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President's Corner

Hello to all. It's already May! The spring workshops are ready to go and I hope you are all prepared to take advantage of them. Remember how tough it is to get those last few certification hours in the last three months of the year? Well, now is the time to do something about it. The Executive Board aided by the automated expertise of our favorite "Rich" member, that is Rich Elkins of Edgecombe County, has worked hard to prepare these workshops especially for you!

Those of you who are looking for Mapper and Senior Mapper Certifications need to be getting your thinkin' hats tuned up because mapping school is coming in a hurry. I think that you will be both pleased and challenged with this year's school. You might even find it a nice break from the heat and humidity if you're from down east somewhere. Patricia Pike has been working hard to make sure everything is in place. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I can't overlook the efforts of Suzie Nicholson who despite hardships continues to plow ahead with plans for the Fall Conference. Her committee is cultivating new ideas that promise a show worthy to see twice.

The Executive Board has been working on internal issues such as finance and membership. We are pleased to announce that over 90% of the State's 100 counties are now represented in our association. If you want to talk about a valuable professional network, that's one to talk about. We are extending an open hand to those remaining outside the loop to come join us and share with us their expertise, and maybe take some new ideas from us back to their counties.

I am pleased and proud to say that our organization is on sound financial footing. We are however changing our accounting methods to better reflect specific expenditures and income. It is our belief that this will help us better understand cost structures and budgeting as well as prepare us for the audits required by our exempt status. It is your money and we want to get the most out of it.

As you can see we have been working hard for you. Can you help us? Get Active! Also, if you know anyone representing an unaffiliated county get his or her name and address. Let us know so we can send them a North Arrow and a Legend. We shouldn't be satisfied until all 100 counties are in this boat together.

Gil Robbins

President, Beaufort County

Spring Workshops

The NCPMA is pleased to announce that it is sponsoring a series of 2-part workshops. The workshops will run from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Lunch is on your own from noon to 1 p.m., and afternoon workshops begin at 1 p.m. Workshops are free to government employees at the municipal, county, state, or federal level in North Carolina. The program will include Metadata and the NC Floodmapping Program.

The metadata workshop is being presented by the [NC Center for Geographic Information and Analysis](#). It is geared toward GIS staff in any department that creates GIS Data. Metadata is "data about data" with standards and conventions on format. Participants in the [NC One Map](#) program are required to have FGDC-Compliant Metadata. This workshop will help you get started on creating metadata.

The NC Floodmapping Workshop is being presented by the [NC Floodmapping Program](#). The workshop will cover use of the [NCFloodmaps.com](#) website and reading the new paper maps. It is geared toward any government employee who deals with floodmaps in digital or hard copy form, especially floodplain administrators, who are often in Planning Departments, but also toward Property Mappers or GIS personnel who may be responsible for making this data available to the appropriate agencies within their administration. Property Mappers are encouraged to inform the Planning Department of their counties and municipalities therein of this workshop that could be of great interest to them.

Workshop Locations

Southeast

[New Hanover County Public Library
Wilmington NC](#) Fri., May 21, 2004

AM: NC Floodmapping Program

PM: Metadata

Piedmont

[Davie County Public Library
Mocksville NC](#) Tues., May 25, 2004

AM: Metadata

PM: NC Floodmapping Program

Mountain

[Southwestern Community College
Sylva NC](#) Weds. May 26, 2004

AM: Metadata

PM: NC Floodmapping Program

Class information could not be included on the Northeast class as it had been held prior to publishing the North Arrow.

(Mailed version of this newsletter included a note about a second workshop in the Northeast which was in error)

Registration

Due to space considerations, preregistration is required. Registration for each site is being handled separately. Information on where to send the form is on the registration form itself. Contact that person for site-specific information.

**North Carolina Property Mappers Association
2004 Spring Workshop Registration Form**

Name	Address
County	
Position	
Phone number	
Email	

For Wilmington Workshops send

Registration to:

Patricia Pike
GIS Director
Onslow County Land Records
39 Tallman St
Jacksonville, NC 28540

By fax to: **(910) 938-7021**

or email to:

patricia_pike@co.onslow.nc.us

For Sylva Workshops send

Registration to:

John Bridgers
Land Records Director
Yadkin County Land Records
PO Box 1217
Yadkinville, NC 27055

By fax to: **(336) 679-2703**

or email to:

jbridgers@yadkincounty.gov

For Mocksville Workshops send

Registration to:

Vic Spencer
GIS Specialist
Wilkes County
110 North Street, Suite 212
Wilkesboro, NC 28697

By fax to: **(336) 651-7551**

or email to:

downoldsixty@hotmail.com

**Please Indicate which workshop(s)
you plan to attend:**

___ **Metadata**

afternoon session – Wilmington
morning session – Mocksville & Sylva

___ **Floodmapping**

morning session – Wilmington
afternoon session – Mocksville & Sylva

Membership Renewals

At time of this release of the North Arrow we do not have representation from the following counties. If you know anyone there give them a quick call and let them know about the benefits of membership.

