

UGIC Elections and Bylaw Amendments

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The 2009 UGIC Board of Directors Election is being held this week. All UGIC members should receive a ballot today via email. The deadline to vote is 5pm, Friday June 5th.

In addition to three board positions (state, county, and at-large), two Amendments to the Utah Geographic Information Council's existing Bylaws have been proposed and included with this year's Board Member Election Ballot.

The reasoning by the Board for the two Amendments is listed below. If you would like to post a comment in response please do by using the 'Add your comment' link at the bottom of this page.

Amendment 1: Creation of an Associate Board Member position

The Board has found that historically two organizations have always had representation on the UGIC Board, AGRC and ESRI. Both of these organizations continue to play vital roles in the success of UGIC and GIS in general in the State of Utah. These two organizations have typically held the represented Board positions of "Private Sector" and "State Agency".

The creation of the Associate Director position would insure that the UGIC Board maintains a relationship at the Board level with organization(s) that the Board deems important to the continued success of UGIC while increasing overall representation by creating opportunities for representation to other organizations within the appropriate represented sectors.

Since Associate Directors would represent their organization and not their represented constituency, these positions would be filled by appointment from their organization and not by membership vote. Since their organization would already be represented on the UGIC Board, UGIC members from organizations that are represented by an Associate Director will not be eligible for any other Board Member position - including At-Large representatives.

As noted above, the Board currently recognizes two organizations that could merit Associate Director representation. Rather than singling out only these two organizations it was decided that the creation of the Associate Director position would be a more flexible way to enable the functionality for the future.

This Amendment is unanimously supported by the UGIC Board.

Amendment 2: Modifying the Private Sector UGIC Board Member position

GIS efforts in the private sector are both extensive and varied. The UGIC Board feels that the private sector may be under represented on the Board. In an effort to both increase overall representation and provide better representation, the UGIC Board is proposing to split the current "Private Sector" representative category into two categories - "Private Sector for Profit" and "Private Sector not for Profit". If passed the current "Private Sector" representative will become the new "Private Sector for Profit" Board Member with no change in his/her current term and a new "Private Sector not for Profit" Board Member position will be created and filled by a special election - process similar to the annual Board Member election. This position would carry a (3) three year term and would be up for re-election in 2012.

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