



Minute of CPGIS BOD Monthly Meeting

CPGIS BOD 2010-2012



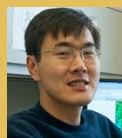
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Diansheng Guo



Qinghua Guo



Xiang Li



Desheng Liu



Pinde Fu



Shixiong Hu



Daoqin Tong



Shaowen Wang



Bing Xu



Xiaobai Yao

Meeting Period: December 19, 2011 – January 6, 2012. The period is longer than usual due to the holidays.

Meeting Participants: The entire BOD

Meeting Moderator: Xun Shi

Minute Compiler: Xun Shi

Meeting Discussion:

1. Updates from the President' Office:

Diansheng Guo: For the past month, the President Office has been focusing on the following issues:

- (1) Student Paper Competition at Geoinformatics 2012. This year the submission deadline for conference papers is much earlier than in the past. So we extended the deadline to Jan. 15, 2012 and tried to spread the word through various email lists.
- (2) Budget Report. As the treasurer of the last term, I integrated the income/expenses at two offices (Michigan and China Station). The starting balance was \$19,547.19 (as of Jan. 1, 2011) and the ending balance is \$37,220.97 (as of Dec. 21, 2011). Two issues might be improved with our financial management and accounting:
 - We have balances at two offices (Michigan and China), which can be complicated in terms of synchronizing income/expenses.
 - We might also improve our budget approval, accounting, and reporting procedure. In addition to an annual report, maybe we can try to have quarterly report
- (3) AAG Get-Together. Chuanrong, Pinde, and I have discussed the date for our annual gathering at the AAG in New York.
- (4) Forming Committees.
- (5) Member Recruiting. We might need to take a more aggressive approach to reach out and find prospective members.

2. On Major Objectives, Problems, and Priority of the BOD:

Bing Xu: Further strengthen the academic exchange between the US and China. The format can be in scholar exchange or visiting programs' set up in both sides, or any others. Research funding support in China significantly increases and continues to increase with surprisingly stable and promising trend in recent few years. The exchange can be facilitated in various format.

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From China side, to invite scholars overseas including professors, postdocs, or students to make short term or long term visit conducting research or lecturing, or China scholars including professors, postdocs, or students go overseas to visit short term or long term, is workable. Funding support in China can be obtained from various sources including universities, institutions, and agencies. The possible program can be initiated and implemented at irregular intervals due to unpredictable economy in nature.

Xun Shi: A set purpose of CPGIS is to facilitate academic exchange between US and China in the area of GIScience. We have several established programs, including Go Home, Young Scholar Summit, Advanced GIS Training in GMU and ESRI. Each has its own program committee under the President's Office. We can substantiate ideas and establish new program or programs? For example, sometimes I received inquiries from scholars in China who had got fellowships from the government or universities for them to study abroad for a period. They need to find institutions in the US (or other countries) to host them. We can provide this kind of service.

3. On the 2012 Excellence in Education award:

Pinde Fu: I propose that we have the candidates nominated by May 1 2012 and voted by June 1. We can then issue the award at the Geoinformatics conference in June.

Xun Shi: I think the Education Award issue can be decided by its committee. Pinde can talk with Diansheng about this committee in the new term.

4. Updates about Geoinformatics 2012:

Xun Shi: We received about 300 submissions. Hui's idea is to accept about 200 for oral presentation. For the rest, we either accept for poster presentation or reject. A couple of graduate students in Chengdu are helping me sort out all the submissions and match them to reviewers (members of the Program Committee). The review will start soon after the New Year.

5. On new Honorary Members:

Xun Shi: The two nominations are strong, and I don't see why not.

Pinde Fu: I vote yes on both candidates.

Yuemin Ding: I agree that the two nominations for the honorary members are very strong. I am second to put that item up for vote in BOD meeting this month.

6. On the 20th Anniversary of CPGIS

Xun Shi: Yuemin is carrying on great workload and is in charge of both brochure compilation and souvenir design. Pinde has created the website for the webGIS of CPGIS - we need a good name for it, something like "Footprints of CPGIS" (please suggest). They all need help and support.

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Qinghua Guo: The suggestions are fine to me. I think Hui's team could try to reach out some donors (companies and individuals) who may be willing to share the cost in exchange of putting their names in the acknowledgments, or some other forms.

