

ITAC Conference Call – December 15, 2010 Minutes

Roll Call:

Bob Swanson	David McCulloch	Dave Mueller
Bob Lent	Susan Trapanese	Bob Kimbrough
Katherine Lins	Kevin Housel	Pete Cinotto
Terri Moore	Shaun Wicklein	Kim Martz

Outstanding action items -- http://water.usgs.gov/usgs/itac/docs/outstanding_ais.html

❖ Introduction of New Members

- Bob Swanson welcomed Pete Cinotto and Bob Kimbrough to ITAC
- Bob Lent will become Chair of ITAC in January.
- Ramona will be taking over webinar duties.
- Bob S. noted that the group needs a Vice Chair. Bob offered to remain on ITAC as Vice Chair for this year and rotate off at the end of the year. The group concurred.
- Reminder to all that ITAC meetings now take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Bob noted that ITAC is working to move Web content to the ITAC SharePoint site – consolidate information in one place
- **ACTION** – Send SharePoint site link to Pete and Bob (**COMPLETE**)
- **ACTION** – Boyce will add Pete and Bob to the ITAC email alias.

❖ SharePoint – (Leave on agenda)

David McCulloch reported that Boyce has migrated content from the DOI site to the USGS site. The SharePoint site was brought up on the WebEx so that Bob could point out some features of the site.

David and Katherine have been talking to Karen Baker about ArcMap tools.

❖ StreamView

Bob noted that this project is a “gift” to USGS from Sandy Williamson before his retirement. Similar to Street View. Stream View will be a seamless interface for USGS to do field reconnaissance.

- A contractor presented a storyboard that was reviewed and a demonstration was given.
- Plan is to conduct pilots in Virginia and Nebraska
- Need to discuss resource constraints with the contractor – the contractor may help as consultants, but this may have other implications.
- Contractor envisioned a large product beneficial to more than just the USGS community
- Katherine feels that continued discussions will occur.
- The hope is to have more definitive information at the next face-to-face meeting.

❖ SIMS User Group – (Leave on agenda)

No update from Gary Fisher on the call. Katherine sent email to Gary Fisher on 12/15/10 asking Gary to update ITAC, by email, on whether he has what he needs to build the user group.

❖ T1 upgrade update

Terri provided a brief overview for Pete and Bob noting that Water Science Centers are having trouble accessing NWIS servers. WY testing is complete and the testing did not go well. The

Enterprise Team is testing WAN optimization – this was supposed to help with connectivity. Shawn Noble led the testing. There was little impact on NWIS applications. Recommending that WSCs on T`1s should be on T2s. This needs to be a Bureau project, not just Water. Terri reported that she talked with Bob Wakelee on the status. Bob indicated that nothing has been done yet. The Enterprise Network Team is working on spreadsheets / gathering information on existing hardware.

Bob Lent commented that he would like to provide an update on the January conference call. He noted that documenting that the problem in not NWIS is valuable.

Status to date is that we are waiting on the Enterprise team and we may need to contact Ellen Rierson again. A contractor is supposed to be looking at the issue. Need to resolve this at the Bureau level.

Bob Wakelee is retiring in January. Tim Lee may be taking Bob's place. **ACTION:** Terri will follow-up to determine how well briefed Bob's replacement will be.

❖ Next Face-to-Face

Bob Swanson has a call in to Mickey Plunkett (Mississippi Water Science Center). Second choice is New Jersey Water Science Center. Wait to hear from Mississippi first. The meeting will take place during the first week of February.

❖ Webinars

- Burl Goree and Dave Owens will give the next presentation.
- Ramona will be taking over the duties of organizing/hosting the webinars
- Katherine briefly walked Ramona through the process of setting up the webinar
- **ACTION:** Ramona to contact Dave Owens regarding his availability
- Suggestions for an OWI GIS support webinar series – Katherine indicated OWI may try to do a series of educational webinars on this topic
- StreamView was also suggested as a topic

ACTION ITEMS:

ACTION – Send SharePoint site link to Pete and Bob. (**COMPLETE – Kim forwarded the link during the call.**)

ACTION – Boyce will add Pete and Bob to the ITAC email alias.

ACTION – Terri will follow-up to determine how well briefed Bob Wakelee's replacement will be regarding T1 line issues.

ACTION – Ramona to contact Dave Owens regarding his availability for webinar.

ACTION – Kim to post notes from Hawaii (**COMPLETE – Kim posted the notes on 12/15/2010.**)