

Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting of the
Northern California GeoMedia User's Group

October 16, 2001 10:00 am – Noon
Yosemite Conference Room, Milpitas City Hall

Attendees:

Jeff Hobbs, President
Eric Bayer, Vice President
Jeff Fiore, Secretary
Alan Rich
Gene Warner
Lysee Moyaert
Tony Seebach

Planning of the November 13 Minor Meeting:

- The group decided that it is still to be held on the 13th
- Discussion Topics will include:
 - A list of priority 1 and 2 Change Requests (CRs) for GeoMedia from Intergraph HQ that we will prioritize as a group
 - New features available in GeoMedia 5.0
 - Any problems users are having that others can help resolve
 - Brainstorm topics for major meetings
- **Tony** will talk to Sourdough in SJ about hosting us
- **Jeff Hobbs** will make sure that the notice indicates that Sourdough only accepts cash

New Business:

- The group decided to move Tuesday Meetings to Wednesdays starting Jan 1, 2002
- In an effort to make it easier for users in the Sacramento Area to attend, the group decided to hold steering committee meetings in Livermore
- The San Ramon Valley Fire district was suggested as a venue. They have a small conference room
- **Gene** is seeking a location in Livermore for the December 5 steering committee meeting, which is scheduled from 10:00 am to Noon
- **Jeff Fiore** will discuss the IGUC standards at the next Steering Committee meeting.

Discussion/ Feedback from Sept. 11 Major Meeting:

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly:

- 25 attendees
- The group was pleased w/ the turnout and response in both numbers and geographic distribution
- David Lapp's talk may have been too technical

- Room was too light for projection
- Location was tricky to get to. Air photo next time if it is in Milpitas.
- The group agreed that it was a long day – Attendance had thinned out by the time Tony spoke.
- Overall the group thought there was not enough discussion between users and too little focus on the issues users face day to day

Planning for the next Major Meeting:

Location and date:

- **Lysee** is willing to provide BAAMA contacts for us to use when seeking venues for major meetings
- The next date for the next Major Meeting was discussed and the two options were the 9th or 30th (tentatively the 30th)
- **Jeff & Gene** will find out if they are available for the 9th
- **Gene** is searching for the venue - targeting the Livermore area
- Melinda/Mary Sui were mentioned as possible points of contact

There was a discussion of ideas for fostering greater user interaction:

- SCAMMA style meetings: Talk in morning – Workshops/ exhibitions in afternoon.
- Chat with the Experts
- Mini Convention
- Four talks instead of 3
- Hands on workshops - Possible topics included:
 - Connecting to AutoCAD data
 - Cleaning tools
 - GPS – Alan Rich
- An Open Forum was suggested where users/Intergraph AE's are available to answer questions/ swap tricks and tips

A question was posed: Should/can we send MRF tools data then have them clean it for use in their demo at the meeting?

The group agreed upon the following format:

- 5 hours
- Three one hour talks
- A one hour workshop
- Lunch and two breaks
- 10pm – 3pm
- Help lab (optional at end)

Discussion of the hands-on Workshop produced the following:

- Alan has two computers available if the meeting is in Milpitas
- INGR has five (maybe more) that can be moved around
- The leader will need a projector
- There should be an early sign-up
- **Gene** will contact Compaq to see if they will volunteer hardware for the workshop

- **Jeff Fiore** will check to see if Steve Hoffman will be available for the workshop
- **Jeff Hobbs** will see if MRF is willing to set up a workshop or hands on demo

Website Updates/Planning

- Jeff Hobbs will soon have the scripts page up on the site
- There is a NCGUG discussion list available to users
- Jobs page is coming soon
- We still need success stories
- Contact list for members will be available on the website
 - The complete list of names and contact info will be provided only by request
 - People on the list should be identified by organization/department

Meeting was adjourned at 11:55