

Oregon Geographic Information Council



Meeting Date: **October 29, 2025**

Time: **10:00am to 11:50am**

Location: **In Person:**
Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Classroom
4034 Fairview Industrial Dr SE, Salem, OR

OGIC Chair: Chris Wright
OGIC Chair-Elect: Dan Brown

OGIC Members					
*House Rep. - vacant		Patti Sauers	x	Traci Naile	x
*Senate Rep. - vacant		Tom Rohlfig	x	Dan Brown	x
Margarite Becenti	x	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	--
Brad Cross	--	Molly Gartrell Earle	x	Matt Oglesby	--
Josh Tanner	x	Shad Campbell	x	Shivon Van Allen	--
Melissa Foltz	x	Brent Grimsrud	x		
Chris Wright	x	Ned Fairchild	--	Fed. Govt - vacant	
Jake Rosenbalm	x	Ed Flick	--	Non-profit – vacant	

* denotes a non-voting member by statute. (ORS 276A.503)

Guests: JoLene Swint

The OGIC meeting was recorded, and the audio/video is available on the [OGIC web page](#). Minutes document a summary of the agenda item; action items and decisions made at the meeting.

Agenda Items
<p>OGIC Roll Call</p> <p>Chair Chris Wright called the meeting to order with the roll call. The attendance of OGIC members marked above for the record.</p>

Agenda Items

Item 1: Consent Agenda and Agenda Approval

- TAC and GPL Reports
- Draft July Meeting Minutes

Dan Brown notes that the TAC reported being underutilized. Melissa Foltz also notes that Steve Timbrook, Oregon Department of Forestry, has joined the TAC.

Action: Motion to approve minutes and consent agenda made by Shad Campbell; seconded by Marguarite Becenti.

Motion passed.

OGIC Vote – Consent Agenda					
*House Rep. - vacant		Patti Sauers	x	Traci Naile	x
*Senate Rep. - vacant		Tom Rohlfing	x	Dan Brown	x
Margarite Becenti	x	Lisa Gaines	--	Madeline Steele	--
Brad Cross	--	Molly Gartrell Earle	x	Matt Oglesby	--
Josh Tanner	x	Shad Campbell	x	Shivon Van Allen	--
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Item 2: Executive Committee Update

Chair Chris Wright acknowledged the challenges that OGIC has faced throughout 2025 regarding changes in EIS resulting in the vacancy of the Geographic Information Officer (GIO) and Chief Data Officer (CDO) roles. Chris encourages OGIC to move forward in alignment with EIS in 2026.

Molly Earle echoed Chris’s message and encouraged members to provide feedback as the council moves forward.

Dan Brown recommends revisiting work plans and focusing on priorities for 2026.

Item 3: Enterprise Information Services Updates

- Update on GIO and CDO recruitment
- Overall EIS Update

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Jolene Swint, EIS Chief Operating Officer (COO), briefed OGIC on updates from EIS and reinforced EIS's commitment to support the Council.

Jolene acknowledges changes in EIS, including a transition in the CDO and GIO roles. EIS is in the final stages of hiring a new Chief Data Officer, expected to join EIS in November 2025. The incoming CDO is expected to join the EIS executive committee immediately.

Erik Brewster, EIS Data and Operations Coordinator, has been providing support for the CDO role and will continue in the interim to help facilitate the onboarding of the new CDO. Melissa Foltz will continue to stay in the GIO role for the next 6 months to 1 year.

Jolene's role is also expecting a transition. Currently, Jolene is the COO for EIS. Jolene will transition into Deputy Chief Information Officer (Deputy CIO) role in January 2026.

EIS has people eligible to retire with many employees currently at 30+ years. EIS is working on succession planning to be better prepared for future transitions as needed over the next couple of years.

JoLene also provided an update to OGIC regarding state budget processes. Agencies have been asked to look at an additional 5% reduction for this biennium. EIS has tried to avoid impacting employees during the reduction exercise. However, if EIS is asked to reduce more than 5%, some employees and programs are likely to be impacted.

To move forward, Jolene recommends OGIC to look at work priorities and identify what work is critical and provide justification.

Tom Rohlfing stresses that OGIC's role in data sharing is important in reducing redundancies in both effort and costs.

Chris Wrights asks if positions in EIS are being held open. JoLene responds that yes, most positions will be held open. Only critical positions are being filled at this point.

Chris also asks regarding changes to the CDO portfolio. JoLene confirms the CDO portfolio is expected to remain the same. EIS has recently brought on and Privacy Officer and AI Strategist. The intent was to stand up a Privacy Office - however, budget concerns have shifted the expectation to focus on establishing policies and guardrails around AI instead.

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Dan Brown acknowledges that data programs mixed in with cyber security and IT operations often suffer with cyber security being prioritized. Dan also asks how OGIC is represented in EIS's strategic plan and if there are EIS initiatives that could help with the justification of work.

