

2025 Annual Report

National Geospatial Collaborative



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Message from the 2025 Board Chair



The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) made progress in 2025 by establishing a focus on key initiatives to boldly advance the geospatial ecosystem. The NGC Board had robust discussions early in the calendar year, eventually settling on three major thrusts: complete the National Address Database (NAD), referred to as NAD 2.0; define and implement National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) governance pilots; and pursue NSDI building blocks such as an enhanced geospatial maturity assessment of the states. NGC Board leaders defined an action plan for each initiative and publicized those for both the NSGIC and broader communities in the latter part of the year. That important work provides a foundation for NGC future efforts in 2026.

The Collaborative also pursued avenues to communicate its thinking through several engagements during the year. NGC leaders participated in the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) meeting in June; briefed the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) on its priorities (also in June) and shared more details about the three initiatives and other efforts at the NSGIC Annual Conference in September.

The GeoGov Summit in September was a special opportunity to contribute to national thinking on geospatial issues. NGC continued to serve as a supporting partner for this annual event. NGC Board members served on panels and contributed to discussions targeting specific issues that public, private, academic, and other interests will combine to address. The panels included: overcoming barriers to data aggregation, integration, and access; centering community voices, collaborating across sectors, discussing real-world applications where the geospatial ecosystem lives; and discussing a community assessment of NSDI nationwide geospatial coverages. Through all of these sessions, NGC Board members made substantive contributions and returned with insights that will help the NGC advance its major initiatives and achieve success in implementing them.

NGC became a non-profit member of the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) in the latter part of 2025. The Board felt that this is an important step toward establishing NGC as a key participating member of the broader geospatial community. The relationship with OGC will be instrumental in successful pursuit and execution of the NSDI governance pilots.

NGC closed out 2025 focused on implementation strategies for the three initiatives and will seek ways to expand its influence as a young but growing organization.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Tim Johnson".

Tim Johnson
2025 Board Chair



Mission, Vision & Founding



Mission

To advance the understanding, use, and integration of geographic information systems (GIS) and associated emerging technologies by supporting geospatial professionals, organizations, and initiatives through collaborative research, education, knowledge-sharing, and strategic partnerships.

Vision

To boldly pursue a more effective geospatial ecosystem.

#GoBoldly

Founding

The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) was established in 2023 through the visionary efforts of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) Board, whose foresight, commitment, and ongoing support remain integral to NGC's mission and impact.

Year in Review: Key Highlights



2025 NGC Highlights

Seated 2025 Board (January)

NGC Board Strategic Planning Session/Retreat (February)

NSGIC Midyear Meeting (February)

Strategic Initiatives Adopted (February)

2025 National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) Conference in Anaheim, CA (June)

National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meeting in Washington, D.C. (June)

OpenStreetMap State of the Map US, Boston, MA (June)

Esri UC, San Diego, CA (July)

GeoGov Summit Supporting Partner (September)

NSGIC Annual Conference, Nashville, TN (September)

3rd Annual Geospatial Golf Classic (September)

NGC Board Strategic Planning Session (September)

Board Nominations and Appointments (September)

Houston GIS Day (November)

2026 Board Appointments Announced (December)

2025 was a pivotal year for the National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC), marked by significant progress on strategic initiatives, strengthened partnerships, and the formalization of the organization's operations. Over the course of the year, NGC's seven-director Board – led by Chair Tim Johnson – guided NGC in advancing three core national geospatial initiatives while establishing the structures needed for long-term success. Key accomplishments included launching detailed action plans for each initiative, expanding NGC's web presence and fundraising capabilities, and increasing NGC's visibility in the broader geospatial community.

In 2025, NGC transitioned from planning to action – formalizing its initiatives, enhancing its governance and outreach, and building momentum toward its vision of collaborative national geospatial solutions.

