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New OGIC Leadership

OGIC elected new leadership for the 2024 calendar year: Molly Gartrell Earle is the new Chair and Chris Wright is the new Chair-Elect.

Molly and Chris were introduced at the January 2024 quarterly 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!

Brad Cross wrapped up his time as Chair of OGIC in December. Brad did a great job leading OGIC meetings and representing the Council in 2023. Thank You!!

Grant Opportunity Open

The Framework Data Development [Request for Proposals](#) is open. Submit your project by **March 1st**!



January Quarterly OGIC Meeting Recap

In January, OGIC held its first quarterly meeting of 2024. Even though it was a 100% virtual meeting, it was a packed agenda using the entire three hours planned for the meeting. The [meeting packet](#) and [recording](#) are available online.

Meeting Actions

OGIC voted and approved 3 items during the meeting:

- **Communications Plan v2.0**
The OGIC [Communications Plan](#) was updated to remove text about the use of GovDelivery for newsletter mailings and replaced with details about the new OGIC list serv for these activities.
- **Framework Program Performance Measures**
OGIC approved a set of performance measures for Oregon's Framework Program. The measures align with the new 4-year Strategic Plan on Geospatial Data Management and Sharing.
- **Framework Program Charter**
OGIC approved an updated [Charter](#) for the Framework Program with minor revisions.

OGIC also received updates from its advisory committees that were set up to support the objectives outlined in the OGIC Work Plan, and updates on the following topics: the OGIC Fund, Statewide Parcels Initiative, and Statewide Imagery Program.

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New OGIC Hub Launched



OGIC launched a [new hub site](#) in January 2024. The new site showcases OGIC's priority initiatives, committees, and endorsed data standards and stewardship plans. The refreshed website incorporates improved accessibility and usability features, ensuring a seamless user experience across various devices, including mobile responsiveness.

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FAQs

What is ORS 276A.509?

ORS 276A.509 outlines the duty of public bodies to share geospatial framework data with OGIC and outlines OGIC's responsibilities to consult with public bodies and officially declare data to be shared.

Can members of the public attend OGIC meetings?

All OGIC meetings are open to the public. OGIC meets quarterly; two of the meetings are 100% virtual and two are in-person only. All [OGIC meeting times, locations, agendas, and meeting packets](#) can be found online.

Sign up for OGIC
Communications via the new
[OGIC Info list serv!!](#)



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Data Sharing Consultation Beginning Now

As part of OGIC's efforts to implement [ORS 276A.509](#), the Data Sharing and Governance Committee is launching the consultation process to notify public bodies of geospatial Framework data to be shared publicly and distributed via [GEOHub](#). OGIC members will be reaching out to state agencies in February to discuss GIS data agencies create or steward and request that these data be shared with public bodies to support essential government operations. For questions about this work, contact [Shad Campbell](#) or [Melissa Foltz](#).

Legislative Coordination

The Oregon Legislature kicked-off the 2024 Legislative Session on February 5th and the OGIC Legislative Coordination Committee is reviewing GIS-related bills that have been released by the House and Senate. Though this is a short session, OGIC expects some bills to be considered that require the creation and update of maps, data collection, and GIS staff positions to support the work of state agencies. The Committee will provide a report to OGIC in April regarding the public testimony provided on behalf of OGIC. Stay tuned for more information on this important work...

If you or your agency learns of a bill that has a tie to geospatial data or the use of maps, data, analysis, etc., please let us know! Reach out to [Rachel Smith](#) to contact the OGIC Legislative Coordination Committee.

OGIC would also like to thank Steven Hoffert for his years of service on OGIC and the Legislative Committee, and heartily congratulate him on his upcoming retirement! Tom Roling is the new Chair of the Legislative Coordination Committee.

Upcoming Events

Next Meeting: April 24, 2024

This will be an in-person meeting held in Salem, OR. Stay tuned for the meeting location and time...

GIS In Action Conference April 30 – May 1

OGIC will have a vendor booth at the upcoming GIS in Action Conference in Portland, OR. Stop by, say hello, and ask us about the great things OGIC is doing to advance GIS in Oregon!



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