

New OGIC Leadership

OGIC elected new leadership for the 2024 calendar year: Chris Wright will serve as the OGIC Chair and Dan Brown will serve as the Chair-Elect throughout 2025.

Chris and Dan were introduced at the January 2025 quarterly council meeting as they stepped into their new roles. They both have extensive experience related to the use and accessibility of geospatial data in Oregon and are united in their commitment to improving data sharing in Oregon!

Molly Gartrell Earle wrapped up her time as OGIC Chair in December 2024. Throughout her time as Chair, Molly tirelessly demonstrated her commitment to OGIC. Molly will continue to serve OGIC as Immediate Past-Chair and Outreach & Communications Committee Chair in 2025.



January Quarterly OGIC Meeting Recap

In January, OGIC held its first quarterly council meeting of 2025. January's council meeting was held virtually. The [meeting packet](#) and [recording](#) are available online.

Meeting Actions

OGIC voted and approved 2 items during the meeting:

- **Elevation FIT Lead**
OGIC endorsed Reed Burgette as the new FIT Lead for the [Elevation FIT](#). Reed Burgette is the Lidar Coordinator and Remote Sensing Geologist for the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI). He manages the Oregon Lidar Consortium and coordinates collection and distribution of high-resolution elevation data for the State of Oregon. Learn more about the Elevation FIT on [GEOHub](#).
- **OGIC 2025-26 Work Plan Finalized**
The updated workplan was introduced in October's quarterly council meeting and was put out for public review in December of 2024 with no comments received. In January's quarterly council meeting, OGIC approved and finalized the updated work plan. The [2025-26 Workplan](#) includes committee charters and tasks expected to be completed throughout 2025 and 2026.

New Interim Geospatial Information Officer (GIO)

Rachel Smith has resigned as Oregon's GIO. Kathryn Darnell Helms will serve as the Interim GIO until the role can be filled permanently.

Thank you to Rachel for her commitment and dedication to OGIC and the Oregon GIS Community.

GIS Community Survey

OGIC's Annual GIS Community Survey has closed with nearly 130 responses. OGIC relies on Oregon's GIS Community feedback to measure its impact on the people and professions that rely on geographic data across the state. Thank you to everyone who participated in OGIC's GIS Community Survey.