Anson
Camden
Duplin
Hyde
Lee
Madison
Martin
Mitchell
Vance
Washington

Website Info

Check out our website. Rich Elkins does a tremendous job with it. It's full of useful information and information is constantly being updated. We're always open to suggestions, so if you have any please contact Rich.

<http://ncpropertymappers.org>

School Update

Mapping School 2004 Asheville, NC
August 2 - August 6
Reservations start on the 1st (Sunday)
Ramada Inn West Asheville
Smoky Park Blvd
Hotel Contact: Debra Smith
(828) 665-2161

Rooms are available for a conference rate of \$78 a night (single, double, triple, or quad) and the tax rate is 11%. A free buffet breakfast is included with the room. Make reservations directly with the hotel and be sure to identify yourself as being with the NCPMA Mapping School. The deadline for reservations with guaranteed availability at the group rate is July 1st.

Directions to School

From the East (I-40 Westbound)

Take I-40 through Asheville to Exit 44 - US 19/23 Enka/Candler. Exit is a loop exit. At the bottom of the exit, turn right onto Smokey Park Hwy (US 19/23) and cross under the Interstate.

Hotel is just ahead on the right with the entrance directly across from Bruce Road.

From the West (I-40 Eastbound)

Take I-40 toward Asheville to Exit 44 - US 19/23 Enka/Candler.

At the bottom of the exit, turn right onto Smokey Park Hwy (US 19/23).

Hotel is just ahead on the right with the entrance directly across from Bruce Road.

2004 NCPMA MAPPING SCHOOL REGISTRATION
AUGUST 2 – AUGUST 6, 2004
*******REGISTRATION DEADLINE JULY 1ST *****

NAME: _____

Title: _____

County/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Receipt needed: _____

Please check the following:

Regular Mapping Class _____ Advanced Mapping Class _____

_____ NCPMA Member (Fee = \$200.00)

_____ Non-NCPMA Member (Fee = \$230.00)

I WILL ATTEND:

President's Reception on Monday Night _____ YES _____ NO

Social on Wednesday Night _____ YES _____ NO

The cost of the social is \$25.00. This includes transportation, entertainment, and dinner.

More details are forthcoming.

****MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO NCPMA****

Please complete this entire form and mail to:

Patricia Pike
Onslow County GIS
39 Tallman Street
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Direct any questions to Patricia @ (910) 989-2210 or patricia_pike@co.onslow.nc.us

TO PRE-REGISTER FAX THIS APPLICATION TO (910) 938-7021.

Institute of Government Calendar 2004

July 19-23, 2004
IAAO Course 112
Institute of Government
Joe Hunt

August 9-13, 2004
IAAO Course 311
Institute of Government
Joe Hunt

September 13-17, 2004
IAAO Course 400
Institute of Government
Joe Hunt

October (Date TBA)
Property Listing & Assessing
Institute of Government
Shea Denning/NCDOR

Upcoming Events

May 2004

20th NC GICC Meeting Raleigh NC

21st NCPMA Spring Workshop Wilmington NC, topics: Metadata & Floodmapping

25th NCPMA Spring Workshop Mocksville NC, topics: Metadata & Floodmapping

26th NCPMA Spring Workshop Sylva NC, topics: Metadata & Floodmapping

June 2004

8 "Connecting to NCOneMap with ArcIMS and the WMS connector" Salisbury NC

July 2004

18th – 21st Assessors and Collectors Joint Summer Conference Sheraton,
Atlantic Beach, NC

26th – 30th IAAO Course 600 Brentwood TN (Outside Nashville)

August 2004

2nd – 6th Mapping School Asheville, NC

18th NC GICC Meeting Raleigh NC

18th –20th NCURISA Conference Holiday Inn Sunspree Asheville, NC

Public Review Comment

May 11, 2004

Announcement of **Public Review** of "Guidelines for Providing Appropriate Access to Geospatial Data in Response to Security Concerns"

The Federal Geographic Data Committee **invites comments on "Guidelines for Providing Appropriate Access to Geospatial Data in Response to Security Concerns."** The guidelines provide procedures to identify sensitive information content of geospatial data sets. Should such content be identified, the guidelines help organizations decide what access to provide to such data sets and still protect sensitive information content. The geospatial data community's use of a common approach to identify data sets that have sensitive content and to provide appropriate access to such data will increase the effectiveness of individual organization's actions.

The guidelines and instructions for comment are available for downloading through

<http://www.fgdc.gov/fgdc/homeland/index.html>.

Comments must be received on or before June 2, 2004.

Submit comments by electronic mail to

guidelines@fgdc.gov

or by postal mail to

FGDC HSWG Guidelines Review, 511 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia 20192."



The Executive Board wishes to inform our membership of the tragic loss of one of our own. Dennis Pittman died recently after an extended illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Dennis's family and friends. We will all miss him. As an association we sent flowers to convey our sympathy. I received a thank you note from the family that read, "Thank you so much for the flowers that you sent. This has been a difficult time with the loss of Dennis. Dennis was always proud to be a part of this association, and we will always remember how much love and kindness you've shown to us." I think I can speak for all who knew him that we were proud that he was a part of us as well.

Gil Robbins

President NCPMA