

Annual Report of the UCGIS Membership Committee

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1) Time period covered

I became the chair of the membership committee at the end of August 2015. I understand that the membership committee chair position had been vacant for some time. I do not know for how long and neither do I know when the last annual report had been submitted. This report covers membership-related activities since September 2015.

2) Listing of other people on the committee

To my knowledge there are no other individuals on the committee.

3) A presumably comprehensive list of membership-related activities is given by:

Incoming members:

- The Department of Geography at the University of Tennessee, the Geospatial Information Sciences Program at the University of Texas at Dallas, and the Center for Geospatial Information Technology at Virginia Tech were all readmitted at the basic membership level.
- The Department of Geography at the University of Alabama is currently awaiting to be admitted at the basic membership level pending a vote by the council at the 2016 symposium.

Outgoing members:

- The membership of CentroGeo (Mexico) lapsed as of the end of 2015 due to non-payment of membership fees.
- ASPRS decided not to renew its membership (as a non-profit affiliate); instead we are developing a Memo of Understanding as an alternative form of relationship.

We have been in contact with the following Institutions over the last 9 months, and these may have some interest in pursuing new or renewed Memberships within this calendar year:

- Clark University
- University of Delaware
- Department of Geography, University of Denver
- Department of Geography, University of Idaho
- Indiana University
- University of Kentucky
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Spatial Analysis and Research Center, UC Merced

The following Institutions were contacted in winter 2016 and have declined to apply or renew their memberships, either by clearly stating so or by choosing not to respond:

- Boston University

- Florida State University
- Idaho State University
- University of Arizona
- University of Memphis
- University of Missouri
- University of New Mexico
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina, Charlotte
- University of Utah
- Seton Hall University
- Stanford University
- UC Berkeley

4) A list of anticipated upcoming activities, including any particular calls for action or input by members of the Board or Delegates

- Follow-up with individuals at UT Austin, University of Utah, Florida State University, and University of New Mexico based on discussions about the UCGIS at the AAG 2016
- Maintain list of potential new members and follow-up with those organizations that have expressed interest in membership (e.g., Fayetteville State, Indiana University, Iowa State University, National Center for Atmospheric Research, Reed College, Rowan University, UC Merced, University of Denver, University of Florida, University of Wisconsin, Madison, and William & Mary).
- Distill and maintain a shared repository of e-mail templates for common exchanges with representatives of lapsed and new member organizations (e.g., follow-ups with lapsed member organization with information on the full and basic membership options).
- Aid in refining procedures for the upgrading (i.e., from basic to full) and downgrading (i.e., from full to basic) of memberships.
- Finalize policies regarding multi-campus memberships (e.g., the California State University system, others TBD.)
- Create a list of the responsibilities of the membership chair (if such does not exist yet) as a part of the documents that govern the practices of the UCGIS.