JoLene assures OGIC that they are a part of EIS's data strategy. Cyber security is a critical and expensive program. All programs are making difficult choices this biennium as there is currently not enough money to go around.

Item 5: Outreach and Legislative Committee Updates

- Outreach and Communications Committee
- Legislative Committee

Legislative committee has not met over the last quarter, with no notable updates.

Molly Gartrell Earle provided an update for the Outreach Committee. Although the Outreach committee has not met over the last quarter but has made some progress on a one-page flyer about OGIC and is ready to resume monthly meetings.

Item 6: Data Sharing Committee Update

- Public Body Data Sharing

Shad Campbell presented updates from the Data Sharing Committee. The Data Sharing Committee has resumed monthly meetings and has completed Phase 1 of the public body data sharing processes. The committee has prioritized tax lots as the next phase in public body data sharing and continues to discuss the best approach for moving forward.

Phase 1 consisted of 12 state agencies in total. During the last quarter the final three agencies Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Department of State Lands (DSL), and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) completed the consultation and confirmed the best available framework data is available on GEOHub.

Shad requested a motion from the council to include the 10 datasets (provided in meeting packet) stewarded by ODA, DSL, and DEQ to be designated for public body data sharing.

Patti recognized Shad Campbell for his effort with leading Data Sharing Committee and facilitating challenging conversations.

Action: Motion to designate all data elements listed in meeting packet table 2 for public body data sharing by Molly Gartrell Earle; seconded by Patti Sauers.

Motion passed.

OGIC Vote – Public Body Data Sharing

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Item 7: Council Business

- OGIC Legislative Concept
- OGIC Fund
- Membership Updates
- 2026 Meeting Dates
- Chair Elect Nomination

Melissa Foltz addressed OGIC with council business topics including OGIC legislative concept, OGIC fund, membership updates, 2026 meeting dates, and Chair-Elect nominations.

OGIC Legislative Concept

EIS will move forward with a legislative concept recommending minor changes to OGIC legislative language. Proposed changes include:

- Changing federal seat to a non-voting member. Federal liaisons cannot participate as a voting member for state councils.
- Updating Oregon State Association of County Assessors to Oregon State Assessors and Tax Collectors Association

OGIC Fund

OGIC Legislation requires OGIC to submit a budget and a plan to the Chief Information Officer for each biennium. Submitting a budget and plan with justification could be an opportunity to develop communication and feedback with incoming CDO and formalize request approach.

Moving forward, Melissa recommends committees review and update their work plans to roll into an OGIC budget and plan to submit to EIS in January 2026.

Melissa acknowledges misconceptions of OGIC Fund. OGIC role is to make recommendations to EIS and provide justifications for initiatives. OGIC as a body does not have expenditure authority.

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Moving forward, OGIC should start to plan ahead each biennium. As OGIC gets more comfortable planning ahead, there could be opportunities to research and identifying grants.

Membership Updates

Melissa provides an overview of membership turnover expected in December 2025. OGIC is expecting to turnover in 8 seats in January 2026. EIS continues to work with Governor's office for guidance. The Governor's office confirms they will support OGIC's charter allowing members to serve three terms. EIS continues to raise visibility of OGIC's work and advertise membership opportunities in relevant newsletters.

Melissa also encourages members to encourage others to sign up, nominate potential members, and identify communication avenues or relevant newsletters for advertising OGIC membership opportunities.

Members looking to reapply for a new term should fill out the application when they are ready. Members do not need to wait for your term to expire.

2026 Meeting Dates

Meeting dates for 2026 follow the same cadence of 2025, except for April's meeting. April's meeting has been moved ahead one week to avoid conflict with the 2026 GIS in Action conference.

- Wednesday, January 28, 2026, Virtual Meeting
- Wednesday, April 22, 2026, In-Person Meeting
- Wednesday, July 29, 2026, Virtual Meeting
- Wednesday, October 28, 2026, In-Person Meeting

Dan Brown and Chris Wright are interested in getting membership feedback on cadence and type of engagement. In-person meetings coordinate with Framework Forum schedule; there may be an opportunity to better coordinate these efforts in the future.

Chair Elect Nomination

Chair-Elect is the first of a three-year commitment to serving as an OGIC officer. The Chair-Elect nominee will serve one (1) year in three officer roles: Chair-Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair. All OGIC officers also participate in the Executive Committee.

Current OGIC officer positions are held by:

- Dan Brown, Chair Elect
- Chris Wright, Chair
- Molly Earle, Immediate Past Chair Elect.

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Nominations for 2026 Chair-Elected include:

- Shad Campbell
- Patti Sauers
- Josh Tanner

Shad Campbell is not able to consider the nomination at this time. Patti Sauers and Josh Tanner both request additional time to consider nomination. OGIC will give nominee's time to decide to accept nominations to do an electronic vote prior to Thanksgiving Holiday or revisit the topic in January's meeting.

Item 8: Public Comment

No public comments

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11.52 am

Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2026 (Virtual)

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