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Agenda

Each year, the Elections GeoSummit brings together the nation's leaders in elections management and geographic information systems (GIS) to share leading-edge findings and craft best practices to enhance election systems.

12:00 – 12:05 **Welcome**

- John Jordan | Executive Director | NSGIC

12:05 – 12:20 **GIS & Elections: State of the States**

As part of its final-year deliverables, NSGIC's Geo-Enabled Elections project recently released the *State Election Director Report*, documenting progress in the use of GIS technology in elections across the United States since the project's inception in 2017. NSGIC is grateful for the time and candid input of the 28 U.S. election directors who participated in the interviews and surveys that made this nationwide report possible.

In this presentation, Neil MacGaffey shares highlights and provides valuable insights from the report for states looking to integrate GIS in elections.

- Neil MacGaffey | Retired Director of MassGIS | Massachusetts

12:20 – 1:40 **Keynote Panel**

This is How We've Grown: Learnings from the States

Commitment and collaboration lead to growth. Geo-enabling elections data and processes is a substantial undertaking, and yet, one hundred percent of the election directors surveyed in the 2022 *State Election Director Report* understand this and the positive impact GIS can have in elections.

In this Keynote Panel, hear from four states who committed to geo-enabling elections, collaborated with GIS professionals, and subsequently grew and elevated their election and redistricting programs.

Facilitator

- Jamie Chesser | Geo-Enabled Elections Project Manager | NSGIC



Panelists

- Montana
 - Stuart Fuller | Elections & Voter Services Manager | Montana Secretary of State
 - Erin Fashoway | State GIS Coordinator – Montana State Library | Montana
- Pennsylvania
 - Kori House | Assistant Deputy Secretary | Elections and Commissions Pennsylvania
 - Matthew Ruch | Voting Systems Analyst | Pennsylvania Department of State
 - Sindhu Ramachandran | Chief, Division of Election Security and Technology | Bureau of Elections Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
 - Rob Rock | Director of Elections | Rhode Island Department of State
 - Jess Cigna | Senior Data Analyst | Rhode Island Department of State
- Vermont
 - Will Senning | Director of Elections and Campaign Finance | Vermont Secretary of State's Office

1:40 – 1:55

What is next?

In many states, the Geo-Enabled Elections project has shone a light on the tremendous potential that GIS and geospatial tools can have and are having in elections administration.

In this closing presentation, hear from three steering group members of the newly formed Geo-Enabled Elections and Redistricting Working Group at NSGIC on their ambitious plans to build an inclusive GIS and elections community – all are welcome - to support the geo-enabled elections transformation steadily happening in states and territories in the United States.

- John E. Adams | Director | Vermont Center for Geographic Information
- Greg Bunce | GIS Data Coordinator | Utah Geospatial Resource Center
- Tim Johnson | Geographic Information Officer | North Carolina

1:55 – 2:00

Thank you

- Jamie Chesser | Geo-Enabled Elections Project Manager | NSGIC