

San Juan County User's Group Meeting
January 17, 2008
5:30 – 6:30 pm
San Juan College

Keary Howley called the meeting to order at 5:30.

Educational Development Center (EDC) Webcast

Keary brought up the possibility of the Users Group participating in a webcast on how geospatial technologies are used in the Four Corners for the Educational Development Center (EDC). EDC is a non-profit organization that works on aligning educational curriculum with the needs of society. Part of their current work is in Information technology including standard skills for people using GIS and GPS. A copy of the geospatial rubric was passed around. Participating in the webcast would also help promote the GIST program at San Juan College and fulfill some of its information dissemination obligations. The group expressed support for the project and Keary will follow up on scheduling with Linda Scott from EDC.

Four Corners Data Library

Shawn asked what the status of the data library was. Keary said that San Juan College would be able to host the data library. The data warehouse will be hosted on ArcGIS Server Site. Users may be able to download data using a map interface or be linked to the data for download. There are some considerations that still need to be determined such as size limitations, update frequency, metadata, and any restrictions on the data.

A list of the data your organization wants to share, or other ideas on the site, should be emailed to Keary at HowleyK@sanjuancollege.edu.

Developing Mapping Standards

Matt Owens from BHP Billiton has requested some advice on developing standards for mining data. He has asked the group for some ideas. Matt will email Keary with a list of data standards that may already be available. If needed he may be able to provide some data for the discussion. Matt will present work on the GIS efforts at BHP Billiton at an upcoming meeting.

Pictometry

Sandi Spencer from San Juan County will be holding a meeting to discuss a new flyover for Pictometry. If you or anyone that you know may be interested in the new flyover you can contact Sandi. The current users of Pictometry will receive a maintenance bill in May.

Some possible agencies that may be interested in taking part in the new flyover include NAPI, Forrest Service, Chaco Canyon Park, and Williams Field Service.

If you are interested in Pictometry, please email Sandi at sspencer@sjcounty.net.

Other Business

Geocaching was tabled for next meeting.