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Fall Conference

Reports from Nita Barton (Transylvania County) indicate a great fall conference is in store for the NCPMA membership. The program committee has been diligently working to produce a conference filled with education, opportunity, and entertainment. I hope many of you have made plans to attend. If anyone has last minute questions concerning the conference give Nita a call (828) 884-3132 or e-mail nitabarton@citcom.net.

Mapping School

The NCPMA mapping school held in New Bern, NC was truly a success. Marie Monteith and her education committee did an excellent job. The school was well attended considering the many counties experiencing budget shortfalls. For the first time in the history of the annual school the advanced class had a higher number of students than did the regular class. You can see the mapping school highlights slide show at the Fall Conference.

NCPMA Membership Directory

By now everyone should have the membership directory (*The Legend*). If you did not receive a directory at mapping school or via U.S. mail, you should call Gil Robbins (Beaufort County). Gil did a great job putting the directory together.

NCPMA Website

Remember to check the NCPMA website for information and details about the association. You can find some corrections to addresses, phone numbers, etc. concerning *The Legend* now posted on the website. Rich Elkins (Edgecombe County) continues to do a great job as webmaster.

Reflection

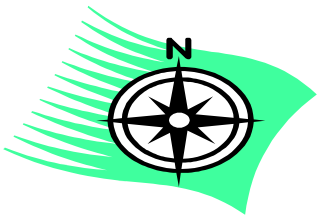
Seems like only a couple of weeks ago I sat down to write my first president's corner. It's really hard to believe a year has passed by and this is the last one of these articles I will need to write. The year has been very productive. The Executive Board has accomplished many things this year. The springtime workshops were rejuvenated. The association has a really informative website. The standards committee has made great strides in re-writing mapping standards this year. Our newsletter is being distributed almost exclusively by electronic mail. We had a great mapping school. And we will have a wonderful conference. I would like to thank the current Executive Board for all their hard work in making this a successful year. I can truly say it has been a pleasure to serve as President of the NCPMA.

Bobby McMahan

NCPMA President

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UP COMING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
October 2 – 4, 2002	NCPMA Fall Conference	Research Triangle Park, NC
October 13-16, 2002	IAAO Annual Conference	Los Angeles, CA
October 26-30, 2002	URISA Annual Conference	Chicago, IL
February 20-21, 2003	NC GIS Conference	Winston-Salem, NC
July 28 – Aug 1, 2003	Mapping School	Greensboro, NC
Oct 1 – 3, 2003	NCPMA Fall Conference	Research Triangle Park, NC



Wanted

Ozalid Vacuum Frame Series 100

Wilkes County Mapping is in need of parts and service for this machine. If you have information, parts or an ozalid vacuum frame series 100 to sell or give away, please contact:

**Wilkes County Mapping Department
110 North Street
Wilkesboro, NC 28697
336-651-7309 -Michael Adams
336-651-7311 - Vic Spencer**





NCPMA Fall Conference 2002

General Information

CONFERENCE DATES:

Wednesday October 2rd – Friday October 4th 2002

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL:

The Sheraton Imperial is located at exit 282 (Page Rd) off Interstate 40 in Research Triangle Park, NC

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

The NCPMA has reserved a block of guestrooms at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. Guestroom reservations are your responsibility. To make your reservations, **call the hotel directly (919-941-5050)** and identify yourself as a NCPMA conference attendee to receive the group rate of \$95.00 per night, (single or double occupancy) plus tax of 11%.

The group rate will be offered until August 30, 2002, then accommodations will be subject to availability, at the hotels prevailing rate. We strongly suggest that you make your room reservations early; as October is the busiest month of the year for the Sheraton.

WHAT TO WEAR:

Appropriate dress for the NCPMA Conference is business casual. Suggestions include; dockers style slacks, polo type shirts, blazers, or sweaters and comfortable shoes for women. Remember that the hotel auditorium can become cool and personal comfort zones vary. To ensure your comfort, it is recommended that you bring a sweater or jacket to conference sessions.

The annual banquet (Thursday evening at 7:00 PM) is a formal business dress event.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND THE
2002 FALL CONFERENCE

The 2002 Conference promises to provide new educational opportunities, as well as some of the tried and true favorites.

One new event will be a poster session and pool party (weather permitting) Wednesday evening. Join the fun by creating a new map or select your favorite. Contact Nita Barton 828,884-3132 or nitabarton@citcom.net to reserve your display space. Maps should be no larger than 36x36.

The speaker lineup will provide topics that are interesting, educational, enjoyable and fun.

We anticipate interesting vendor displays, good fellowship, wonderful networking opportunities, great food, cool door prizes and maybe a surprise or two.