Pinde Fu: For "CPGIS Photo Web GIS"

(<http://www.arccgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=b9481fc707c542bf903a1af59f651ea8>). Please review it, contribute photos and videos, and offer suggestions.

Shuming Bao (the Director of the Headquarters): We should try to find some sponsors for those printings and not spend CPGIS fund.

Yuemin Ding: I like the idea to create online video link instead of CD/DVD, like online photos. I think we can print a brochure, and one kind of T-Shirt as a souvenir, and a memento book. Hopefully we will find sponsors to support financially. We will still need some volunteers for providing the materials for the 20th Anniversary Brochure. What is the latest status of our application as a non-profit organization? I am looking forward to see it done, so I can send some donation from my company's foundation.

Vote on New Honorary Members:

On January 2, 2012, Xun Shi, the coordinator of the meeting, called for vote from the BOD members on the two nominations of CPGIS Honorary Members.

By the deadline on January 5, 2012, Xun Shi received valid votes from Bing Xu, Daoqin Tong, Desheng Liu, Pinde Fu, Qinghua Guo, Diansheng Guo, Shaowen Wang, Yuemin Ding, Xiaobai Yao, Shixiong Hu, and Xun Shi.

All votes are for the two nominations, and thus Drs. Jack Dangermond and Roger Tomlinson are named to be the Honorary Members of CPGIS.

Diansheng Guo, the President of CPGIS, will be in contact with the two honorees about this decision.

Then end of the minute.





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News

CPGIS Forum

With the great effort by Youliang (Website Committee Chair) and the website development team led by Shuming, we have recently created a CPGIS Forum for all to exchange ideas and share information. The forum's address is:

<http://forum.cpgis.org>.

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See you around at the forum!
Diansheng.



前言 - “常言道：“兄弟同心，其利断金。”“同心”，亦即“相同的心愿和意志”。今年是 CPGIS 成立的第二十个年头，在编辑这部纪念文集时，大家取“同心”之名来彰显我们的共同心愿，应当是为了共续我们这份难忘的“学缘”——林琤



小事记 - “对我来说，过程本身就是最大的价值，那是不能用功利标准来衡量的。”我想套用此话来描述我经历的 CPGIS 的人与事，应该是可以的。”——穆岚



排球 - “到了第三站哈尔滨黑龙江测绘局，我们 CPGIS 低调行事，不再主动约战。不料临走前一天晚上李志刚和苗前军局长听说了我们在沈阳的事迹，主动约战排球。”——王乐



地理学第一定律 - “前排一腴腆男生涨红着脸，举手发言：“老师，这段话是不是可以表达成近朱者赤，近墨者黑呢？”——李斌



情怀 - “我想起了我的一个在达拉斯的朋友。他为一个教会做事，几十年来从机场接送送到扫地随叫随到，有人就觉得他很傻很天真，因为这样的人很容易被人利用。他的回答是：“我只有这么做，大家才会来教会看怎么会有这样的人，怎么会有这样的组织，这就是我的目的。所以我还嫌他们用我不够多。”——叶信岳

CPGIS 精神 - “其实，CPGIS 组织的自愿自发性本来就是一个学术团体应有的本色，而这种“自愿自发”的心灵深处应该是许许多多的“中国心”和“中国梦”。我想，可能正是 CPGIS 核心成员们所追求的这些梦想维系了这个团体二十年。”——徐冠华



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Anniversary Book of CPGIS 20th Anniversary

The Committee called for **contributions to an anniversary book of personal memories of CPGIS**. This proposal received enthusiastic responses from CPGIS members. Up to March 26, nearly 40 members submitted essays or poems, telling their personal stories about CPGIS and expressing appreciation. All the submissions can be found in the new CPGIS online forum (forum.cpgis.org). The committee is compiling the submissions for publication. The publication is sponsored by The Sun Yat-Sen University (Zhong Shan University).

