

AGIC 2026 Conference Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, December 18, 2025
10:00 am

In Attendance:

Kevin Blake
Robert Bush
John Danloe
Jami Dennis
Sage Donaldson
Shawny Ekadis
Nicole Funicello
Teresa Gregory
Sarah Hess
James Lambert
Shea Lemar
Jenna Leveille
Cat Moody
Bill Nye
Jennifer Psillas
Garrett Raubinger
Steve Whitney
Troy Wiora

Committee coordination and meeting operation:

- Start using standard meeting minutes template.
- Conference manual development is going well.
- Organizing the conference content on the State's Google Drive.

Action Items:

Steve – Email inactive committee members to see if they want to stay on the distribution list.

Steve/Jami/Shea – Organize conference content on the State Google Drive.

Steve – Incorporate standard meeting minutes template.

Outreach Committee Report:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Budget:

- No discussion

Action Items:

Steve – Summarize the 2025 revenue.

Venue coordination:

- Consider UofA for the Spring Symposium.

Action items:

Steve – Talk to Elisabeth vanderLeeuw about the Spring Symposium.

Event Management Platform Coordination:

- 2026 is the final year in our current contract with EventSquid, so we need to decide if we want to renew or switch to another platform.
- EventSquid is not planning to develop full-scale app, but in the past, folks have complained about having to download an app.

Action items:

Shea – Get a quote for Eventsquid renewal.

Conference Communication:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Agenda & speaker coordination:

- Potential keynote/lunch speakers –
 - Deirdre Dalpiaz Bishop, Census head of geography, and could present on how “the census is using AI to save 1.5 billion dollars on the 2030 census”.
 - Eva Reid
 - Someone from Sharlot Hall, <https://sharlothallmuseum.org/>
 - John Nelson
 - Wanmei Liang
 - Jennifer Toth
 - David Yarnold, <https://www.audubon.org/people/david-yarnold>
 - Margaret Wickens Pearce, <https://www.macfound.org/fellows/class-of-2025/margaret-wickens-pearce>
 - Clinton Johnson, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zfM-elOkrUk>
 - Chris Lukinbeal – Presented at Cambridge, 40-minute talk

- Ethan McGhee or member from URISA Vanguard -- Sara Thompson
- Jami Dennis
- Let's see if John Nelson is available.

Action Items:

Jami – Contact John Nelson regarding the keynote.

Steve, et al - Need to contact the potential speakers in January to give ample time to coordinate.

Exhibitor/sponsor participation:

- Reviewing past sponsors, adding new ones, and working on the first notification.
- We have at least one potential sponsor for printing.
 - Do we want to stick with only geospatial sponsors?
 - Potential for non-geospatial sponsors for all levels?
 - Limit it to certain levels?
 - It was decided that we will deal with it as it comes up.

Action Items:

Steve – Coordinate ballroom floorplan changes with the venue.

John/Pauline – Reach out to past sponsors/potential sponsors with 2026 dates.

John/Pauline – At-a-Glance Agenda. Opportunity for a printing sponsor, add to sponsor list.

Registration:

- A Google spreadsheet will be used for registration desk time slot sign-up.

Action Items:

None

Maps & Apps Challenge:

- Voting method needs to be determined.
 - We will use the Eventsquid app, with comprehensive instructions.

Action Items:

None

Scholarships:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Awards:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Printing:

- At-a-glance agenda printing has been added to the task spreadsheet and conference manual.

Action items:

None

Computer labs:

- Esri has been asked about providing a Learning Lab assistant, with Pima County providing laptops.

Action items:

None

T-shirts:

- No discussion

Action items:

None

Order Materials:

- Order –
 - Box of pens for office use, e.g. 30.
 - Cowbells.

Action items:

Steve – Review inventory items.

Attendee Packet/Supplies:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

Social Events:

- No discussion

Action Items:

None

General:

- Standing item – Anything from this meeting to put into the annual accomplishments.
 - A summary of the 2025 conference will be included in the AGIC annual report.
- Towards the AGIC Targeted Priority - AGIC & AZGeo Funding and Sustainability –
 - The Council is developing SMART goals for this.
 - Initial activity will be outreach to inform folks of this priority.

Action Items:

None