



MINUTES: GIS Interest Group Meeting, Friday, April 11, 2025, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Group Chair: John Cunningham

Recorder: John Cunningham

DISCUSSION	
1.0	<p>Welcome:</p> <p>Present: Ainslie Butler - SMDHU, Anjali Pandya – DRHD, David Guillette - RPPH, Jackie Edwards - PHSD, Jason Letchford – HRP, Jennifer Rojas – GEPH, John Cunningham – SEHU, Lori McKinnon – PHO, Olamide Adeyanju – CKPH, Renate Van Dorp – HPPH, Ryan Waterhouse – NRPHD</p> <p>Guests: Alice Jin – ESRI, Brian Mosely – ESRI, Kieren Patresek – ESRI, Madina Sulaymonova – MPH Student RPPH, Sandy Watts – ESRI</p> <p>Regrets: Andrew Harris - HKPR</p>
2.0	<p>Volunteer to take minutes:</p> <p>N/A</p>
3.0	<p>Additions to & Approval of Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additions: No additions to the agenda. • Approval: David Guillette approved the agenda.
4.0	<p>Business arising and action item review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACTION carry-over: John will investigate the use and formatting of tables on the webpages. • ACTION carry-over: John to follow-up with GIS best practices lit search contacts around any info that they can provide. • ACTION: John will investigate creating advertisements using the general membership APHEO listserv. I spoke with the APHEO president and we are authorized to use the general listserv under the ‘Announcements’ category to run adverts for the GIS-IG. • ACTION: John will investigate creating a membership pitch for the upcoming May 2025 APHEO conference outlining our work, educational component, non-need for GIS experience, multi-disciplined membership, etc. I have had the GIS-IG added to the concurrent sessions after the ACES presentations that ESRI are doing. Hoping to have a GIS-interested audience around that subject.
5.0	<p>Items for decision:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
6.0	<p>Items for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No items for discussion at this meeting due to the length of the presentation
7.0	<p>Standing agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No standing agenda items reviewed at this meeting due to the length of the presentation • Please volunteer to present some GIS work that you are doing or work that others are doing. Friends or contacts in academia or the private sector as well. Presentations do not need to be on in-depth topics. We had a great presentation at today's meeting. Let's keep the momentum going for the rest of 2025.
8.0	<p>Presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Alexander Watts who is the manager for public health at ESRI Canada. Alexander showcased some of the collaborative GIS projects his team has supported over the years; including some interesting GIS applications being built for a variety of public health programs across Canada.
9.0	<p>Next meeting date, time and location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doodle Poll to be circulated in early May 2025.
10.0	<p>Adjournment:</p>