

2026 GAC Outreach Committee Meeting

Date: July 28th, 2026, 2-3 PM

Facilitator: Jessica Fendos

Attendees: Abby Stamm, Alec Trenda, Cara Leitheiser, Chris Cantey, Dale Watt, Kendis Scharenbroich, Nick Linell, Megan Sisko, Stacey Stark, Robert Liebhart, Jessica Fendos

Absent: Jeff Kalar, Norm Anderson, Sally Wakefield, Nichole Jacquez, Brandon Tourtelotte, Carla Coates, Shana Crosson.

Note Taker: Chris Cantey

Agenda

1. Agenda today and June 9th, 2026 meeting minutes approval

- 2:02 reviewed agenda and past meeting minutes. Both approved.

2. GAC ArcGIS Hubs Build Phase II – Wrap Up (Megan Sisko)

The team reviewed Hub site build progress

Archiving Committee: Nick Linell

EPC Committee: Stacey Stark

PLSS Preservation Committee: Jeff Kalar

3D Geo Committee: ~~Alec Trenda~~ + (Nichole Jacquez) + Cara Leitheiser advisory

K-12 Education Committee: Shana Crosson + Rob Liebhart

- Not completely done
- Looking for consistent content across hub sites
- Remove GAC partner statement from mission statement
 - Move to 1st line of content, above objectives
 - Then remove “partners with...” from leadership section and Chair content
- Set up links to bullet points of “structure” bullets
- Subgroups discussion: accessibility issue with cards vs card links
- Leave subgroup images for now: 1 image for all 3 cards
- Meetings pages need links

Awards Committee: ~~Chris Cantey~~ (Nichole Jacquez)

Parcels and Land Records Committee: ~~Brandon T + Dale Watt~~ (Nichole Jacquez)

- Not completely done
- Subgroups: Add gallery

Standards Committee: Jessica Fendos

Imagery Committee: Jessica Fendos

- Megan has “Remaining Hub Site Tasks.docx” to track hub site development
- Nicole and Abby to collaborate on accessibility testing
- Remove “GAC” text from committee gallery titles – redundant

- Megan assessment: Currently behind on hub projects. Due 08/11/26. Official cutover will be August 31, 2026.

3. August 12th, 2026 Mapping Expo Registrations

10:00 10:15 AM Introductions

10:15- 10:30 AM Unlocking Minnesota GIS: State Resources for Mission-Driven Work

Alison Slaats, Chief Geospatial Information Officer, MnGeo

Megan Sisko, [GIS Data & Coordination Specialist](#), MnGeo

10:30 – 11:00 AM Using Equity Analysis to Drive Community Outreach

Ari Kim, Non-Profit Account Manager, Esri

Jarod Fox, Solution Engineer, State and Local Government, Esri

11:00 -11:45 AM (Lightning Round)

Quentin Ikuta, [National Indian Carbon Coalition](#)

NextGen Mapping -Tribal Youth GIS Education and ArcGIS Online

Dale Watt, [Trust for Public Land: Connecting Everyone to the Outdoors](#)

Parks and Public Health: Building Livable Neighborhoods

Holly Bushman and Leah Rumon, [Center for Urban & Regional Affairs](#)

Turning the Tide on Flooding.

Nick Linell, [Alight: A future beyond displacement](#)

Humanitarian Needs and Outcomes in Sudan

- 2:50: Jessica shared expo presentation topics and registration head counts. Called for participation

4. Outreach efforts in 2026 –GIS ROI study (state vs. open data), Mapping Expo and GIS/LIS Conference presentation topics submitted by GAC Committees (exhibit booth?)

- GAC/MnGEO to share booth at conference
- Does outreach have any responsibility?
- Materials will be needed
- Discuss further at September meeting

References:

GAC Meeting Schedule

Committee	Meeting	Sector	Meeting	At-Large Member	At-Large Member
		MN GIS/LIS Consortium	9/10/2025		
		County Government - Greater MN	12/17/2025		
		MetroGIS	12/17/2025		
Awards	3/11/2026	Tribal Government	3/11/2026	Quentin Ikuta	
CANDO	3/11/2026	City Government - Greater MN	3/11/2026		
Outreach	5/20/2026	County Government - Metro	5/20/2026	Heather Albrecht	Matt Goodman
Standards	5/20/2026	City Government - Metro	5/20/2026	Rick Schute	Britta Maddox
Emergency Preparedness	9/16/2026	Higher Education	9/16/2026		
K-12 Education	9/16/2026	K-12 Education	9/16/2026		
Data Endorsement	9/16/2026				
PLSS Preservation	12/16/2026	State Government	12/16/2026		
Parcels and Land Records	12/16/2026	Surveying	12/16/2026		
3D Geomatics	3/10/2027	Federal Government	3/10/2027		
Archiving	3/10/2027	Non-Profit	3/10/2027		
		Regional Government - Metro	5/26/2027	Tanya Mayer	
		Regional Government - Greater MN	5/26/2027		
		At-Large	see above		

2026 Outreach Committee Meeting Note Taking Rotations

Jan. 13th, 2026 – Jessica Fendos

Feb. 24th, 2026 – Alec Trenda

Apr. 7th, 2026 – ~~Abby Stamm~~ Jessica Fendos

June 9th, 2026 – Cara Leitheiser

July 28th, 2026 – Chris Cantey

Sept. 8th, 2026 – Dale Watt

Oct. 27th, 2026 – Jeff Kalar

Dec. 8th, 2026 – Nick Linell