

NOAA, National Geodetic Survey
HEIGHT MODERNIZATION COORDINATION MEETING
Meeting Notes – March 13, 2008

In attendance:

- call-ins from: CA(Maria Turingan), CO (Dan Smith, Kevin Hoffman), ID(Amy Eller), IL(Beverly Herzog),KS(Ingrid Landgraf), LA(Tony Cavell), NC (Jerry Nave), TX(Gary Jeffress), WI(Dave Moyer), WA(Gwen Roy, Dave Steele)
- in Silver Spring and other NGS, Renee Shields, Sonita Tiwari, Dan Winester, Dave Doyle, advisors from attending states (AR, MS, MN, MI, NC, KY,WI)
- general attendance were low this month due to conflicts caused when 2 other meetings were scheduled at the same time.

Special Report: Galen Scott on COASTAL Program

Program Developments

Grants

- Reviews were completed by panel at the beginning of this week. Grantees will be notified of reviewers comments and questions and be required to respond to them. Negotiations will follow via phone calls from Gilbert Mitchell's office. "Negotiations" is a stage in the grants online process. If you have not heard from NGS by the end of next week concerning the reviews, contact Renee or Sonita.

Outreach – website, publications

- Renee hasn't added much to the web site but the notes from the Regional in North Carolina and the presentations from ACSM should be posted soon.
- At the end of the month there will be a test webinar offered to other NOAA offices on Datums 101, presented by Dave Doyle of NGS and Allison Allen of CO-OPS. If this webinar is successful, these may be offered to supplement the current NGS Workshop program given the limited resources of late.

Events – meetings, workshops

- Past - Feb 20-22, Virginia Beach, NGS Convocation – Suggestions from convocation included engaging in other National programs, specifically in NOAA, things like NCCOS and NERRS programs. Also, Advisors and Spatial Reference Centers are in need of outreach material. Renee's ToDo list includes updating many of the flyers and one-pagers that have been written on the program.
- Mar 4-9, Spokane, WA – ACSM; 4 hour HM workshop, reports at Gov't Affairs Committee Mtg and National Assoc. of County Surveyors Mtg. Meetings and workshop went well. The workshop was well attended, and included an update on the program in Washington by Dave Steele, and an overview of issues in New Zealand by Nic Donnelly, visiting NGS from Land Information New Zealand (LINZ)
- Apr 8-9, Mobile, AL – Height Mod forum and Regional forum/mtg
- Apr 16-18, Corpus Christi, TX – Subsidence Workshop
- May 2, 9, Orleans and San Jose, CA - 2 Real Time Symposiums
- May 8, San Jose, CA - CSRC Semi-annual meeting

- May 2, Wichita, KS – Regional forum
- Date TBD, Greensboro – Real Time Workshop
- June 6-9, WVGPS – HM workshop (unconfirmed)
- August 25-29, Cayman Islands – URISA Conference
- Oct 7-10, New Orleans, LA – URISA Conference
- TBA – Dave Zenk says there is interest in a Height Mod forum in Iowa and Minnesota. The thought is to hold a regional forum in the are of Rochester, MN, accessible to IL, IA, and WI, perhaps IL too.

Software developments

- Update on Texas HM Level Tool under development at TAMUCC. New programmer, Rick Smith, is working on updating the current version for the Leica level. The link at TAMUCC - <http://meridian.tamucc.edu/THM/HomePage> .

Specifications and Guidelines

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Other Business

- Renee has not yet worked on Dave Minkel's request for a written policy on the limitations of how grant funds can support real time networks.
- The next monthly phone conference will be Thursday, May 8, 2008, 2:00-3:30 ET
- Dan Winester reported on project being done analyzing historic tidal bench mark data at the University of Oregon. Ray Weldon is publishing at AGU in the fall.