*West Virginia Association of Geospatial Professionals*
# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



*Mapping the Mountain State*

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# Board of Directors 2017-2018



| Name | Office/Committee Chair | Organization | Sector |
|------|------------------------|--------------|--------|
| Colleen Lemasters | President | WV SHPO | State |
| Jessica Perkins | Vice President | WV DNR | State |
| Jessica Brewer | Secretary | Dominion Energy | Private |
| Jennings Starcher | Treasurer/Conference, Co-Chair | Independent Contractor | Private |
| Tony Simental | Conference, Co-Chair | Office of GIS Coordinator | State |
| Chelsea White | Communication & Outreach | Stahl Sheaffer Engineering | Private |
| Barbara MacLennan | Elections | WVU | Education |
| Steve Harouff | Technical Issues | WV Division of Forestry | State |
| Jacob Darrah | Training | Blue Mountain, Inc | Private |
| Adam Cottrell | | City of Charleston | Local |
| Frank LaFone | | WV GIS Technical Center | Education |
| John Barth | | Kanawha County Assessor's Office | County |
| Kevin Kuhn | | WV GIS Technical Center | Education |

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This has been a wonderful year for the Association. I'm very proud of how this Board has taken charge of the association and have been working on various projects to help the association grow. Some of the accomplishments I would like to highlight are:

- New training registration process using Eventzilla
- Training Committee has been developing new courses and was able to secure a new training location in Beckley, WV
- The Election Committee has been researching new voting methods to encourage increased membership participation in Board of Director elections
- Hired an event planner for Conference planning
- Communication & Outreach committee organized a successful GIS Day at the Capitol, which was well attended by GIS Professionals throughout the state
- Communication & Outreach committee has been very active getting association information out via social media, website, and listservs
- Technical Issues committee has been working with WV Society for Professional Surveyors with language pertaining to WV Datum and Legislative Rule changes

I look forward to seeing this momentum continue well into the future.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is the audited financial report for the calendar year 2017 (January 1 – December 31).

Annual Treasury Report 2017

**Starting Balance**                                                                                                         **$101,226.63**

All income

Membership and/or meeting registration fees, training fees          $7,022.87

**Total Income**                                                                                                $7,022.87

**Expenses**

| | |
|---|---|
| ArcGIS Foundations Courses | $9.504.48 |
| WVAGP Annual Meeting – Stonewall Jackson Resort | $8,967.60 |
| ArcGIS JavaScript Course | $2,530.00 |
| WVAGP Banners (2) | $752.00 |
| WVU Catering | $717.75 |
| PayPal Fees | $543.44 |
| EPAN Sponsorship | $500.00 |
| H&R Block – Tax Prep Fee | $350.00 |
| Constant Contact Renewal | $336.00 |
| USPS PO Box Renewal & Certified Mail | $179.04 |
| WVSOS – Annual Report Fee | $25.00 |

**Total Expenses**                                                                                        $24,403.31

**Summation**

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|---|---|
| Deposits | $7,022.87 |
| Expenses | $24,403.31 |
| Net Balance as of 12/31/2017 | **$83,846.19** |

*Treasurer's Report Audited in spring 2018 and found correct*

| Year | Income | Expense | Annual Net Balance | Running Balance | Comments |
|------|--------|---------|--------------------|-----------------|----------|
| 2006 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 2007 | 4,693 | 227 | 4,466 | 4,466 | *WVAGP formed March 2007* |
| 2008 | 59,826 | 20,434 | 39,392 | 43,857 | Received $20K FGDC grant |
| 2009 | 7,360 | 3,428 | 3,932 | 47,790 | |
| 2010 | 39,998 | 22,856 | 17,142 | 64,931 | |
| 2011 | 53,606 | 54,662 | -1,056 | 63,875 | |
| 2012 | 64,736 | 44,895 | 19,841 | 83,715 | |
| 2013 | 61,522 | 66,584 | -5,063 | 78,653 | |
| 2014 | 72,988 | 62,321 | 10,667 | 89,320 | |
| 2015 | 33,590 | 25,240 | 8,350 | 97,671 | |
| 2016 | 53,859 | 50,303 | 3,556 | 101,227 | |
| 2017 | 7,023 | 24,403 | -17,380 | 83,846 | |
| total | $ 459,201 | $ 375,352 | | $ 83,849 | |

Other News
WVAGP filed federal tax documents and it has been sent to the IRS for review.

