

**ITAC Conference Call
December 19, 2012**

Attendance:

Scott Gain
Pete Cinotto
Susan Trapanese
Terri Moore

Bob Avery
Kate Flynn
Gary Krammes
Bob Kimbrough

Kris Lund
David McCulloch
Gary Fisher
Kim Martz

Minutes:

Next face-to-face meeting –

- ITAC will meet in New Mexico the week of March 4, 2012. Linda Weiss is happy to host ITAC.
- Terri commented that we are down to 2 meetings a year. Bill Werkeiser is happy with that.
- Scott commented that he has the ITAC request to visit a Science Center letter that he sent to Rick Kropp for the New Jersey meeting. He will modify the letter for the New Mexico meeting and send to Linda in early January.

ACTION – Scott to send request to visit Science Center letter to New Mexico in early January.

ACTION – Terri will contact New Mexico and discuss hotels with Sheri.

Action Item Updates –

Action Items were updated.

- Gary Krammes noted that the second MACs in the Workplace webinar was held. The webinar was successful with about 50 people attending each session. The sessions have generated interest in additional topics related to MACs.
- Inventory of geotagged photos – Gary Fisher commented that this has been identified by SMAC as a priority. Gary noted that he and Shaun Wicklein will be working on this in the spring.
- SIMS training webinars – Brian Reece will be the presenter once these are scheduled.
- Facilitation of the needs of high end programmers and Web resources – Terri commented that the programming forum is a high priority for March. Regarding web resources, the goal is to put together a list of people who have web skills that might be able to help Centers. Pete commented that he queried his constituents. Sally House and Lenny Orzol are resources for help with Google API maps.
 - o David McCulloch commented that ITAC hosted webinars on the conversion of Google API maps to ESRI noting that the NWIS Mapper has become the flagship example. David commented that there is no USGS policy on migration to ESRI maps. It has fallen on Water to send out email on this issue – we are not sending out policy memos, but we are being forced to let centers know that they are violating software registration and licensing agreements. Terri asked if it is ITAC's job to police this. David responded "no" but it is our job to help. Terri suggested that we provide Bill Werkeiser with the number of sites that are non-compliant. ITAC needs to bring this to the attention of Senior Staff. David noted that DOI recommends ESRI.

Scott questioned if there is a need for additional discussion. David responded yes; we are half way through the licensing period. At the end of summer, the maps will stop working. David suggested that Bill Werkeiser should be made aware. WSCs have the most to lose as they have the most maps running. Scott asked what the timeframe is and what do we need to give to Bill. He commented that we need to be prepared to provide a solution – there are solutions such as Brown Bag lunches or webinars.

David noted that ITAC should come up with a list of people that can help. He noted that non-compliance was over 90% with the attitude being that the Department will get us a new contract. Terri noted that California is one of the largest centers and asked Bob Avery if they have started converting their maps. Bob responded "yes." Terri suggested that this topic be added to the March agenda.

Scott suggested that David update ITAC on our next call. David commented that ITAC can formalize its recommendation by March to ensure there is time to complete the migrations.

Kris asked what the expiration date is. David responded late summer. Gary Krammes commented that per Paul Exter, the bridge contract expires on September 18, 2013.

David commented that Google has never told us the number of non-compliant sites. The potential exists that Google could send USGS a bill.

- Cloud hosting – David will update the group on the January call.
 - o A new DOI cloud solution is in the works. Several committees are working on package reviews, and they hope to have something in place early next year.

ACTION – Terri will check to see if there is enough information to update ITAC in March.

- HAWG position paper – Bob Kimbrough commented that Kevin is on vacation and due back today, so he has not been able to catch up with Kevin. Bob is hoping that Kevin will respond to the Doodle poll. Dave Mueller is available tomorrow. Bob noted that he can try and get a group together for an impromptu call tomorrow. Scott noted that he is not able to attend but gave the go-ahead to hold the call. Bob K. commented that it is important to give Kevin the opportunity to be heard. Bob also noted that he will add a paragraph to the current ITAC report. The suggestion is to then post the ITAC report to the Web. Scott asked for an update on the January call.

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