

Meeting Minutes
NAACCR GIS Committee
Wednesday, February 13, 2008
2:00-3:00 PM Eastern Time
1:00-2:00 PM Central Time
12:00-1:00 PM Mountain Time
11:00-12:00 Pacific Time
10:00-11:00 Alaskan Time

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A. Roll Call

Members Present: Frank Boscoe – Chair, Kevin Henry –Vice Chair, Holly Hodges, Pam Agovino, Stephanie Foster, David O’Brien, Mary Mroszczyk, Chris Newton, Carolyn Halbert, Dave Stinchcomb, Chris Johnson, Vijay Raghavan, Daniel Shorter (guest)

NAACCR Staff Present: Joshua Whitley

Members Absent: Recinda Sherman, Jim Files, Robin Crocker (CDC), Dan Goldberg, Christian Klaus, Jennifer Kachajian, Cathy Riddell, Yongping Hao, Bob Borchers, Meg Watson, Jim Martin, Myles Cockburn, Susan Brown, Heidi Gianella, Ken Hill

B. Minutes

- a. Approval of January minutes
As of this meeting, the minutes had not been circulated. Josh will send completed minutes for January along with February’s minutes.

C. Old Business

1. Geocoding Best-Practices Document – Dan/Frank
Dan has finished the next-to-last draft. This version is under 150 pages. With indices and the table of contents, the total document is 218 pages. Dan incorporated everyone’s comments. Dan’s supervisor is editing the document and he thinks he will be able to cut it down by 20%. Dan will need to read the document again to make sure everything is still OK after this round of editing. The document will be published after it has been approved by the board. Dan and Frank asked for alternative publication options. It was recommended that the document be published as a textbook using an academic publisher. Someone suggested that it just be published as PDF for web viewing. Holly thought it deserved to be fiscally printed. Budgeting was set aside for this, but the budget was for 150 pages to ensure that every registry could get one. Frank thinks this will take a long time for the board to approve. Lots of other

things on their minds. Dan offered several vendors for printing. No one was sure if NAACCR is willing to relinquish a copyright. The National Academy recently put out a book that anyone can access free online, but would pay money for a hard copy. Some members wondered if it would be better to hire a layout editor rather than a copy editor after so many rounds of editing have already taken place.

2. Rules for address consolidation – Bob

Bob could not be on the call today due to illness. This item is tabled until next month.

3. GIS Coordinate Quality – results of committee survey (on following page)

11 responded, 7 are using this data item. Most are being used by at least one registry, but some are only being used by 2 or 3. Chris noted that some registries only geocode cases for which they have codes of 3 or better, or they only retain the zipcode or other information in the file if uncodeable at that level to be used on-the-fly later. Arizona tries to geocode at the best available level. The biggest problem among registries seems to be having time to geocode.

4. Geocoding NPI –Kevin

Kevin will run through and geocode on primary address of provider. He said there are still a lot of mistakes. Some rows still don't get geocoded. He will then run through using the second provider address. His geocoder does put census tracts in. He is looking at getting it into a form to post online.

D. New Business

Next call March 12th.

GIS Coordinate Quality results

States responding: 11

States using this data item: 7

Code		# States using code	>0.1% of cases
00	Gov't maintained address points	2	0
01	GPS	2	1
02	Property parcel location	3	2
03	Interpolated street segment	7	7
04	Street intersections	3	1
05	Midpoint of street segment	1	1
06	ZIP+4 centroid	1	1
07	ZIP+2 centroid	0	0
08	Manual lookup	1	1
09	ZIP centroid	1	1
10	Point zip code of PO Box/RR	1	1
11	City centroid	1	1
12	County centroid	1	0
98	Quality unknown	0	0
99	Unable to assign	5	4
Blank	Not coded	4	4
99 and blank		2	
99 or blank		7	

One registry cited two research reports using this variable.