The Special Committee of the 20th Anniversary



跨越时空 闪耀历程

国际华人地理信息科学协会 20 周年

1992-2012

A Fantastic Journey over Two Decades The 20th CPGIS Anniversary

April, 2012

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A sneak peek at the Preface

“Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is a real success. Twenty years ago, a group of Chinese students and scholars from different places gathered at Buffalo and founded the Association of Chinese Professionals in Geographic Information Systems-Abroad (CPGIS). Their goals were to foster professional cooperation and development, to establish efficient channels for exchanging ideas and knowledge, and to promote education of Geographic Information Sciences at all levels around the world. Over the past 20 years, those missions have kept CPGIS members together... At the 20th anniversary, we are proud to put together this document to capture the historical moments of CPGIS in the past 20 years. The main purpose of this brochure is not only to recall the past, but also to establish a new starting point for the future. For all of us, as well as all new members of the organization, the challenge is to make CPGIS more successful in next 20 years and beyond. We believe that CPGIS has its unique strength and position, and will play a big role in the development of Geographic Information Sciences in the future.”



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CPGIS was approved to be exempt from Federal Income Tax (501(c)(3) status)

Dear CPGISers,

We are glad to inform you all that CPGIS has been approved by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be exempted from federal income tax under the section of 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. CPGIS is classified as a public charity and qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts from the public.

Below is a brief summary of milestones of the application:

- Aug. 3rd, 2010, a lawyer was hired.
- Sep. 16th. 2010, a contract was signed with the lawyer based on a budget approved by CPGIS BOD.
- Jun. 13th, 2011, CPGIS articles, submitted by the lawyer, were approved by the State of Michigan.
- Aug. 15th, 2011, based on materials provided by CPGIS, the lawyer submitted the application to IRS for non-profit organization classification.
- Feb. 20th, 2012, IRS required us to provide more materials. We printed every page of the CPGIS website, signed each page and mailed to IRS.
- Mar. 8th, 2012, all required materials were mailed to IRS by the lawyer.
- Mar. 21th, 2012, we received the notice from the lawyer that the application was approved by IRS.

The approved tax exempt status makes CPGIS eligible to receive charities and donations from the public. This will improve the financial situation of CPGIS and provide a better platform for CPGIS to make greater contribution to promoting academic exchange and education around the world.

If you would like to add the CPGIS to the list of your institution, here is the information for U.S. tax exemption:

ORGANIZATION NAME: The International Association of CPGIS
FEDERAL TAX ID/EIN: 27-1743226

CPGIS headquarter mailing address is:
Suite 301, 1007 E Huron St
Ann Arbor, MI 48104-1690 U.S.A.
Tel: (734)647-9610

Cheers,

Aijun Chen, Chair of CPGIS Business Committee
Members: Lin Liu, Shuming Bao, Yongmei Lu, Xun Shi, and Diansheng Guo



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AAG Getting-together 2012

We had a successful getting-together at the AAG Annual conference in New York on Feb. 25, 2012. About 100 CPGIS members and friends attended the CPGIS business meeting. During the meeting, CPGIS president Dr. Diansheng Guo, CPGIS BOD Chair Dr. Xun Shi, president-elect Dr. Pinde Fu, and CPGIS Committee Chairs reported their work for the past year and discussed the future direction of CPGIS. After the business meeting, about 70 members and friends had dinner together.

Thanks the donations from Beijing Normal University and CPGIS. The party finished at about 10:00pm.

CPGIS Get-together Committee
Chuanrong Zhang and Hongjie Xie





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Call for Proposal for Geoinformatics 2013 Conference Site

On behalf of the Geoinformatics 2013 conference site selection committee, I would like to call for proposals for hosting the 21st CPGIS annual conference (see attachment for details). The proposal is due 3/31. We encourage CPGIS members and local organizations to actively think about the prospect of hosting this major GIS event, and please distribute it to potential interested parties.

Wei Luo
CPGIS Annual Conference Site Selection Committee Chair

CPGIS annual conference site selection committee members:

Xiang Li (East China Normal University)
Yu Liu (Peking University)
Yongmei Lu (Texas State University)
Wei Luo (Northern Illinois University, Chair)

Special issue on Historical mapping and GIS

Dear CPGIS members,

You may want to check on the following website for the promotion of our special issue on Historical Mapping and GIS. It is free access issue.

www.tandfonline.com/r/tagi_hmg

Hope to see more citation from our journal.
Thank you for your cooperation!

Lin Hui
Chief Editor, Annals of CPGIS
The Official Journal of CPGIS

国际精英创业周

Dear CPGIS members,

Here is the information about and the application form for the "国际精英创业周" organized by the CAST of Suzhou City. Please let me know if you plan to go and to participate in the activities. If there are many of you going to participate, CPGIS can organize as a group.

Thanks for your attention.