Jennings Starcher, GISP
WVAGP Treasurer

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

**July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018**

**Election Committee**

The committee has worked hard this year to increase voter turnout and prepare for the 2018 WVAGP Board of Directors election. In regards to increasing voter turnout, the committee used data from Jennings Starcher (past Chair) to approach voter turnout, the first step was to create a white paper of what similar geospatial organizations do for voting and elections in other states, the second was to talk to WVAGP founding and current board members about the election rules to be able to try new approaches to increase voter turnout. This information will be presented at the 2018 WVAGP conference for the consideration of members to determine next steps.

At the 2018 WVAGP elections, we have 12 qualified candidates for the six seats that are available. There are four candidates representing the state constituency, none representing the education and research constituency, four candidates representing the regional/local government constituency and two candidates representing the private sector constituency, and one candidate representing the federal constituency. As was done in past years, the committee added candidate pictures to the nominee profiles to put a face to each nominee profile. Ballots and nominee profiles were sent to the membership on May 14, 2018. Also, the committee worked with the Communications Committee to spotlight each candidate on the WVAGP Facebook page leading up to the election. Election of the new Board of Directors members will be at the annual membership meeting June 11, 2018. Members of the committee include Barbara L. MacLennan (Chair), Jennings Starcher, Jessica Brewer, Nate Davis, Ben Everette and two members who are no longer on the committee due to other committments (Craig Neidig and Matt Mullenax). The Election Committee is actively seeking new members.
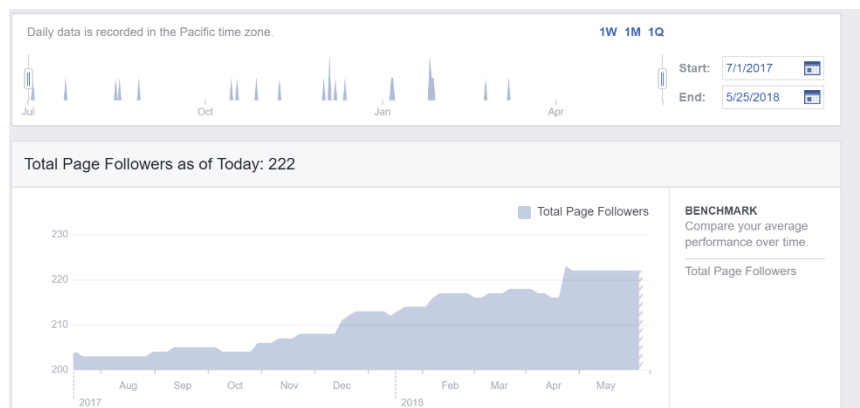
Barb Maclennan

WVAGP Election Committee Chair

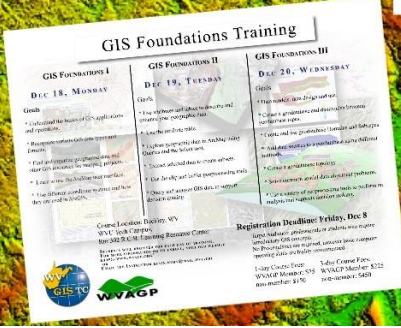**Communications & Outreach Committee**

Committee Members

- Chelsea White – Chair
- Colleen Lemasters – WVAGP President
- Jennings Starcher – WVAGP Treasurer (Ex Officio)
- Tony Simental -  (Ex Officio)

To communicate with its members, the committee utilized the WVAGP website, e-mail list serves, and Facebook page.  These sources help with reporting to the membership and the public for promoting awareness of geospatial training, for facilitating networking among members, and assist with the growth of our organization. With a newsletter published in Fall of 2017, and events like WVU Main and Beckley Tech Campus training courses, GIS Day, WV Legislative GIS Day, Voting, and the WVAGP biennial conference, it has been a progressive year for the WVAGP and GIS in West Virginia. We plan on keeping that momentum up for the following year by continuing to promote events, and to help spread the wealth and knowledge of GIS across our State.

