

Date	Time	Location
March 17, 2026	11am-12pm	Zoom

Preparation notes for Attendees

Attendees				
Notetaker: All	Jennifer Murphy - x	Melinda Kernik - x	Nick Linell -	Brent Lund - out
Karen Majewicz - x	Ryan Mattke - x	Mary Mortensen - x	Alysa Zimmerle - x	
Geoff Bitner - out	Adam Smith -			

Action Items from previous meetings / Updates	Status/Notes

Topics for Discussion and Decisions	Notes / Decisions
Administrative Stuff	• Documents in Google Drive & Microsoft 365 • Governance ◦ Chair and vice chair • MN GAC Archiving Workgroups (Reports) ☰ MN GAC - Archiving Committee - Work Plan (March 2025)

Questions for the Archiving Committee	Do we want to recommend another funding request/discussion? Figure out priority data sets if we were going to pilot an archiving program Report/recommendation to use the BTAA program as a place to archive public data in Minnesota (for now) Propose a GAC resolution asking/instructing data producers in the state to cooperate with archiving requests from the BTAA program What does that mean long term for the committee? If we're going to archive with BTAA, how does prior work apply? Ideas/Thoughts: ● MnGeo could sign an agreement along the lines of “If the BTAA GIN project comes to an end in the future, MnGeo would at least take on storage of the archived data” – this could make data producers feel better in the short term. ○ Question: Does MnGeo guarantee the data in the Geospatial Commons? ■ Not generally ■ example of Met Council Parcels - (thorny issue to use as an example, though) only the last 5 years are on the Commons. Names were removed. Older data is secured in Met Council, only available by FOIA request, would need to be scrubbed of certain names; users might be better off going to the counties, but a lot of counties are not keeping historical data ■ new commons architecture (aggregated ArcGIS Hub)- the contributors control what data appears and is removed ■ is MnGeo keeping any copies? probably - not clear ● Data producers have a hard time getting rid of data – unless they are going to trash it; MnGeo has reached a level of confidence that MnGeo will be there in perpetuity, so if they can agree to fund storage if needed; ● Data seems to live all over the place; BTAA GIN saving a copy might be a viable solution
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	for getting a comprehensive copy of MN geodata • Archive/record for discoverability; put in S3 bucket for semi-permanent cloud storage; ○ For this project, in addition to putting in BTAA S3 bucket, would it make sense to send that dataset to somewhere in MnGeo for preservation storage ○ How often to snapshot – • MN.it and all state agencies must use Azure now. (other organizations might be using other products, like AWS or cloud). Could be interesting to work with an org like BTAA that is not bound to IT contracts. All agencies, including Met council, moved from on premises data servers to Azure. • note some counties have vendor contracts • Think of MnGeo data copy as microfiche
Image Services Sustainability Subcommittee	Geoff Bitner has agreed to chair the Image Service Sustainability Committee as a subcommittee of the Archiving Committee
Communicating about our work	Communication plan Take a look – are these the right groups? Share more broadly: NGAC Data Sharing document Also: Library of Congress recommended formats • Re-administer the poll on priority data sets for archiving • Develop education outreach
Presenting about our work	Plan to do a presentation/poster at GIS/LIS in 2026 Who would like to volunteer to submit a proposal next spring? • Maybe a joint proposal/panel with MnGeo & BTAA

Future meetings	3rd Tuesdays at 11am Next meeting is April 21 Check in on geodata subcommittee and ISS subcommittee; form an education/outreach subcommittee
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