

CGIA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2025 @ 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

[Meeting Link \(Zoom\)](#)

I. BOARD ROLL CALL

Officers

- Chair: Tracy Tober
- Vice Chair: Landon Blake
- Treasurer: Mary Hurley
- Secretary: Marcus Harner

Directors Representing

Federal, State and Tribal Government

- Guphy Gustafson (1st year)
- Thomas Crimmel (1st year)
- Dr. Reis Thomas (1st year)
- Donna Begay (1st year)

Local Government

- Steven Kincaid (1st year)
- Kostas Alexandridis (1st year)
- Marcus Harner (1st year)
- Tim Pudoff (2nd year)

Private Sector Companies

- Vacant
- Chad Miller (2nd year)
- Jaishankar Jayaraman (1st year)
- Samuel Price (1st year)

Institutions for Higher Learning, Professional Societies and Not-for-Profits

- Jing Liu (1st year)
- Chris Robinson (1st year)
- Karen Meezan (1st year)
- Priyanka Vyas (2nd year)

Membership-at-Large

- Denise Tober (1st year)
- Vacant

Community Council Chair

- Jane Schafer-Kramer (2nd year)

II. MEETING MINUTES APPROVAL [5 mins]

1. Vote to approve previous month's [Meeting Minutes](#). (Board) [2 minutes]
Denise makes motion to approve, Donna approves
2. Summary of updates since last meeting: Ventura County GIS Day (anyone in the area?), November 21, \$100 Bronze sponsor, LA GIS Day \$100 for Amazon cards, Membership-at-Large and private sector vacancy. (Tracy) [5 minutes]

III. INTERNAL BUSINESS [60 mins]

1. Treasurer's Report (Mary Hurley) [5 mins]

a. [CGIA October 2025 treasurers report.docx](#)

2. Vote to sponsor 2026 LA Geospatial Summit, USC Spatial Sciences Institute, Friday, 2/27
\$500 Bronze Level (Tracy) [5 minutes] [2026 LA Geospatial Summit](#)

Denise makes motion to support LA geosummit as described by Tracy, Tim seconds motion.

3. Vote on additional marketing materials (Thomas) [5 minutes]
Notebooks (200) - \$664.85 (purchased)

Stickers (500) - ~\$120

Mugs (50) - ~\$400

Pens (400) - ~\$400

Tape Measure (200) - ~\$300

Total Cost: \$1,870

(intended to last 2 years)

[Tracy] it is in line with what we are spending in past years

[Priyanka] Do we have marketing material for students for GIS Day

[Tracy] about 50 chip clips, 100 stickers, 50 pens, 50 magnets, 50 buttons, 250 postcards

[Priyanka] will be at GIS Day at San Jose State, looking for flyers etc.

[Mary and Thomas] coordinating about payments

Tim motion to grant \$1870 for marketing materials and to contact vendor to final coat and a put forward for committer to approve, Thomas seconds.

Tim proposes funding Sacramento Users Group in March for \$200. Guphy seconds

{Discussion about members per year requests for funding events}

[Chad] posts [CGIA event fund request – CGIA](#)

[Denise] found a reference in 2023 minutes as clarification of \$100 per member

4. CalGIS, Jan 20-23 in Redlands (who's going? should we have a booth?, 90-minute presentation slot) (Tracy) [10 minutes]

[Tracy] sent proposal for a 90 min presentation for the Cautions to GIS Community document

Thomas, Jai, Tracy, Denise, Mary, possibly Donna planning be at CalGIS

[Jane] needs to discuss with the Ad-Hoc committee at the meeting on the 26th about the presentation

5. Standing Committee Updates [5 mins each: total ~25 mins]
- A. Member Engagement (Denise Tober and Thomas Crimmel)
 - [Denise] 3 renewals no new members. \$20 for mail chimp will be recurring
 - Approvals a survey to general members
 - [Thomas] Notebooks will be coming to Tracy end of October
 - Finished spotlight , Jane and Shasta College
 - Shutting down facebook and twitter

 - B. Tech (Roland Martin)
 - [Roland] no updates currently; committee is meeting next week