CPGIS HOME Committee,
Hanming Tu

“苏州每年都举办国际精英创业周，这是一个汇集海内外英才的盛会。也是海外团体集中来苏活动的时段。今年的精英周活动将于7月10日-12日举行。我们诚邀您参加2012苏州国际精英创业周活动。

参加活动需要通过相关的报名审核程序，您可以参考2012苏州国际精英周网址：<http://www.rcsz.gov.cn/rcsz/jyz/> 查看相关内容。

也可以将拟参会的人员和项目信息直接填写在报名表上，通过我们科协向组委会办公室申报。苏州对通过报名审核参加精英周活动的海外人员有300-500美元不等的差旅补贴。

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Please contact the HOME Committee for more information.



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2012 CPGIS “Go Home” Project Call for participation

Location: Huhehaote & Guangzhou, China
Date: June 9-14, 2012

Project Background

The “Go Home” Project is one of a series of summer activities sponsored by The International Association for Chinese Professionals in Geographical Information Sciences (CPGIS), a non-profit organization that aims to promote professional development in GIS and related technology by fostering cooperation among its members. This project is specifically designed to encourage academic and professional exchanges between domestic and overseas Chinese GIS professionals through advanced GIS seminars and follow-up discussion held in selected universities and research institutes in China. With the purpose of introducing advanced spatial information technology to academics and professionals in different regions of China, the “Go Home” Project is a continuation of CPGIS’ successful “Go West” Project launched in 2002 in response to the “Western China Development” strategy. The project was renamed “Go Home” in 2007, with a new goal of strengthening the communication of overseas CPGIS scholars with GIS professionals and students in all regions of China.

Project Details

With the support of Inner Mongolia Normal University and South China Normal University, the CPGIS “Go Home” project will organize advanced GIS seminars in the summer of 2012 in **Huhehaote (Hohhot) and Guangzhou.**

With the fast development of economy in Inner Mongolia recent years, and Guangzhou being the center of the well-developed Pearl River Delta Metropolitan area, the land use and land cover are experiencing huge changes, local natural environment and ecosystems are facing tremendous challenges. The theme of this year’s “Go Home” project will be on the *Application of Geospatial Technology in Natural Environment and Urban Development*. The project will select 4-5 established GIS scholars to deliver seminars in their area of specialty to the faculty members and students of the local hosting institutes. A tentative plan is as follows:

Time and Location:

June 9-12 Advanced seminars at Inner Mongolia Normal University (Huhehaote)
June 12-14 Advanced seminars at South China Normal University (Guangzhou)
June 14 Take train to Hong Kong and attend the Geoinformatics 2012 Conference

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Activities: Each selected individual will present one research talk in one of the suggested areas. Follow-up discussions will also be arranged. A roundtable discussion with local professionals and governmental officials will be also organized.

Expenses: Lodging, meal, airfare from a domestic city in China to Huhehaote, and from Huhehaote to Guangzhou, Guangzhou to Hong Kong will be covered by the local hosting institute. During the event, local city tours and a tour to Inner Mongolia Grassland will be arranged. The cost will be covered by local hosts as well.

Local Organizer:

Dr. Yuhai Bao, Inner Mongolia Normal University

Dr. Weihong Li & Dr. Weiping Hu, South China Normal University

Participants:

Dr. Aijun Chen, George Mason University

Dr. Qiufang, University of Texas - Dallas

Dr. Shixiong Hu, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Yuxia Huang, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Dr. Gary Jeffress, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Dr. Yongmei Lu, Texas State University - San Marcos

Dr. Le Wang, State University of New York - Buffalo

Dr. Xiaobai Yao, University of Georgia

Contact:

Dr. Shixiong Hu

Chair of the CPGIS 'Go Home' committee





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Call for Proposals for CPGIS Young Scholar Workshops in China

Location: Guangzhou and Kaifeng, China

Date: June 17-23, 2012

CPGIS, in conjunction with Guangzhou University & Henan University, will organize the CPGIS young scholar workshops in China this summer. With Guangzhou being the center of the well-developed Pearl River Delta Metropolitan area, and Kaifeng being part of the emerging Zhengzhou-Kaifeng-Ruoyang Metropolitan area, the theme of this year is: *Advanced Geotechnology in Natural Resources Management and Urban Planning*. The project will select 4-5 young GIS scholars to deliver seminars in their area of specialty to the faculty members and students of the local hosting institutes. A tentative plan is as follows:

Time and Location:

June 17-19 Advanced Workshops at Guangzhou University

June 20-23, Advanced Workshops at Henan University

Organizer: The international association for Chinese Professionals in Geographical Information Sciences (CPGIS)

Local Hosts: Guangzhou University (Prof. Zhifeng Wu) and Henan University (Prof. Yaochen Qin)

Format: The participation will be composed of two parts: an open lecture and a research presentation. Each Young scholar from CPGIS needs to give an open lecture to the general public. The topic of lecture will focus on at least one geospatial technique or modeling methodology at his/her specialty. The lecture is estimated to last about one hour. Each Young scholar will also deliver a research presentation that best represents his/her research.

CPGIS is currently soliciting a one-page proposal from outstanding individuals who are interested in participating this event. The proposal should include a brief description of your proposed lecture content and research presentation. The final selection will be made based on the merit of proposal, the relevance of the proposal to the theme of the project, as well as the qualification of applicants.

Cost: Local hosts will provide domestic round trip tickets (a domestic city or Hong Kong to Guangzhou, Guangzhou to Kaifeng and Kaifeng to your domestic destination), local lodging and city tours. A tour to Shaolin Temple and Songshan Mountain will be arranged after the event. The cost will be covered by local host as well.

Participants:

Dr. Shixiong Hu, East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Yuxia Huang, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Dr. Gary Jeffress, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Dr. Xuelian Meng, Ohio State University

Dr. Lei Wang, Louisiana State University

Dr. Yuming Wen, University of Guam Mangilao

Dr. Xinyue Ye, Bowling Green State University

Contact:

Dr. Shixiong Hu,

Chair of the CPGIS Young Scholar Workshop committee



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Future Events

GSDI 13 Conference: Spatially Enabling Government, Industry and Citizens

Quebec City, Canada
Conference Dates: May 13-17, 2012

GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary Celebration

Hong Kong SAR, China
Conference Dates: June 15-17, 2012

COM.Geo 2012

Washington DC, USA
Conference Dates: July 1-3, 2012

ESRI International User Conference

San Diego, California, USA
Conference Dates: July 8-12, 2012

CyberGIS'12

Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, USA
Conference Dates: August 6-9, 2012

XXII ISPRS Congress

Melbourne, Australia
Conference Dates: Aug 25 – Sept 1, 2012

32nd International Geographical Congress 2012

Cologne, Germany
Conference Dates: Aug 26-30, 2012

GeoInformatics 2012 & CPGIS 20th Anniversary

Celebration

-Global Change, Adaptation, and Risk Management

- **Date: June 15-17, 2012**
- **Place: CUHK, Hong Kong**
- <http://www.iseis.cuhk.edu.hk/GeoInformatics2012>
- **Keynote Speakers**



Prof. Michael Batty



Prof. Mei Po Kwan



Prof. Peng Gong



Prof. Che Kwan Shum

Pre-Conference Workshop

- **Date: June 14, 2012**
- **Theme: Virtual Geographic Environment**
- **Keynote Speakers**

Prof. Michael Goodchild



Prof. Deren Li



Prof. Gennady Andrienko





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Publications

- The journal of Computers, Environment and Urban Systems published in March 2012 a special issue (Volume 36, No. 2) on "Pervasive Location Acquisition Technologies: Data and Analysis". This special issue was initiated based on a series of special paper sessions organized for the GeoInformatics 2010 Conference. The special issue editors were Yongmei Lu and Yu Liu. The organizers for the GeoInformatics 2010 paper sessions were Xiujun Ma and Yongmei Lu

Awards/Achievement

- Prof. Michael Batty, CPGIS honorable member, received the 2012 University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Research Award. Dr. Batty is the Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London, Director of UCL's Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA), and Visiting Distinguished Professor at Arizona State University
- Prof. Yun Zhang received the Synergy Award for Innovation by NSERC (Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada)

Resources

Video (Hui Lin)

为庆祝我们协会 20 周年，我将部分 20 年前协会成立时的 Video 找出来并在以下网站公开，另外，还有十周年会议开幕式的断片与 95 年香港会议的开幕式录像，其版权归 CPGIS 和相关单位与拍摄人员，如果有其它用途，敬请联系版权所有人。

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