



# LION

The Wisconsin Land Information Officers Network

Draft Minutes  
LION Annual Meeting  
May 17, 2012  
4:25 P. M.  
Pointe Resort and Club, Minocqua, WI

## In Attendance

Jodi Helgeson - Adams  
Tyler Grosshuesch - Adams  
Mark Netterlund - Barron  
Jeff DuMez – Brown  
Jason Towne – Burnett  
Carrie Morrell – Clark  
Fred Iausly - Dane  
Allen Brokmeier - Kenosha  
Bryan Meyer - La Crosse  
Mary Jean Ritchie - Lafayette  
David Tlusty – Langlade  
Diane Hanson – Lincoln  
Audrey Jensen – Lincoln  
Mark Teuteberg - Oconto

Michael Romportl - Oneida  
Sara McCurdy – Polk  
Jennifer Borlick – Rock  
Doug Avoles – Vernon  
Barb Gibson - Vilas  
Ian Grasshoff - Waupaca  
Jerry Bougie - Winnebago  
Justin Conner - Wood  
Mike Friis - DOA  
Peter Herreid - DOA  
Curtis Pulford – GIO  
Mike Koutnik – ESRI  
Jon Schwichtenberg – WLIA  
Brenda Hemstead – SCO  
Howard Veregin – SCO

### 1. Call to Order

Jeff DuMez, LION Chair called the meeting to order at 4:25 P.M.

### 2. Minutes

Jodi Helgeson moved to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2012 meeting at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point; seconded by Mary Jean Ritchie. Motion carried and the minutes were approved.

### 3. LION participation on the Committee on State Cartography (CSC)

The CSC is an oversight committee for the State Cartographer's Office. Fred Iausly was selected to a two (2) year term to represent LION.

Motion to move agenda item 6 to item 4 (m/Justin Conner, s/Jodi Helgeson). Motion passed

### 4. Statewide Parcel Initiatives

Howard Veregin presented an overview of a research project being conducted by the State Cartographer's Office (SCO). The project will examine the feasibility of integrating existing County web services to create a seamless state-wide map. About 33 Counties are participating so far.

Howard said further information about the project would be published on the SCO website next week (<http://www.sco.wisc.edu/news/sco-and-uw-eau-claire-launch-qvirtual-data-integrationq-research-project.html>).

Jeff DuMez gave a brief description of the Just Do It project and said a more detailed project description is available elsewhere. Below is a description from Justin Conner from <http://www.wlia.org/forumviewtopic.cfm?forumnbr=7274&topicnbr=16314>

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To realize the full potential of the Wisconsin Land Information Program the WLIA Board identified three tasks, with the first being dubbed "Just Do It" (JDI). The goal of the JDI task is to gather as much parcel data as possible and assemble it into a seamless parcel dataset, stored as a single common database schema, for the purpose of demonstrating the value of statewide data layers. To demonstrate this value we intend on creating web and/or mobile applications that answer very specific problems such as, disaster cost analysis.

To be clear, this is **ONLY** a pilot project designed to be an effective tool in the education of top-level administrators and policy makers. It is our belief that without something tangible in the hands of policy makers funds will continue to be lapsed, the program will be under constant attack and geospatial data will never meet its potential in Wisconsin. Understand that as a pilot project this will be set up as a one time operation and not designed to be the end all be all. In the process of putting this together we will identify and document the issues we encounter. This documentation, along with that of the [Parcel Data Model Task Force](#), will be used in the second task called "Statewide Data Integration Plan". This task is being led by Bill Cozzens and Jay Yearwood of the Technical Committee and will ultimately involve several people and organizations in the State. More about task #2 later.

We start this initiative completely aware that other similar efforts are taking place. In the past few weeks we have had phone conversations with many of them in an effort to both inform them of our plans and to learn about theirs. In each case it was evident that the project approach and goals were too different to effectively collaborate. In the end, I think taking multiple approaches to solve a common problem will be a great benefit.

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## **5. WLIP / DOA updates**

Peter Herried reminded the group that Base budget / Education grant applications are due May 22<sup>nd</sup> and encouraged everyone to fill out the parcel mapping survey. Also the base budget grant report is due June 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **6. Legislative Committee Updates**

Fred Iausly presented the Legislative Committees proposal for funding the Land Records Program (attached). The proposal seeks to remove the sunset for the \$5 Social Security redaction fee and redirect the money to specific land records activities. Three (3) Counties have already dropped the redaction fee. Jodi Helgeson said that the sunset was needed to pass the flat fee legislation. The title and banking industries would rather have one fee, not the two-tier system we have now. Mike Romportl suggested the additional \$5 wouldn't amount to much for a lot of counties. We are fighting over small amounts. If we pigeon-hole how the money is to be spent it will be harder to spend on other projects. Fred Iausly thinks that if we don't define how the money will be spent we can't ask for it. Some members felt it would be best not to change the legislation at all. Peter Herried and Mike Friis encouraged LION to present a clear, consistent message. Fred Iausly summarized changes to the

legislative proposal offered by the membership: Keep specific activities for \$5 redaction fee but remove dollar amounts, send proposal to WLIA, include other stakeholders (e.g. Registers-of-Deeds, Realtors, Bankers) in the drafting process for this proposal. Jodi Helgeson stated that the next Legislative session begins in January, 2013.

**7. County Resolutions in Support of Seamless State GIS Data Layers**

Scott Galetka of Bayfield County has a resolution drafted in support of statewide efforts. Hopes Bayfield County will pass it and others will follow.

**8. Any other business**

Motion to reinstate contribution-based grants for LIDAR, PLSS, and parcel mapping (m/Mike Romportl, s/Mary Jean Ritchie) passed unanimously.

**9. Next Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at the Radisson Paper Valley in Appleton

**10. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn (m/Justin Conner, s/Sara McCurdy)

Respectfully submitted by  
Ian Grasshoff and Jeff Hartman