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Agenda

8:00 – 9:00 **Continental Breakfast**

9:00 – 9:15 **Welcome**

- Molly Schar, *Executive Director, National States Geographic Information Council*
- Dan Ross, *Chief Geospatial Information Officer, State of Minnesota*
- Tammy Patrick, *Senior Advisor Elections, Democracy Fund*

9:15 – 9:45 **Keynote Presentation**

Building Thriving Elections: How GIS Put Wisconsin on the Map

Meagan Wolfe, *Elections Commission Administrator, State of Wisconsin*

Meagan Wolfe is the Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and serves as the Chief Election Official for the State of Wisconsin. Meagan was appointed by the bi-partisan, six-member Commission in February of 2018. The Wisconsin State Senate then unanimously confirmed her appointment in May 2019. As the chief election official of the most decentralized election administration system in the country, Meagan ensures that Wisconsin's 1922 local election officials have the resources and technology they need to conduct elections.

9:45 – 10:45 **The Power of GIS and Location in Elections: Early Adopters**

Among the first in the country to geo-enable election systems, representatives of four trailblazing states share their experiences

- Moderator: Josh Tanner, *GIS Analyst/Web Administrator, Geospatial Enterprise Office, State of Oregon*
- Stuart Holmes, *VoteWA Support Manager, Office of the Secretary of State, State of Washington*
- Sarah Whitt, *Systems and Data Specialist, Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) Inc.*
- Greg Grube, *GIS Elections Specialist, Elections Commission, State of Wisconsin*
- Veronica Degraffenreid, *Director of Election Operations, Board of Elections, State of North Carolina*
- Michael Chuang, *GIS Analyst, Board of Elections, State of North Carolina*
- Chepuri Ballingam, *Data Analyst, Board of Elections, State of North Carolina*



- Bert Granberg, *Analytics Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council*

10:45 – 11:00 **Break**

11:00 – 12:15 **Geo-Enabled Elections Pilot Project Learnings**

After four months of working within their states to integrate GIS into elections systems, representatives of five states share their goals, challenges, and lessons learned as part of the pilot project.

- Moderator: Ken Nelson, *Geographic Information Officer, State of Kansas*
- Brad Neuhauser, *GIS Specialist, Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State*
- Wayne Bena, *Deputy Secretary of State, State of Nebraska*
- Michael Moser, *Director of Election Security and Technology, State of Pennsylvania*
- David Tackett, *Chief Information Officer, West Virginia Secretary of State's Office*
- Jared Dearing, *Executive Director of Elections, State of Kentucky*

12:15 – 1:30 **Lunch (provided)**

1:30 – 2:45 **Geo-Enabled Elections Pilot Project Learnings (continued)**

- Moderator: Neil MacGaffey, *Director, MassGIS, State of Massachusetts*
- Brad Neuhauser, *GIS Specialist, Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State*
- Wayne Bena, *Deputy Secretary of State, State of Nebraska*
- Michael Moser, *Director of Election Security and Technology, State of Pennsylvania*
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2:45 – 3:00 **Break**

3:00 – 4:15 **Best Practices to Enhance Elections with GIS**

This panel discussion explores the set of best practices developed as part of the Geo-Enabled Elections project that provide a blueprint for states to begin to integrate GIS into elections systems.

- Moderator: Bert Granberg, *Analytics Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council*
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- Kim Brace, *President, Election Data Services, Inc.*
- Paul Stenbjorn, *President, Election Information Services, LLC*
- Greg Grube, *GIS Elections Specialist, Elections Commission, State of Wisconsin*
- Neil MacGaffey, *Director, MassGIS, State of Massachusetts*

4:15 – 4:45 **On the Horizon: What’s Next for GIS in Elections?**

- Bert Granberg, *Analytics Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council*
- Wayne Bena, *Deputy Secretary of State, State of Nebraska*

4:45 – 6:30 **Networking Reception**

The National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) launched the Geo-Enabled Elections project in 2017 to strengthen the accuracy and reliability of American’s electoral system and increase voters’ confidence that their votes are heard in each election. The project’s goal is to assist states and other election authorities in implementing GIS technology in elections in order to ensure that voters are placed in the right voting district, receive the right ballot, and vote in the right electoral contests. NSGIC gratefully recognizes the significant project support of the Democracy Fund Voice. For more information about Geo-Enabled Elections, contact Project Manager Jamie Chesser at jamie.chesser@nsgic.org.