

ITAC Conference Call
April 17, 2013

Attendance:

Mike Lewis
Terri Moore
Kris Lund
Gary Cottrell

Kate Flynn
Susan Trapanese
Gary Krammes
David McCulloch

Gary Fisher
Jim Kolva
Kim Martz

Minutes:

Review/update of Action Items –

- **Lead for WebEx presentations** – From the March meeting, Gary Fisher, David McCulloch, and Kris Lund took actions to follow up on potential webinar topics.
 - o David reported that he spoke to Curtis Price about doing a Python programming language webinar. Curtis is non-committal right now, due to other projects. David will follow-up with Curtis again as well as check into other resources.
 - o Gary reported that he talked to Lenny Orzol. Lenny is available for any time in September.
 - o Kris followed up on potential DBA topics. Kris noted that DBAs are hosting informal monthly meetings (nothing more formal has been crafted). A survey is in development and will go out to determine what training needs may exist in the DBA community Susan commented that Dane is reviewing the questionnaire, and NWIS may get help from Steve Gillespie. We want the survey to clearly state that we are trying to schedule a DBA class. Kris also noted that she is not sure of what Kevin Housel's plans are with regard to DBA training. Kris will continue to follow up with Kevin.
- **Stream View** - USGS worked with Below the Surface and Jared Criscuolo on this project. USGS purchased a camera to be loaned to Below the Surface. With sequestration, USGS does not have the resources (people, boats, etc...) to do more at this time. Shaun Wicklein has signed Jared up as a volunteer with the VA WSC which will allow him to borrow the camera on a property pass. Michael Lewis commented that there is uncertainty as to what the product will be. He suggested that Jared do a Beta. Terri took the action to ask Jared for a Beta for either our May or June call. Terri suggested that after USGS' agreement with Below the Surface ends in August, Jared should be encouraged to work directly with individual.
- **Archiving Electronic Data** – Jim Kolva updated ITAC on the status of this issue. At the January 2013 Office of Surface Water (OSW) face-to-face, it was determined this needs specific OSW attention. It has become a "big rock." A Task Force (TF), comprised of 12 members and chaired by Jim Kolva and Larry Bowman, has been established. The goal is to take the best of the best from existing systems and put these together to establish a consistently structured national system. Susan suggested that Jim talk to the CDI – there is a working group trying to establish standards. David McCulloch commented that there is a hydrotech helping out with geotagged photos – looking for someone to do the legwork on the use of Google Earth for photos. This may be worth exploring. David will forward the information to Jim. Michael commented that a major effort for the TF will be to scope this out and see what it next. Jim commented that the goal is to have an easy-to-use consistent system that will transfer to a new system as painlessly as possible. Gary Fisher commented that he and Shaun Wicklein are interested in geotagging photos. Gary noted that he was going to pass the issues on to the SMAC – he may consider shelving the discussion for now until we see what the TF does. Gary suggested that he be added to Jim's TF as the OWI Representative, with David making the nomination. Gary will brief SMAC next week.
- **Inventory of geotagged photos** – Reference archiving electronic data action item.
- **Cloud Hosting** – Terri reported that DOI is looking at May for announcing a solution. They are continuing to ask us to hold off on implementing our own solutions.
- **HAWG report** – This action item has been completed and will be removed from the listing. Terri commented that Jerad Bales wants an update at Senior Staff, and she may have Burl call in for the update. From our previous notes, there was a recommendation that ITAC be involved. What does this mean? Gary Fisher commented that there is no formal mechanism for ITAC's involvement. Perhaps, this should be the plan – develop a formal guidance process – this could be ITAC, SWUG, etc... ITAC can discuss this further. Terri suggested that maybe we can see about setting up an advisory/oversight group.

Next meeting:

Michael commented that ITAC selected two weeks in July for our next "face-to-face" meeting – weeks of 7/15 and 7/22. ITAC selected the week of July 15 for the meeting. The meeting will most likely be done as before, via WebEx and maybe videoconferencing. Terri will test the camera with Bob Avery next week.

ACTION – Kim to send out meeting invitation so ITAC can put the meeting on their calendars. **COMPLETED**

New Business:

No new business