The Registration form follows for Fall Conference, please fill it out and send it in as soon as possible.

Thanks,
Nita

Have no fear of perfection- you'll never reach it. -Salvidor Dali, Diary of a genius



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Mapping the future since 1980

NCPMA 2002 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

POSITION: _____

COUNTY/COMPANY: _____

Amount Enclosed: Member \$90.00 _____ Non-Member \$100.00

PLEASE CHECK BOX FOR RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST

CIRCLE SHIRT SIZE: S M L XL XXL

Please return by September 11, 2002 to:

John Bridgers, NCPMA Treasurer

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**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
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The first meeting of the **Local Government Committee (LGC)**, a committee of the Geographic Coordinating Council was held in Greensboro, North Carolina on August 8, 2002.

The attendee were:

LGC Members:

Garcia Chavis, Guilford County, representing NCURISA
Lu Anne Cox, Buncombe County representing NCPMA (by phone)
Kelly Laughton, Henderson County, representing NCACC
Joe McKinney, Eastern Carolina COG, representing NCARCED (by phone)
Tim Minter, City of Asheville, representing NCLOM
Lex Turner, City of Greenville, representing NCLGISA

Others:

John Spurrell, NCLOM
Tom Tribble, CGIA

This is the newest committee of the Council. The staff presented background on the purpose to the LGC and why it was established.

At the May 14th meeting of the Council, Chair Dempsey Benton requested the Council members and committees begin identifying the issues that are most important for the Council to address. The LGC engaged in a long discussion and identified a number of issues that are of critical concern to local government.

1. Data Content Standards- Local governments share data with neighboring and containing jurisdictions. Accepted data content standards will facilitate data sharing.
2. Access to Local/State/Federal data – Policies, standards and technologies that facilitate access to data, particularly for that of contiguous jurisdictions, is critical to local government operations.
3. Overcoming Jurisdictional Boundaries – Cooperation among governments is critical. Several members cited the difficulty of working with adjacent or overlapping jurisdictions. Applications that may improve coordination include:
 - Sharing applications in response to common issues that cross jurisdictional Boundaries, i. e. bio-terrorism threats, flooding, watershed management; homeland security;
 - Developing resources such as a wireless network infrastructure or GPS capabilities that benefit all jurisdictions within a region;
 - Establishing user groups that promote cooperation within a region; and
 - Developing cost-sharing opportunities to promote data or applications development efforts.
4. Geographic Information as an Infrastructure Cost – One approach to achieving Some of the goals cited above are to promote a better understanding of the value of geographic information and imagery on the part of citizens and elected officials
5. State Wide Cadastral Map – How can local government cooperate with state and Federal governments to develop statewide resources that benefit all.
6. Technology Research – Spatially enabling relational databases are increasingly

important to GIS users. Promoting research into this and other new or evolving technologies will benefit all.

7. Role of CGIA – CGIA is a key agency in this statewide coordination effort. CGIA needs funding and organizational support that allows them to staff the statewide coordination effort and to distribute data at no cost
8. Educating Decision Makers - A critical issue is helping elected officials and other decision makers understand that GIS is not simply a cutting edge technology that would be nice to have but an integral part of how government does business

The members of the LGC elected Kelly Laughton, IT director of Henderson County, as chair. Kelly will serve on the Council and represent the LGC at Council meetings.

The LGC also appointed Dan Madding, Henderson County GIS Coordinator, to SMAC and tentatively appointed Tim Minter, LGC member and City of Asheville GIS Coordinator to the SMAC, subject to Tim receiving permission from his supervisor.

The bylaws of the LGC were reviewed from the draft and the Committee elected not to propose additional changes. The bylaws will be presented to the Council for adoptions at the August 21st meeting.

CGIA will activate the LGC link on the council web site.

If anyone has anything that needs to be brought before the LGC you can contact me at the following e-mail address: LUANNE.COX@BUNCOMBECOUNTY.ORG or my phone number is 828-250-4973.

Our next meeting will be sometime in October.

