

2025 GAC Outreach Committee Meeting

Date: November 4th, 2025, 2-3 PM

Facilitator: Jessica Fendos

Attendees: Cara Leitheiser, Dale Watt, Chris Cantey, Jessica Fendos, Kendis Scharenbroich, Megan Sisko, Nick Linell, Sally Wakefield, Stacey Stark.

Absent: Norm Anderson, Shanan Crosson, Alec Trenda, Jeff Kalar, Carla Coates.

Note Taker: Jessica Fendos

Minutes

1. Agenda and October 7th, 2025 meeting minutes approval

Nov. 4th, 2025 agenda and October 5th, 2025 meeting minutes approved.

2. MnGeo provides updates on the review of [GAC](#) and Committee Hubs and next steps

Megan Sisko shared GAC Home Hub review status –

Hub home page: Working on making bounding boxes for 3 image tiles invisible so when the browser screen resizes, the borders of these image tiles do not appear in different sizes. Megan did some minor formatting adjustments on this page as well.

About page: Make all sub-captions of the same fonts/size. Adjusted spacing between paragraphs for a consistent look on this page.

Current member page: Nick L volunteered to help with updating this page with information on new members for the present term - July 2025 to June 2027. The map view will be on top to be followed by a list view.

Committees page: Add a committee description to each committee image tile. Jessica asked to have a consistent style for all committee thumbnail images. Currently, some thumbnails only have a graphic and some contain both a graphic and texts in different fonts.

Meeting page: Megan indicated that the upcoming event calendar might need to be revisited later, after MnGeo has explored the effect of opt-in workspace capability in a premium hub. It will offer enhanced events in a layout to easily bring events and people together.

3. GAC and Committee Hubs build support and maintenance plans

Jessica asked if Kendis Scharenbroich and Chris Cantey could help with drafting a GAC hub build support and maintenance plan. Kendis took on the responsibility and will work on a draft to share with Megan, Chris and Jessica.

4. Open Data subcommittee updates

Stacy Stark asked if the existing EPC Hub will need to be rebuilt. Megan indicated that we would know more after MnGeo and MnIT Communications complete the first round of GAC Hub sites review. More to come regarding other GAC Committee hubs.

5. GAC priorities survey closed on October 31st. Next GAC meeting to be held on Dec. 17th, 2025, to go over priorities.

6. First-ever GAC Leadership Retreat will be held on Jan. 14th, 2026.

7. Recurring meetings in 2026 – every 6 weeks,