



Meeting 01/09: Minutes

Chair: Ollie Hedberg
Members: Glenn Cockerton, Abbas Rajabifard, David Johnson, Bruce Thompson, Chris McRae, Alan Norman, Diane Daniell, Chris Bellman
Apologies: Geoff Spring, John Hennessy, Danny Broadbent, Ben Searle
Guests: Nil
SII Policy Team: Elizabeth Thomas
Secretariat: Joanne Curran

Note: The following items are minuted as they appear on the agenda and not necessarily the order they were discussed at the meeting.

	Who	Due date
1. PREVIOUS MEETING		
1.1 Minutes of Previous Meeting		
Endorsed		
1.2 Outstanding action items		
Action items register updated, actions arising from VSC Meeting 10/08 included (see attached).		
1.3 Conflict of Interest		
Nil		
2. Positioning Policy		
Members discussed the outcome of the Positioning and Location Policy forum held on 4 December 2008.		
They noted that a National CORS network is a key focus of the CRC rebid and a bid to Infrastructure Australia has also been made.		
It was agreed to release the draft Positioning Policy to a wider audience for comment.		
Following the comment period for the Policy, it will be taken to ANZLIC for a National approach to be considered.		
It was also agreed to run a second forum dealing primarily with Location issues.		
Action: Release 'draft' Positioning Policy for public comment.	Secretariat	March 2009

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<p>3. Collaboration Internet Innovation Fund – Round One funding opportunities</p> <p>Members agreed that the Council’s role would be mainly as a supporter or sponsor of proposals.</p> <p>The Council resolved that it would take a greater effort in publicising the availability of this opportunity to its Stakeholder audience.</p> <p>It would encourage them to apply and set out criteria under which it might make a decision whether to endorse potential bids, eg how they contribute to making VSIS more visible.</p> <p>B Thompson noted that SII had had two approaches to become partners in bids and is considering whether or not it can contribute.</p>		
<p>4. Report on VSC Work Plan to December 2008 and development of 2009 plan</p> <p>The VSC December 2008 work plan report was tabled and highlights summarised.</p> <p>Council members discussed two of the activities reported on.</p> <p><i>a) VGSC related issues</i></p> <p>B Thompson updated members on organisational changes in DSE. As a result of these changes, SII now reports to a Deputy Secretary.</p> <p>SII has been given the task of developing a DSE Spatial Strategy.</p> <p>It will be proposed that this strategy be developed in the context of a Whole of Victorian Government spatial strategy which may eventually have a flow-on effect for the Victorian Government Spatial Committee.</p> <p><i>b) Spatial Datamart Forum</i></p> <p>The Forum was held in December 2008 with government stakeholders.</p> <p>Participants’ responses to the proposal were varied. Some thought it would be of great benefit, while others thought less so depending on their requirements for data.</p> <p>There will still be some issues to resolve with the DSP’s. The Chair recommended that SII put together its policy position as soon as practicable. Further discussion will be arranged at a future Council meeting.</p> <p><i>c) 2009 Work Plan</i></p> <p>The Chair invited members to discuss proposals for activities to be included in the 2009 VSC Work Plan among their groups and report back at the VSC’s next meeting.</p> <p>The Custodianship Program and Legislation will be key activities.</p> <p>In relation to the latter, SII has had preliminary discussions with the DSE Legislation branch which has advised that the first step is to prepare an ‘Issues Paper’. This will now begin.</p>		