Annual Highlights

- **Strategic Planning Retreat:** NGC kicked off 2025 with a strategic planning retreat in Colorado Springs, Colorado where the Board confirmed three core initiatives to pursue and established a go/no-go decision framework for vetting projects. The retreat's outcomes – including selected initiatives, an initiative action-plan template, and guiding criteria – provided a focused roadmap for the year.
- **Launch of Key Initiatives:** The Board formally launched detailed action plans for its three major initiatives: NAD 2.0 (National Address Database modernization), the NSDI Trails Governance Pilot, and the State-Level NSDI Building Blocks Assessment. Each initiative was led by a team of Board directors and progressed through 2025 with defined objectives, budgets, and timelines (see Strategic Initiatives section for details). By year's end, all initiative action plans were finalized and published on the NGC website.
- **Proposals:** In 2025, the National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) advanced a new role as a trusted conduit for Congressionally Directed Spending (CDS), supporting states in navigating and pursuing federal funding opportunities aligned with national geospatial priorities. As part of this effort, NGC submitted two CDS proposals to Senator Warnock's office on behalf of the State of Georgia. These proposals focused on advancing 3D elevation mapping to strengthen foundational geospatial infrastructure and supporting flood resilience through statewide land use and land cover data, enhancing data-driven planning and risk mitigation efforts. This work reflects NGC's growing capacity to connect state-identified needs with federal funding mechanisms, reinforcing its role in advancing collaborative, impact-driven geospatial initiatives.

- **Supporting Coastal Resilience and State Programs:** NGC supported a broad, bipartisan effort calling for sustained federal investment in State Coastal Zone Management Programs. NGC joined national, state, local, academic, nonprofit, and private-sector partners in emphasizing the critical role these programs play in coastal resilience, economic stability, environmental stewardship, and data-driven decision-making. This support aligns with NGC's mission to advance geospatial infrastructure and collaboration that strengthens communities, protects natural resources, and enables informed planning across coastal and marine environments.
- **Partnerships and Alliances:** NGC greatly expanded its partnership network in 2025. Notably, the Board approved joining the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) as a small nonprofit member, solidifying NGC's role in national geospatial initiatives and giving it a voice in OGC's innovation programs. Collaboration with Geospatial World expanded beyond supporting the annual GeoGov Summit to also include supporting an event at the annual GeoBuiz Summit. NGC partnered with Geospatial World to organize and host an invitation-only roundtable event focused on Public-Private-Partnerships (PPPs) and the NSDI, ensuring state-level perspectives are included in these industry dialogues. NGC also engaged in discussions on workforce development opportunities and activities aimed at supporting and scaling geospatial workforce across states.



Participation & Outreach

NGC actively engaged with the geospatial community throughout the year by participating in key national, regional, and professional events.

NGC participated in national professional convenings, including the NSGIC Midyear Meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado in February and at the NSGIC Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee in September. During these conferences, NGC shared organizational updates, board and governance milestones, progress across its strategic initiatives, and new opportunities for state engagement.

At the 2025 National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA) Conference in Anaheim, California, NGC Board Directors William Johnson and Eric Kolb delivered a joint presentation on the NAD 2.0 Initiative. The presentation outlined current limitations of the National Address Database, introduced the NAD 2.0 Action Plan, and emphasized the importance of authoritative geospatial data for emergency response. The session generated strong engagement from the 911 community and reinforced growing momentum—particularly from the National 911 Office at USDOT—to advance address data modernization.

In June 2025, Board Directors Jonathan Duran and Bill Johnson, and Treasurer Dan Ross, along with representatives from NSGIC, attended the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) meeting in Washington, D.C. While at the meeting, Director Duran presented information to the NGAC members covering NGC formation, purpose, board composition, and a summary of its three primary initiatives. Mr. Duran also emphasized NGC’s desire for “critical collaboration” with NGAC as it moves forward to accomplish its strategic goals and initiatives.

NGC’s Board of Directors and Officers participated in the annual Esri User Conference (Esri UC) in July as part of NGC’s ongoing commitment to staying informed, connected, and engaged with the broader geospatial community. Board attendance provided opportunities to engage with state, local, federal, private-sector, and nonprofit partners; stay current on emerging technologies and trends; and strengthen relationships that support NGC’s mission and collaborative initiatives.



NGC maintained its role as a supporting partner of Geospatial World and the GeoGov Summit – an annual summit on geospatial governance. In 2025, NGC’s Chair Tim Johnson served on the Summit’s planning committee to represent state/local viewpoints. The 3rd Annual Geospatial World GeoGov Summit, was hosted September 8–10, 2025, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles (Herndon, VA). Tim Johnson, NGC Board Chair along with NGC Directors Jonathan Duran, Jenna Leveille, and with Ken Nelson (NSGIC President) participated in panels revolving around topics such as Advancing the NSDI, Collaborating Across Sectors, and Community Assessment of NSDI Nationwide Geospatial Coverages.

As a Houston-based 501(c)(3), NGC was honored to participate in the November Houston GIS Day at the University of Houston–Clear Lake, organized by the Houston-Galveston Area Council. NGC Chief Operating Officer Lindsey Peña delivered the keynote address, sharing the organization’s founding vision and highlighting the foundational work of the Board, Officers, and partners in advancing a more effective and collaborative geospatial ecosystem.

