

## **Advocacy Committee Charter**

### **Committee Summary:**

The Committee provides guidance, coordination and support for state and national activities, partnerships, legislation and policies impacting states and the nation, in alignment with NSGIC strategic priorities.

### **Committee Objectives:**

- Support NSGIC priorities through advocacy including both legislative and non-legislative communication
- Provide input and recommendations to the NSGIC Board for activities, partnerships, and policies that NSGIC should advocate for and pursue
- Provide guidance to the NSGIC Board to inform strategic thinking and priorities, and prepare reports with recommendations on new and evolving advocacy matters
- Solicit input from industry leaders and strategic partners on initiatives that will advance the geospatial industry
- Promote activities advancing NSGIC priorities
- Engage and advocate on behalf of NSGIC members who may not have a voice
- Provide advocacy support to federal advisory committees and agencies
- Advise NSGIC on federal and state legislative actions
- Draft legislation that impacts NSGIC priorities
- Provide guidance, coordination, and support for federal and state legislative and policy issues
- Deliberate interaction with our liaisons with other orgs

### **Required Reports:**

- Monthly verbal reports at Leadership Briefings
- Yearly Report of Committee Activities at the Annual Conference
- Report to NSGIC members, business partners, staff, and BOD relevant federal legislative and agency activities and policy
- Brief on the state policy/legislative actions of interest to NSGIC, our partners, and states.
- Advocacy documents (i.e., grassroots training and educational materials, Congressional leave behinds, talking points, etc.)

### **Organization**

### **A. Membership**

Membership in the NSGIC Advocacy Committee is open to any member in good standing. Membership is initiated via email to the Chair, Vice Chair, and/or NSGIC support staff . Members are expected to attend meetings and participate in discussion, document review, etc., to the greatest extent possible.

### **B. Conflict of interest**

If a Committee WG member has a potential or actual conflict of interest, that member is expected to disclose the conflict and recuse themselves from CommitteeWG decisions.

### **C. Chair and Vice Chair**

The Committee Chair and vice-chair will be appointed by the NSGIC President. The responsibilities of the Chair are:

- Preparation and distribution of an agenda, including location and time
- Chair Work Group meetings and preside over decisions
- Appoint sub-committees as needed and monitor their activities
- Report to NSGIC BOD pertinent Committee decisions and recommendations
- Ensure Committee minutes are accurate and appropriately available
- Outreach to membership: soliciting input from membership for new advocacy efforts they would like to see
- Consult with staff as needed for Committee support

The Vice-Chair will support the Chair in the responsibilities noted above and will assume the Chair responsibilities as needed if the Chair is unable to meet responsibilities due to scheduling or other conflicts.

### **D. Subcommittees**

Subcommittees may be established at the consensus of the committee or at the direction of the Chair. Examples of subcommittees: GDA Implementation, Federal/State Legislation, COGO Participation, NSGIC Policy Issues; Broadband.

### **E. Meetings**

Committee meetings may be called by a consensus of the committee or at the discretion of the Chair. A time will be established for regularly scheduled meetings. The committee meetings will be guided by consensus rule of those attending the meeting. Decisions that do not reach consensus may be tabled until the next meeting. If consensus cannot be reached in an appropriate timeframe, a vote will be taken following Robert's Rules of Order. The Chair will be the final arbiter as to the appropriate timeframe for decisions.

### **F. Charter Revisions**

The NSGIC Board must approve this charter and all charter revisions. Proposed charter revisions must be submitted to the Board at least two weeks prior to a regularly

scheduled meeting of the Board. Such revisions will become official when approved by the Board.

### **G. Documentation**

#### **Document History**

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9/8/22	First version	1.0	Review by WG at 9/8 meeting
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