

Regional GIS Advisory Committee (RGAC)
Bylaws
(Approved as Amended January 23, 2006)

Article I
NAME

1. The name of this committee shall be the Regional Geographic Information System Advisory Committee, hereinafter referred to as the RGAC. The RGAC is a multi-agency and multi-disciplinary committee of Ada and Canyon County Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data users. The RGAC shall advise the COMPASS Board on regional GIS related issues.

Article II
MISSION

1. GIS is being used by COMPASS and its members beyond jurisdictional boundaries for a variety of planning projects, environmental reviews, development monitoring evaluations, and engineering studies. The availability and reliability of GIS data are critical to the success of these activities. The mission of the RGAC is to be a coordinated body of co-operative GIS professionals providing a visionary forum to promote compatibility of data and the expansion of data and to advise COMPASS on investment in and policies regarding GIS. The RGAC will also be a forum for exchanging ideas and data related to regional geographic information.

Article III
MEMBERS

1. The RGAC shall be composed of representatives from agencies with an interest in regional geographic data. Members shall have Geographic Information System technical experience with agency administrative authority. Since this committee has no authority, the success of this committee rests on the desire of members to make it work. Most decisions will be made on an informal basis with a goal of consensus. Membership will consist of up to 15 representatives from agencies such as:

Canyon County

Assessors
Development Services
Nampa Highway District
City of Caldwell
City of Nampa
Emergency Services

Ada County

Assessors
Development Services
Ada County Highway
District
City of Boise
City of Meridian
Emergency Services

Regional

COMPASS
Idaho Power
United Water
Private GIS firms
State Agency
Federal Agency
Valley Regional Transit

2. The COMPASS Public Participation Committee (PPC) shall be entitled to appoint one of its members to sit on RGAC. The PPC representative shall have one vote.
3. Other agencies may be represented on the RGAC as well.

Article IV
OFFICERS

1. The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of the RGAC shall rotate annually. A new Vice Chair shall be appointed by the RGAC at the December meeting. At the January meeting the existing Vice Chair will rotate into the Chair position and the newly appointed Vice Chair will move into that position. The Chairperson shall preside over all meetings of the RGAC, and shall see that all recommendations and resolutions of the RGAC are presented to the COMPASS Board for consideration. A COMPASS staff person shall be the coordinating staff for the RGAC and shall not serve as chairperson.

Article V
MEETINGS

1. Meetings of the RGAC shall be held on a quarterly or as needed basis at a location selected by the committee. Special meetings of the RGAC may be called by the Chairperson upon reasonable notice to all members of the RGAC.
2. The agenda for the RGAC shall be set by the Chairperson or his/her designee. RGAC members may have items placed on the agenda at any time. Unless otherwise specifically agreed upon by the RGAC, all matters before the RGAC shall be disposed of by consensus.
3. The Chairperson shall provide all competing points of view to the COMPASS Board when consensus is not achieved. Meetings of the RGAC will be conducted in an informal manner unless a member requests that a specific item be dealt with according to Roberts' Rules of Order and the request is supported by a majority of members present.

Article VI
DUTIES

1. Duties of the RGAC will be as follows:
 - Work to promote regional GIS planning and issues through education to the COMPASS Board and general public.
 - Advise COMPASS Board and staff about investments and policies related to improving GIS.
 - Provide a forum in which to plan a vision for regional GIS cooperation including but not limited to:
 - developing an enterprise or federated GIS with central data repository
 - Providing accurate, consistent, and compatible data to the Census Bureau
 - Coordinating a two county ortho photography project
 - Developing a regional centerline and landuse data set
 - Coordinating data provided to emergency services to aid common dispatching

Article VII
SUB-COMMITTEES

1. Occasionally the RGAC may create a sub-committee to examine details regarding specific issues to help the RGAC make informed decisions. The mission, members, meetings, and duties of these committees are independent of the RGAC but will give monthly reports to the RGAC.

Article VIII
AMMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

1. These Bylaws may be amended by an affirmative vote of a simple majority of the members present subject to approval by the COMPASS Board. A Bylaws change shall be presented for consideration at a regularly scheduled meeting of the RGAC, however, voting shall be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting at which the Bylaws change was proposed.