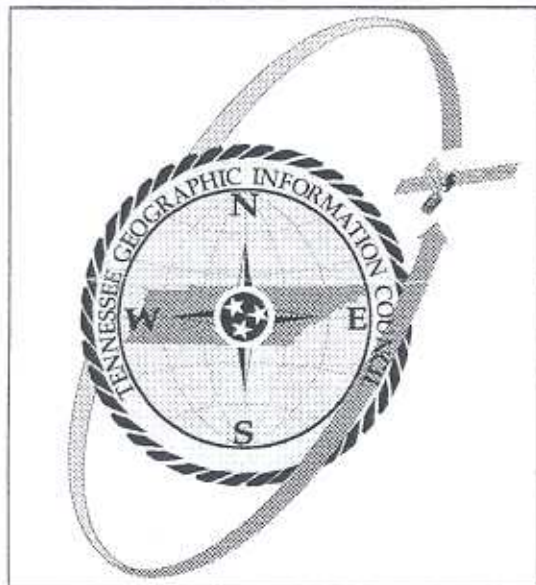


TNGIC TODAY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT



The TNGIC General membership meeting was held November 15 at the Stouffer hotel in downtown Nashville during the 1995 GIS/LIS conference. The following persons come off the Board of Directors in 1996: Yvette Clark, John Harris, and John Lutz. Thanks to all Board members past and present for your contributions to TNGIC. Particular thanks goes out to John Harris, who was instrumental in getting Tennessee GIS users together over 5 years ago, and helped start what became TNGIC. We wish you luck in your future endeavors John! The Membership elected the following new Board members: Star Lakavage, David Tirpak, and Mary Alice Wood. Congratulations to the new Board members. The Membership also elected Kim McDonough as the next TNGIC Vice President. Kim has already been working hard on the upcoming TNGIC Users Forum to be held at the Maxwell House hotel in Nashville in 1996. Congratulations to Kim! We look forward to a good year for TNGIC for 1996.

The Membership voted to amend the by-laws to allow the Treasurer to serve for two consecutive years. The change in by-laws allows for more continuity, fewer bank signatures, account changeovers, tax-filing updates, and so forth. Terry Long has gracefully volunteered to continue his position as Treasurer for another year. We will need a new Treasurer after that, so let the Board know if you have any suggestions for 1997.

Another topic discussed at the annual meeting was a return to site visits for 1996. In the early years of TNGIC (before we were actually *called* TNGIC), we held 2 to 3 meetings per year at various GIS sites across the state. The members have expressed a desire to return to site visits for 1996. Spreading the meetings around geographically has several benefits. Members will have more chances to see first hand what other GIS shops across the state are doing, and members with travel restrictions will have an opportunity to attend or even host a TNGIC meeting. Several members indicated an interest to host a TNGIC meeting. Who wants to go first? Please contact myself or Kim McDonough with the date and location, and we will publish it in the next TNGIC newsletter and on the TNGIC Internet List Server.

Speaking of the TNGIC List Server – several members asked how to subscribe. Here's how: 1) Send a message to: LISTSERV@UTKVM1.UTK.EDU 2) Leave the "Subject:" field blank 3) Send a one line message as follows:
SUBSCRIBE TNGIC-L <Your Name>

That should do it. You should get a message back from the list server indicating that you are on the list. Once you have successfully joined the list, the address to post messages is: TNGIC-L@UTKVM1.UTK.EDU

The membership also chose chairpersons for several 1996 Forum committees: Vendor committee -- Pat Scarbrough; Hotel Arrangements – Kim McDonough; Program Committee -- Greg Plumb and Rick Stieg; Poster Session – David Tirpak. Thanks to these folks for volunteering their time. The 1996 Forum will be as successful as we make it. Please contact the chairpersons and offer to serve on any committees you have an interest in.

The Membership also voted to affiliate with URISA. The affiliation with URISA has many benefits, the most important one probably being exposure. TNGIC will have access to the URISA speaker resource list, and will receive information on related organizations and activities.

Alan Voss from TVA spoke to the Membership about possible data partnerships. Brenda Brandenburg offered to chair a committee to investigate data partnerships which may be of interest to TNGIC.

The next Board meeting will be held January 26, 1996 at the TDEC Office in Nashville, L&C Tower, 401 Church Street, 15th Floor. The primary agenda topic will be the 1996 GIS Users Forum. *Thanks for your interest in TNGIC!*