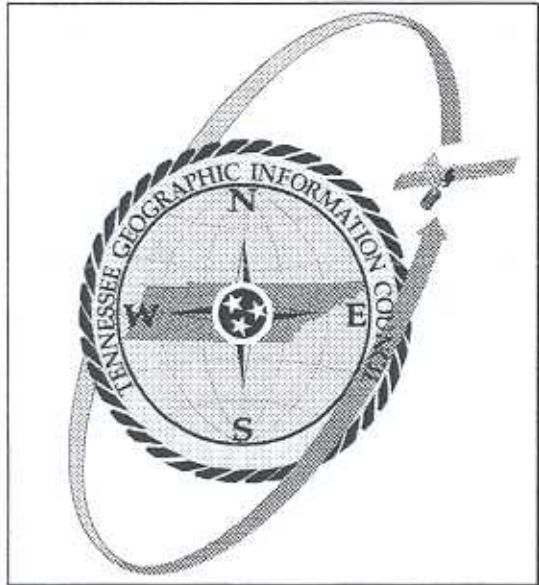


# TNGIC TODAY

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TENNESSEE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COUNCIL



## Memphis and Knoxville TNGIC Meetings Announced!

The TNGIC Board of Directors met on January 26, with our newly elected President Bryan Deem presiding. The Membership indicated a strong interest in having more than one full meeting a year. A desire to spread the meetings around the state geographically was also indicated. To that end, the Board confirmed the following dates for two additional TNGIC General Membership meetings in 1996: *April 22 in Memphis* and *July 12 in Knoxville*. The Memphis meeting will coincide with the GIS Conference sponsored by the University of Memphis Ground Water Institute. A room will be provided at the conference for the TNGIC meeting. The Knoxville meeting will be held at UT Knoxville, with Jim Minton and company as our host. The agenda for the Knoxville meeting will revolve around development of the TNGIC World Wide Web page, and Metadata issues. The agenda for the Memphis meeting has yet to be determined.

Vice President Kim McDonough reported that the Maxwell House Hotel has set aside 2/3 of the large ballroom for the TNGIC Annual GIS Users Forum. The Forum is scheduled for September 29 - October 1, 1996.

*Please see below for an important announcement regarding the 1996 Forum.*

Star Lakavage presented the concept of a GIS Speakers Bureau program. The idea is to have a list of TNGIC members who are willing to speak to community and civic organizations, as well as city employees, to introduce GIS at the community level. The motion was made that TNGIC would sponsor such a program, pending further details. A detailed action plan for further consideration will be presented at the April TNGIC meeting in Memphis.

Alan Voss from TVA gave an update on the data partnerships program he presented at the November meeting.

Brenda Brandenburg, from State of TN Comptroller's Office, allowed the Board to review a quality presentation which the Comptroller's office is showing to various officials in State government. The presentation was essentially a demonstration of the need for and utility of a common basemap for TN based on high resolution digital orthophotography and a parcel-level vector layer. The TNGIC Board gave its support for the initiative. Brenda's presentation was of such quality, that several Board members felt that the presentation would be a very useful tool for the Speakers Bureau outlined by Star Lakavage.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!** There will be a meeting to discuss 1996 TN GIS Users Forum on **February 23**. The meeting will be held at STEP Inc., and will begin at 11:00 Eastern Time. Contact Pat Luther at 423.481.7837 or [pat@step.stepenv.com](mailto:pat@step.stepenv.com) for directions. Anyone who wishes to be involved in the 1996 Forum should attend. Subcommittee chairs, now is the time to get your teams together, and plan to bring your ideas to the meeting. The subcommittee chairs are as follows: Vendors -- Pat Scarbrough; Hotel Arrangements -- Kim McDonough; Program Committee -- Greg Plumb and Rick Stieg; Poster Session -- David Tirpak. Many thanks to these folks for volunteering their efforts! Please contact these chairs and offer to serve on the sub-committees. The 1996 Forum will be as successful as we make it.

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