomas Crimmel (2nd year)
- Donna Begay (2nd year)
- Vacant

#### **Local Government Agencies (4 positions + 1 temporarily moved from At Large)**

- Juan Cardenas (2nd year)
- Marcus Harner (2nd year)
- Steven Kincaid (2nd year)
- Christine Lam (2nd year)
- Tim Pudoff (1st year)

#### **Institutions of Higher Learning, Professional Societies, and Not-for-Profit Organizations (4 positions)**

- Dan Scollon (2nd year)
- Priyanka Vyas (1st year)
- Vacant
- Vacant

#### **Private Sector Companies (4)**

- Denise Tober (2nd year)
- Chad Miller (1st year)
- Vacant
- Vacant

#### **Representatives of the Membership At Large (2 positions - 1 temporarily moved to Local Gov't)**

- Nathan Shapiro (interim)

#### **Community Forum Chair (1 position)**

- Jane Schafer-Kramer

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## II. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL [5 mins]

1. Vote to approve [February Board Meeting Minutes](#)
  - Guphy moved to approve the minutes. Tim pudoff seconded. All approved
2. Summary of updates since last meeting: Annual Meeting votes:
  - CalGIS sponsorship and Awards timing - 15 ayes, 1 abstention
  - Updated CalGIS sponsorship and Awards timing - 13 ayes, 3 abstentions
    - Approved for \$750.

## III. INTERNAL BUSINESS [60 mins]

1. Treasurer's Report (Mary Hurley) [5 mins]
  - [Treasurer's Report for July 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025](#)
    - \$38,308. Payments to CPA for taxes, annual ESRI non-profit subscription, and Zoom
  - [Budget for July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025](#)
2. Chair Updates [5 mins]
  - CGIA T-Shirts
    - CGIA Logo was moved higher
    - Roland would like to register for sales tax before we open up the store to the public.
    - T-shirts usually delivered 2 weeks after ordering
3. Standing Committee Updates [35 mins]
  - A. Membership (Denise Tober) [5 mins]
    - 1 new, 11 renewals, 2 past dues
    - The committee is exploring new membership software and will review with broader group next week
    - City of Merced is still interested in becoming a sustaining member. They are waiting for the new budget
    - May add new \$250 membership level for small/disadvantaged business category. Will need more exploration.
  - B. Website (Jacob Mark) [5 mins]
    - Website: members-only area. Norman to review request
    - Membership management comparison. While waiting on a possible new membership platform, the committee will put on hold some of the pending changes such as the payment system. Pending what happens at membership software mtg.
    - The committee is continuing to work through the website comment/suggestion checklist
    - Jacob will work with Chad to port over remaining Community Council site pages to CGIA
    - Jane asked if the Community Council mailing list could also be ported over. Jacob: Yes, will need to reconcile with CGIA users and possibly tag that they came over from Community Council