- • WVAGP website (www.wvagp.org) - News, meeting information, registrations, resources, etc.
- • ConstantContact Email Marketing - Free mailing list (members or non-members)  - Subscribe/Unsubscribe automatically
- • WVAGP Listerves: - Member ListServe (WVAGP@LISTSERV.WVU.EDU)
- • Newsletter (http://www.wvagp.org/newsletters.asp)
- • WVAGP Facebook Page – (https://www.facebook.com/wvagp/)

**Training Committee Report (2017-2018)**

The WVAGP Training Committee has been working diligently on several training sessions scheduled for the summer 2018 season, along with completed or scheduled trainings that took place through 2017.

### 2017-18 WVAGP Training Sessions

| Instructor-Led Workshop | Training Dates | Location | Training By |
|---|---|---|---|
| GIS Foundations I, II, III | December 2017 | Beckley | WVAGP |
| Geoprocessing with Python (cancelled) | August 2017 | Morgantown | WVAGP |
| ArcGIS JavaScript API | July 2017 | Morgantown | WVAGP |

### Upcoming Training Sessions

| Instructor-Led Workshop | Training Dates | Location | Training By |
|---|---|---|---|
| GIS Foundations I, II, III | August 2018 | Morgantown | WVAGP |
| Geoprocessing with Python | August 2018 | Morgantown | WVAGP |
| Geostatistical Analysis | August 2018 | Morgantown | WVAGP |
| ArcGIS JavaScript API | August 2018 | Morgantown | WVAGP |

### Training Sessions in Development

| Instructor-Led Workshop | Training Dates | Location | Training By |
|---|---|---|---|
| ArcGIS Collector | TBD | TBD | WVAGP |
| ArcGIS Pro | TBD | TBD | WVAGP |
| GIS for Cadastral Management | TBD | TBD | TBD |

The Training Committee has maintained discussions about opening up locations for training and have been researching locations that meet the needs for WVAGP to recoup costs, but also provide sufficient space and technology for the courses to be administered. We were fortunate enough to have WVU Tech in Beckley host our GIS Foundations course in December. We are also very energetic about developing MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) to help accommodate professionals at all corners of West Virginia, but we are still in the concept stages regarding that. The Committee has done a wonderful job this year, and I have felt it a privilege to serve as its Co-Chair with Jacob Darrah. None of this would be possible without the WV GIS Technical Center and I want to commend them on all that they do to help train our geospatial professionals.

Thank you to all committee members: Jacob Darrah, Kevin Kuhn, Kurt Donaldson, JJ Taylor, Jessica Brewer, Pam Hoskins, Randy Campbell, Frank LaFone, Harold Yancey, and Adam Cottrell.

Marvin Davis, Chair

WVAGP Training Committee

**Technical Issues Committee**

As a newly elected member of WVAGP Board and Chair of the Technical Issues Committee for 2017, this was my first time serving as a board member and a committee chair for any organization. Being the sole member of the Technical Issues Committee for this first year, I wanted to learn from the senior members about how the board and associated committees work.

The Technical Issues Committee worked with former Chair, Kevin Kuhn on an official submission of recommended text for the WV Society of Professional Surveyor's proposed WV Datum and Legislative Rule Changes.

The Technical Issues Committee also reached out to public and private organizations currently using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) for data capture to understand how other organizations might get started using this technology. The increased popularity and use of UAVs, with complex regulation, limited information/guidelines on use, and no official State organization overseeing this technology presents an important technical issue. The Technical Issues Committee is hoping to address this in the coming year with additional members and development of a sub-committee specific to UAV use for data collection.


**Steve Harouff**

**Technical Issues Committee - Chair**

**GIS Manager - WV Division of Forestry**


**BYLAWS:**
*WVAGP bylaws can be viewed or downloaded from the Association's website:*
*http://www.wvagp.org/Governance.asp.*