

SAGIC – Meeting Minutes

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Date Wednesday, March 4 2026
Location Teams
Time 9:00 am – 10:30 am
Facilitator SAGIC Chair – [Alex Krebs](#) (WEM)
Minutes Preparer SAGIC Secretary – [Nina Rihn](#) (DNR)

OFFICERS

Position	Name	Voting Member	Present
Chair	Alex Krebs - WEM	Y	Y
Vice Chair	Bridget Lapham – DOT	N	Y
Secretary	Nina Rihn - DNR	Y	Y

VOTING MEMBERS

Organization	Name	Present
BCPL	Chuck Failing	Y
DATCP	Eli Samuelson	Y
DCF	vacant	NA
DHS	Andy Swartz	Y
DMA	vacant	NA
DNR	Nina Rihn	Y
DOA	Mike Friis	N
DOJ	Ty Krugman	N
DOR	vacant	NA
DOT	Tony Van Der Wielen	N
DPI	Shelley Witte	Y
DSPTS	vacant	NA
DWD	John Willis	Y
LTSB	Zach Robinson	Y
PSC	Colter Sikora	Y
SCO	Jim Lacy	Y
SFP	vacant	NA
UWSA	Paul Boehnlein	Y
WEC	Gregory Grube	Y
WEM	Alex Krebs	Y
WHS	Felipe Avila	N

Other attendees

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Anderson, Benjamin P - DHS (Synergy)
Andy McGuire (LAB)
Apeku, Bernard - PSC
Avila, Felipe - WHS
Barroilhet, Dan - DOA
Bohn, Andrea - WHS
Clerkin, David W - DHS
Cook, Cody J - DATCP
David Vogel (SCO)
Flater, Darin R - DOT
Halverson, Tyler M - DOT
Hayden Elza (SCO)
Kelm, Kevin D - DWD

Koeller, Christine A - DOT
Link, Brian M - DOT
Luedeke, Gretta - DOT
Mumm, Katherine - PSC
Oyanguren, Juan C - DOT
Panduranga, Kishan - PSC
Paulson, Alan R - DHS
Shelley, Cole - DOT
Strand, Peter T - DNR
Tubbs, Patrick - DOT
VanMeter, Oindrila - LAB
Veselenak, Davita - DOA

ACTION ITEMS in red

Introductions and Announcements (All)

several WLIA awards and honors given at annual conference to SAGIC members:

WLIA Board:

1. New member: Hayden Elza, SCO
2. Continuing Member: Nina Rihn, DNR
3. New Board Alumni, Zach Robinson, LTSB and Colter Sikora, PSC

Awards:

1. Al Miller Sustained Service Award (career achievement) Lisa Morrison, DOT, DNR, DATCP
2. Emerging Leader Award: Alex Krebs, WEM

Map Contest Runner-Ups:

1. Wisconsin Official State Highway Map, 2025-2026, Katie Ginther, DOT (Base & Reference)

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2. Iceland Ring Road Self-Guided Driving Tour, Christine Koeller, DOT-Personal (Brochure & Small Format)
3. Wisconsin Airport Directory & Pilot's Guide, 2025-2026, Christine Koeller, DOT (Map Book & Atlas)
4. Roma! (That's "Rome" in Italian!), Colter Sikora, PSC-Personal

Map Contest Best In Category:

1. Quaternary Geology of Wisconsin, Caroline Rose, WGNHS (Thematic)

- Map Contest Best Private Sector Map

1. Wisconsin Counties Cross Stitch, Katie Ginther, DOT-Personal

Minutes Approval

February minutes approved by unanimous consent

2026 GIS Symposium (Wed October 7th) Planning (Paul Boehnlein - UWSA)

Agenda Notes

- Looking for volunteers to help out
- Themes?
 - Nina suggested accessibility
 - Jim L suggested AI
- Email Paul Boehnlein if you want to help or have ideas for presentations or themes

Discussion Notes

Accessibility in Maps and Map Applications (Andy Swarts/Ben Anderson - DHS)

Agenda Notes

- Deadline is April 24th to improve accessibility
- DHS process: inventory, define criteria, create gold standard, evaluate existing, create plan, remediate.

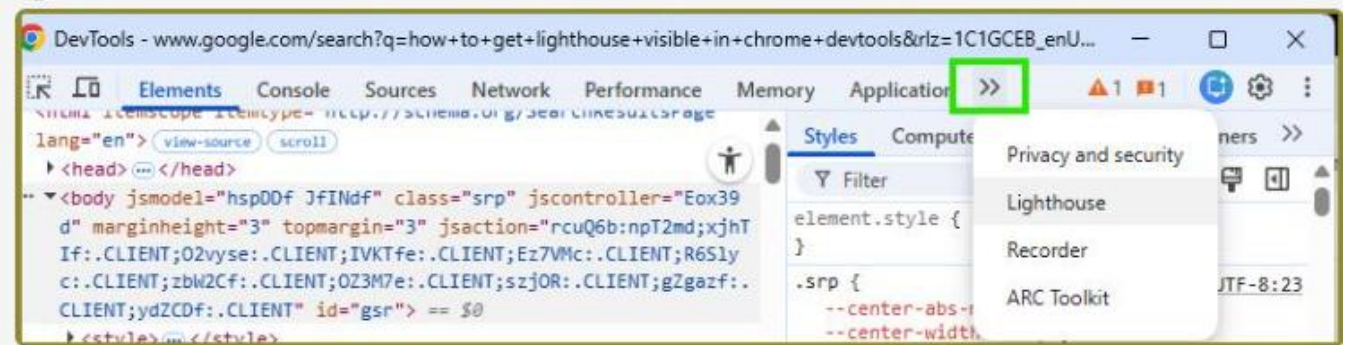
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- Would it help for Agencies to standardize more amongst each other?
- Ben did a talk about what they have done so far and how they used the Web Accessibility Initiative guidelines.
 - Showed checklist example for a given app. Each component is scored (pass/fail/partial/NA)
 - They use Chrome Lighthouse Tool to scan web content for accessibility issues.
 - They use NVDA screen readers.
 - Open Data Site: note super configurable so some things they have to live with, but it is mostly good. Can't use keyboard to move around in there though. Must use mouse.
 - Recommend to Add Esri ideas or "Kudo" ideas already in there to promote them:
 - <https://community.esri.com/t5/custom/page/page-id/arcgis-ideas>
 - <https://community.esri.com/t5/accessibility/ct-p/accessibility>
 - Watch [Ben's recorded presentation on SAGIC site](#)

Discussion Notes

- Nina: is lighthouse a developer only tool? Answer: you can find it here:



- Chuck: what constitutes "undue burden"

State Geographic Information Officer Hiring (Colter Sikora - PSC)

Agenda Notes

- A Position Description is in progress for a new Geographic Information Officer GIO. Ideas of what we would like to see in a new GIO? Feedback will be shared with DOA's Wisconsin Land Information Council (WLIC)

Discussion Notes

- For newer people it would be helpful to have some history of GIOs

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- Position would probably be in same place at DOA as Jim G was. (used to be DET but was moved to intergovernmental)
- Does [NSGIC](#) have sample PDs? Alex will reach out to ask.

Other Business (All)

Discussion Notes

Next Meeting

April 2 via Teams

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent.