

Meeting Agenda
NAACCR GIS Committee
Wednesday, July 9, 2008

2:00-3:00 PM Mountain Time
1:00-2:00 PM Pacific Time
3:00-4:00 PM CentralTime
4:00-5:00 noon Eastern Time

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A. Roll Call

Members Present: Kevin Henry – Chair, Chris Johnson –Vice Chair, Frank Boscoe, Carolyn Halbert, Recinda Sherman, Bob Borchers, Holly Hodges, Chris Newton, Christian Klaus, Jennifer Kachajian, Yongping Hao, Stephanie Foster, Mary Mroszczyk, Ed Peters, Simple Singh, Jesse Stewart, David O'Brien, Meg Watson, Daniel Shorter

NAACCR Staff Present: Joshua Whitley

Members Absent: Pam Agovino, Myles Cockburn, Cathy Riddell, Dave Stinchcomb, Jim Files, Annette Gardner (CDC), Jim Martin, Susan Brown, Heidi Gianella, Dan Goldberg (Guest)

B. Minutes

1. Approval of June minutes
Minutes from the June in-person meeting were not available at the time of the call.

C. Old Business

1. Transition— New GIS Committee Chair and Vice Chair – Kevin H
 - a. At the NAACCR meeting in Denver, NAACCR President Susan Gershman approved the nomination of Kevin Henry (New Jersey) as Chair and Chris Johnson (Idaho) as the new Vice Chair of this committee. The committee wishes to thank Frank Boscoe for his service in all projects, specifically his help in securing the Komen grant and finishing the Geocoding best-practices document.
2. Geocoding Best-Practices Document – Dan
 - a. Kevin sent out a link to the current version of the document. At the NAACCR annual meeting, Dan Goldberg handed out paper copies to those in attendance. Dan received final revisions from the committee members and is making final changes now.

- b. Christian Klaus asked Kevin to remind the committee of the steps that have been taken so far with the document. Kevin went over the process to-date. Chris Newton motioned for approval of the document and it be forwarded to the NAACCR board. Recinda seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- 3. Geocoding NPI –Kevin
 - a. Kevin presented the geocoded NPI listing at the NAACCR meeting (Frank and Chris J. were co-authors). Kevin asked the committee members to review the listing itself and forward him any comments for future changes or improvements.
 - b. Josh provided download statistics for the file. Only 32 visitors have downloaded the file since its posting in April at a rate of 1-2 per week. There was a short discussion at this time about advertisement of the file.
- 4. Web-based address validation tool – Bob/Christian/Dan
 - a. Bob/Christian/Dan presented validation tools at the NAACCR meeting. A lot of people have been interested in the address validation tool that is now available on the USC GIS website (data for WI only). Kentucky also has a version of this tool. North Carolina is doing testing with a similar tool to also allow Geocoding at point of entry directly after address validation. Some testing has been done already and initial results show that many more matches are obtained when using this tool than not. Bob gave a brief overview of the application. This tool has already been given to at least one software vendor and others are interested.
- 5. Future committee ideas and activities–All
 - a. There was brief discussion at the Denver meeting about future committee projects. Chris Johnson suggested that the committee start with Bob and Christian’s product and move to the next step of Geocoding at address entry (directly after address validation). Several complications to this were discussed.
 - b. Frank suggested that the committee should think about ways for committee members to gain expertise in products such as Google Mash-Ups and possibly share this knowledge.

D. New Business

- 1. 2008-2009 Committee Budget – Kevin
 - a. Kevin asked for suggestions for budget items. One that must be included is the formatting and editing of the best practices document. Kevin asked that any further ideas be emailed to him. It was noted that it is very difficult to get additional funding later in the year so it is best to include all possibilities up front.
- 2. Geocoding Best Practices Advertisement –Kevin, Dan.
 - a. Summary article and/or review (e.g International Journal of Health Geographics). Document is longer and more technical than anticipated. Some members thought

perhaps a short review/abstract could be created to link to the document. Perhaps John Wilson will let the committee do a review in the GIS journal that he edits.

3. Cover to NAACCR GIS Directory – Kevin, David S
 - a. David is not on the call, so this was not discussed.
4. NAACCR SharePoint – Kevin, Josh
 - a. <http://sharepoint.naacr.org/gis/> - Over next couple of weeks, Josh will send out passwords via email to all members. This site will allow the committee to share information and documents without using email or other dissemination avenues.
5. Association of American Geographers (AAG) news letter: note about Medical/health Geography sessions at the AAG meeting – Frank
 - a. Frank wrote a summary of what he saw as patterns and trends in the field of medical geography. Frank will send out copy of the text to committee members.
6. New Members and Members Moving On
 - a. Stephanie Foster has accepted a new position and is starting in that position this week. She hopes to continue joining the meetings as a guest. Simple Singh is replacing Stephanie. Ed Peters also joined us today as a new member.