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<p>5. Spatial@gov conference – speaking opportunity</p> <p>It was agreed that the VSC would take up the invitation to nominate a speaker and participate in the Spatial@gov conference.</p> <p>C Bellman indicated that he would be willing to represent the Council, which was agreed to.</p> <p>Action: Contact Spatial@gov conference convenor accepting invitation to speak on behalf of the VSC</p>	Secretariat	February 2009
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6 Submissions		
6.1 Geographic Names Guidelines Review		
<p>The proposed content for the VSC submission was noted and the submission will be forwarded to the Geographic Names Review by the due date.</p>		
6.2 Digital Economy		
<p>The proposal for the Australian government to prepare a Digital Economy Future Directions paper was outlined.</p> <p>The Chair advised that he had written to the Department of Broadband, Communication and the Digital Economy, drawing attention to the Council's recent submission to the Parliamentary Inquiry on Victoria's approach to access to public sector information.</p> <p>Further discussion by Council will be arranged when the Future Directions paper is released.</p>		
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7 Other Business		
7.1 Proposed joint meeting with ANZLIC and venue for March meeting		
<p>Council members supported the proposal for the joint meeting with ANZLIC.</p> <p>The Secretariat will advise members by email of the details.</p>		
7.2 New ANZLIC National Director		
<p>Council members noted the appointment of the new ANZLIC National Director, Ms Liz Marchant.</p>		
7.3 VSC presenter at Newtech		
<p>D Daniell agreed to be the VSC speaker at Newtech in March.</p> <p>The Secretariat will be in contact to work with Diane to assist in preparing a presentation.</p>		
7.4 Brian Marwick retirement		
<p>Council members agreed to the proposal to write a letter to Brian Marwick acknowledging his contribution to the spatial industry.</p> <p>It was also agreed to invite him to the ANZLIC/VSC dinner so that a formal acknowledgement of his contribution can be made.</p>		
7.5 Other		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council abstract for the GSDI International conference in June 2009 has been accepted. The paper is due by 1 April 2009. 2. G Cockerton advised that the Victorian Spatial Excellence Awards will be held on 16 September 2009. 		

3. A Rajabifard reported on the following activities:
- a) Melbourne University is hosting two visitors from North America during March.
- Harlan Onsrud will be here until 20 March and Professor Dave Coleman will be here from 2 to 22 March 2009.
- Abbas will look for opportunities to arrange meetings with Council members and others.
- b) He noted that in the US there are proposals for National GIS initiatives including \$1.26 billion for a National Spatial Data Infrastructure and \$300 million for completing national datasets.
- c) Melbourne University is working on a multi-disciplinary sustainable cities concept.
- B Thompson noted that this is also a theme of the CRCSI re-bid and advised Abbas to contact Peter Woodgate.
- d) Melbourne University has published a book on SDI and copies will be made available to members.
4. D Daniell advised that the Local Government Spatial Reference Group has elected a new Chair - Michele Hanslow from Moorabool Shire.
- Diane will continue to be the Group's representative on the VSC.
5. C McRae advised that Land Victoria is developing a discussion paper on the centralising of valuations.
6. A Norman updated members on the surveying taskforce and noted that ASIBA has also joined.
- The taskforce has raised funding for a range of activities, and marketing consultants are currently developing brochures and preparing a DVD.
- C McRae also noted that Land Victoria have signed off on a cadetship program in surveying.
8. B Thompson gave an overview of the CRC re-bid.
- Following a Federal Government review, CRC's will now have a lifespan of up to 15 years.
- There will also be a reduced emphasis on commercialisation.
- Existing CRC's have been invited to re-bid and the CRCSI has taken up this opportunity.
- Its bid has three underlying technology areas:
- Positioning
 - SDI
 - Automated Feature Extraction
- These underpin five subject areas:
- Health
 - Environment and Climate Change
 - Defence
 - Energy
 - Urban Development
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<p>The re-bid has generated huge interest among the Spatial Information community across Australia.</p> <p>Infrastructure Australia is a big supporter, especially for Positioning.</p> <p>In Victoria, DSE is seeking the agreement of the Minister to participate and already has the in-principle endorsement of the Secretary.</p> <p>The re-bid presents significant opportunities for the Victorian Government and the VSC, particularly to align the SDI and Positioning activities with National initiatives.</p> <p>Further information will be provided as it becomes available.</p>		

8 Next meeting

Date: Wednesday 3 March 2009

Time: 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Venue: Pelicans Landing, 1 Syme Street, Williamstown (Pier Room)

* To be followed by a joint meeting with ANZLIC members from 4.00pm

Summary of Actions and Resolutions

Agenda Item 2

Action: Release 'draft' Positioning Policy for public comment

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Agenda Item 5

Action: Contact Spatial@gov conference convenor accepting invitation to speak on behalf of the VSC

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