 - C. Awards/In-person Events (Guphy Gustafson)
 - [Guphy] welcoming people to reach out if they want help with events
 - Will have member tour of Golden Gate Gardens, still in planning stages , planning Feb 12th
 - [Reis] still waiting to hear from contact for possible discounts. Currently planning to pay per person, \$17.25 per person currently
 - [Chad] how is gardens related to GIS , [Reis] they use GIS to manage garden.
 - [Chris] Huntington library was a similar in that they used GIS to manage the facility

 - D. Elections (Steve Kincaid and Sam Price)
 - [Steve] nothing new report

 - E. Community Forum/Advocacy (Jane Schafer-Kramer and Jai Jaishankar)
 - [Jane] Summary of meeting
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GypmfzZkaaC1YhpniAXbRQfhxgXVdtIDKP3vXQaw3S0/edit?tab=t.0>
 - The Committee met on 9-15-2025 with nine members in attendance. During introductions, Donna Begay reported that the 2nd Annual California Tribal GIS Summit is scheduled for May-21-22, 2026, at the University of Redlands.

This Committee will continue to meet on the 3rd Fridays of each month at 11:30 a.m.

Survey responses were reviewed, and “Artificial Intelligence and the GIS Profession” appears to be the most popular topic. Committee members will seek our articles and resources on this topic for sharing. Jay offered to meet with the Technology Committee about setting up an online discussion forum and a blog site on the CGIA website. Other ideas include a webinar and or a virtual happy hour to discuss the topic. Tracy is working on a member survey for the annual meeting to find out what topics CGIA members are interested in.

The UC (University of California) GIS Week Virtual Conference is coming up; Jay will check it out and consider a submission on the topic of our paper on Cautions for GIS Professionals.

The next Community Forum event will be on Hydrography and Jane is taking the lead. Date has not been set due to the federal shutdown. We need USGS to be involved. A future Forum topic: Overture Maps Foundation.

Shared to the board the following events/topics for participation and reviews:

- Public Outreach by California Office of Energy Infrastructure Safety on September 8 and 9 in the CA Natural Resources Agency HQ, 715 P St. in Sacramento. Jay participated in the opening notes on Sept 9th.
- Received draft notice from Underground Safety Board inviting public comment in 2025, around **GIS Coordinates Notice proposing definitions and regulations for new subsurface installations & Potholing Safety practices**. We reviewed the implications and shared it to board for comments. However decided not to respond due to the short turn around requirements

Jennifer Swift joined the meeting towards the end and let us know about her involvement with this organization <https://www.ucgis.org/> *"The University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) is a non-profit organization that creates and supports communities of practice for GIScience research, education, and policy endeavors in higher education and with allied institutions. We are the professional hub for the academic GIS community in the United States, with partnerships extending this capacity abroad."* Jen will keep us informed on issues we may have in common. Jen is also a member of American Association of Geographers (AAG) and is on their JEDI Council (Justice, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion).

The next meeting will happen on 10-17-2025.

[Jai] University California GIS Week (week of Nov 18th) - may be possibly submitting the Ad-Hoc committee report. Will send out topics to submit to the conference.

<https://community-ucgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/uc-gis-week-2025>

[Priyanka] is also coordinating with UC GIS week.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS // SPECIAL PROJECTS [25 mins]

- Ad-Hoc Committee Updates (Jane) [5 minutes]
13 people met on Sept 26th. Nate suggests we need to define what the challenges are, on Oct 20th
California Spatial Reference Coordinating Counsel, Bruce will be presenting at the meeting on Oct 16. <https://sopac-csrc.ucsd.edu/index.php/csrc-meetings/>
Ryan Huntisger, will be at CalGIS to present the paper. Linda Foster may be at the presentation
Next meeting October 24th at 10:00
- Annual Meeting 11/11/25 (Tracy) [5 minutes]
[Guphy] notes that is Veterans day so Tracy changing the date to TBD
- CGIA shop (Roland)
- Board bios
[Thomas] no updates on bios



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- Issues with meeting invites , will work on them soon
 - Comments and announcements (Board) [10 minutes]

Our next CGIA meeting will be the ANNUAL meeting on November 11, 2025, 12-1:30 pm.

V. CLOSING // ADJOURNMENT