



New President & Board Members Elected to National States Geographic Information Council

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Indianapolis, IN – The National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) conducted its annual election here last week. **Bert Granberg**, director of the Utah Automated Geographic Reference Center, was named as NSGIC’s board president and **Andy Rowan**, deputy chief technology officer of the New Jersey Office of Information Technology, was elected to the position of president-elect.

Additionally, the NSGIC membership re-elected **Cheryl Benjamin**, manager of the New York State Street and Address Maintenance Program in the Office of Information Technology Services, as a board director. **Tony Spicci**, longtime conference committee chair, former NSGIC president and GIS supervisor for Missouri, and **Nathan Watermeier**, state GIS coordinator for the Nebraska Information Technology Commission GIS Council, previously serving as secretary of the board, were both elected to board director positions.

Chris Diller, GIS manager for the State of Wisconsin, moved from the position of president to his new role as immediate past president. **Shelby Johnson**, geographic information officer for the state of Arkansas, retired from the board after serving out all three executive terms as president-elect, president and immediate past president.

Susan Miller, geospatial information officer for Georgia, was appointed by Granberg to the position of board secretary. **Dan Ross**, Minnesota’s geospatial information officer, will continue in his role as treasurer. **Richard Butgereit**, chief information officer for the Florida Division of Emergency Management, **Joe Sewash**, enterprise GIS architect for the North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, and **Jeff Smith**, spatial data infrastructure manager for Ohio, continue on the board as they serve their 2015-2017 terms.

“The combined energy and expertise of the NSGIC board, committee chairs, corporate sponsors and membership is almost overwhelming right now,” said Granberg. “Our conference last week was filled with great, actionable ideas and opportunities. I am really excited to see where we go together in the year ahead.”

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National States Geographic Information Council

The National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) promotes statewide geospatial coordination activities in all states and advocates for states in national geospatial policy initiatives that support a national spatial data infrastructure. We work toward our vision of all levels of government becoming highly effective and efficient through coordinated development and use of geospatial data and technologies. Our members represent state Geographic Information Officers (GIOs), state agency GIS heads, leaders of the statewide coordination council, federal agencies, tribal government, local government, the private sector, academia and other professional organizations. Learn more at www.nsgic.org.