- Jane asked for folks who attended the LIDAR webinar (some who are likely new) if they could be added to the CGIA mailing list. What is the process for that? Is there a PII/privacy issue? Roland does not think so b/c it's in the spirit of the original intent
  - Who manages social network sites:
    - Marcus asked if CGIA could register for a Bluesky account. There were no objections so Marcus will do so. He will talk with Roland on what email to use
- C. Advocacy (Marcus Harner) [5 mins]
- Quarterly Report from Advocacy Committee ready around mid-March, summarizing what the committee has been working on
    - Jane gave a summary on federal policies related to GIS. There is not much going on, but there are concerns about data disappearing
    - Jacob gave an update on GIS Under the Dome. He is under time constraints
    - Donna mentioned that the Bureau of Indian Affairs data portal was not available as of yesterday
    - California Tribal GIS Conference is happening
    - Mary gave an update on outreach to rural counties with limited GIS capacity. It is difficult getting responses
    - Next meeting of committee will be 4/21
- D. Engagement & Communications (Tracy Tober) [5 mins]
- Third Laura Royal workshop “Navigating Your Promotion - Transition Strategies”. Holding this would cost CGIA \$500.
    - Not enough time for Laura to prepare (originally scheduled in April) and it also may conflict with another CGIA event.
    - Two people have already paid for this session.
    - Christine/Tia will talk with Laura to see her availability in June – August and discuss at the committee mtg to go forward
  - Klamath Dam Webinar will be held May 7 at noon
  - E&C initiative: networking calls. Initial discussions.
    - Virtual networking opportunities - digital Happy Hour
- E. Elections (Steve Kincaid) [5 mins]
- [Timeline for elections](#)
- F. Awards (Guphy Gustafson) [5 mins]
- Change of venue to Esri UC since awards could not be held at CalGIS
  - Award nominations are live with a March 9 deadline but will discuss new deadline at committee meeting considering that venue/date have changed.
  - Revel Revel (Tuesday Jul 16): \$787.42 deposit, remainder \$2,362.24, total \$3,149.66. Last year's total was \$2,797.
  - CORRECTION – this would be for tentatively for Tuesday, July 15 (NOT July 16) and Revel Revel is still available. Guphy confirmed that is the case.
  - The time for the event will be 6PM-8PM as in years past
  - Denise asked if we were going to sell T-shirts at the event. Roland noted that we needed to make sure sales tax is set up correctly with CGIA
  - Guphy offered the possibility of awarding winners with CGIA T-shirts
  - Roland made a motion for Tuesday July 15 (tentatively) with a cap of \$3000. Guphy seconded. Board approved.

- Further discussion on whether this should move back to Mondays. Guphy will inquire about the availability of Revel Revel for Monday.

G. Community Forum (Jane Schafer-Kramer) [5 mins]

- March event
  - Jane to follow up with Aaron Ott, Gene Barrera, and Lothar Petrik regarding the next community forum event on roads.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS // SPECIAL PROJECTS [remaining time]**

- Best Practices Ad-Hoc Committee (Marcus Harner) [5 mins]
  - Jane to revise the ad hoc committee's document based on Roland's feedback and committee input.
- Meeting with State GIO (Jacob) [5 mins]
  - The meeting did not happen
- CA Native American Tribal GIS Summit (Donna) [5 mins]
  - <https://catribalgis.org/gis-summit-1>
  - Inaugural CA Native American GIS summit
  - July 31-August 1, 2025 at CalEPA Building in Sacramento, CA and is FREE
  - Donna is heading the planning committee
  - Call for presentations due March, 31, 2025: <https://arcg.is/0fS0aX0>
  - Department of Water Resources will handle printing
  - Offering to see if CGIA would like to have an exhibit booth.
    - Donna will come up with formal sponsorship agreement.
    - Will need logo
- CalGIS attendance - early bird pricing expires March 14
  - We have not purchased the CalGIS sponsorship package yet. Roland will do this.
    - The package comes with 1 free entry and 1 reduced entry. Roland asked if anyone would like to go. Can discuss at next board meeting.
  - Roland will be presenting at the conference
  - At the next board meeting, discuss who will be at the conference and who can table as well as what materials/swag are needed.

**V. CLOSING // ADJOURNMENT**

**RECORD OF VOTES**

**Vote to approve: (a) Awards Ceremony tentatively on Tuesday, July 15 (subject to checking scheduling); and (b) cap of \$3,000 for hosting at Revel Revel.**

Donna Miranda-Begay CA Tribal GIS: Aye  
 Jane Schafer-Kramer, CA DWR: Aye  
 Tim Pudoff: aye  
 Christine Lam: Aye  
 Marcus Harner: Aye  
 Roland: Aye!  
 Dan Scollon: aye

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NShapiro:	Aye
Guphy.Gustafson:	Aye
Chad Miller:	Aye
Thomas Crimmel:	Aye
Denise:	aye