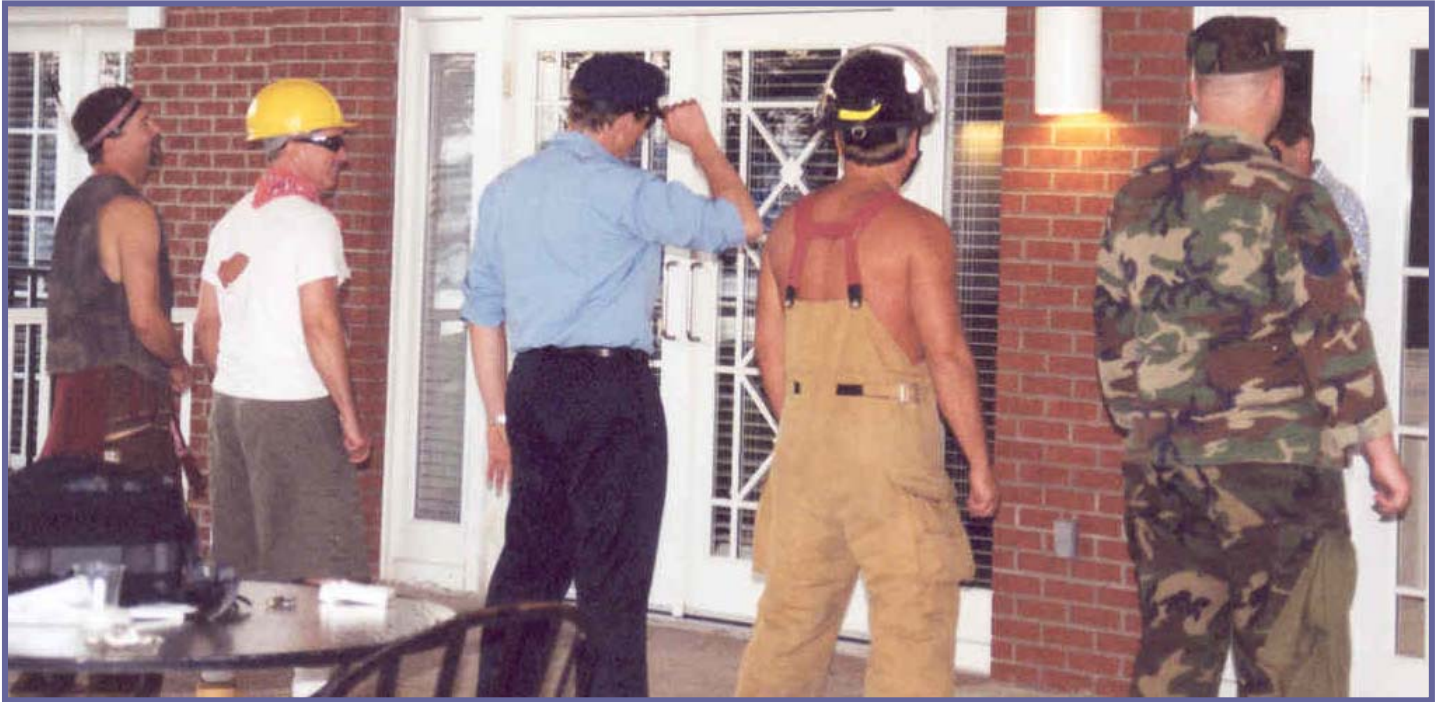
Lu Anne J. Cox
Special Projects Analyst
Buncombe County Land Records

The day people stop bringing you their problems is the day you have stopped leading them. -Colin Powell, My American Journey

<u>WEDNESDAY 10- 2-02</u>	
	SUBJECT & PRESENTER
11:00am - 1:00pm	Registration
1:00-1:15pm	Welcome, Bobby McMahan
1:15- 2:15pm	KEYNOTE SPEAKER-Denise Ryan, FireStar
2:15-3:15pm	Robert Ryan - LIDAR
3:15-3:30pm	Break
3:30-4:30pm	TBA
4:30-5:00pm	Mapping School Highlights -Marie Monteith
8:30pm - till?	Poster Session & Presidents Reception
	***** VENDORS MAY EXHIBIT ALL DAY THURSDAY 8:00 - 4:00
<u>THURSDAY 10-3-02</u>	
8:00 - 8:30am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30am	Jim Loncella - Kimball
9:30 - 10:30	Round table Discussion: How do You ????
	Moderator: Richard Davis, audience participation encouraged; bring your most burning questions
10:30-10:45	Break
10:30 - 1:00pm	VENDORS EXHIBIT
12:00pm 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm	Building Bridges - Communication & Team Building
2:30 - 2:45	Break Skills
2:45 - 4:30	Building Bridges
4:30 - 5:00pm	Business Meeting
6:30-7:00	Pre-banquet Social
7:00-9:00	Banquet
9:00-until ???	Dance
<u>FRIDAY 10-4-02</u>	
8:30 - 9:00am	Coffee & Biscuits
9:00 - 10:00	One Stop Shopping for Permits, Mecklenburg County
10:00 - 11:30	GPS - What, How, Why? Charles Hampton & Associates
11:30-12:00	Rex Minneman - Update on Standards

FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Do you recognize any of these celebrities? Find out their identities and more in the **Mapping School Highlights** at Fall Conference.



Map out your future, but do it in pencil. -Jon Bon Jovi