Additionally, Lindsey Peña represented NGC as a scholarship recipient at OpenStreetMap US’s State of the Map US conference in Boston, Massachusetts, gaining valuable insights from the open-source mapping community and strengthening connections that support collaboration, innovation, and shared learning across the geospatial ecosystem.

NGC also engaged in early conversations related to National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) modernization and vertical benchmark challenges raised by state and regional stakeholders. The Board considered NGC’s potential role as a neutral convener to support dialogue among federal, state, and local partners navigating these technical and policy transitions. These discussions reinforced NGC’s broader mission to facilitate coordination on complex geospatial infrastructure issues that cross jurisdictional and organizational boundaries.



Governance

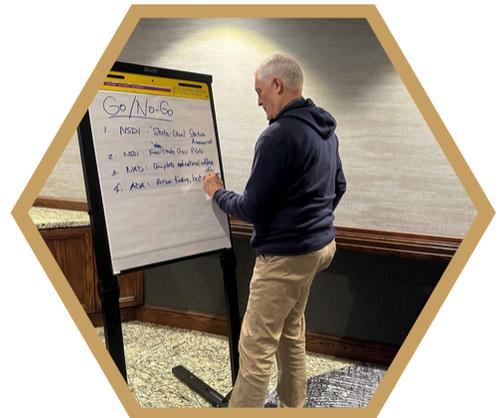
NGC strengthened its governance and organizational structure in 2025, laying a solid foundation for effective oversight and inclusive collaboration. The Board of Directors operated with a high level of engagement and introduced new governance bodies to support NGC's growing activities:

Policies and Procedures: NGC's governance in 2025 was characterized by active Board engagement, improved clarity in roles, and the incorporation of new bodies (Advisory Council and work groups) to extend NGC's reach and expertise. Additionally, The Board reviewed and updated its decision-making rubric for evaluating proposed projects. These efforts ensured that NGC remained accountable and agile as it took on more complex projects.

Advisory Council & Workgroup Framework Development: A major governance advancement considered in 2025 was the establishment of a framework for creating an NGC Advisory Council and Workgroups. The intent is to establish a flexible panel of external individuals- drawn from strategic partners, industry, academia, and other government or non-profit entities - who can provide insights and support to NGC initiatives. By the end of 2025, the Board reached consensus to formally implement the Advisory Council in early 2026.

Operational Updates

NGC devoted considerable effort in 2025 to establishing and improving its operational infrastructure. Key areas of focus included expanding the organization's website and communications platforms, initiating a system for managing donations, expanding involvement beyond the Board, and increasing public outreach.



Strategic Initiatives



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State-level NSDI Building Block Assessment

Ensuring that place-based foundational geospatial data across the nation continues to be developed, supported, and maintained, adding a critical element to data driven decision making.

NGC's efforts in 2025 centered on three major strategic initiatives aimed at advancing the geospatial capabilities. Each initiative is steered by a team of Board directors and involves collaboration with external partners. Below is an overview of each initiative and its 2025 progress:

The **NAD 2.0 Initiative**, led by Bill Johnson, Eric Kolb, Frank Winters, and Dan Ross focuses on enhancing the National Address Database through coordination, standardization, and improved participation. NAD 2.0 reflects NGC's growing leadership in national data modernization efforts, bridging the gaps between federal, state, and local partners.

The **National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Governance Pilots**, led by Tim Johnson and Jonathan Duran, aim to demonstrate practical models for nationwide spatial data infrastructure coordination. These pilots, one pilot focused on protecting public lands and trails, in cooperation with OpenStreetMap and others, and the second pilot with an emphasis on underground infrastructure data are intended to test scalable frameworks for future NSDI governance.

The **State-Level NSDI Building Block Assessment**, led by Jenna Leveille and Richard Wade, is a strategic initiative to transform NSGIC's Geospatial Maturity Assessment (GMA) into a nationally integrated, independently validated tool. Phase 1 will engage a third-party review to enhance the GMA's credibility and sustainability, aligning it with federal frameworks like the FGDC and GDA. The initiative aims to strengthen confidence in state-level geospatial programs, improve benchmarking, and support long-term investment in a robust National Spatial Data Infrastructure.

Together, these initiatives underscore NGC's growing influence in shaping national geospatial strategy through clarity, coordination, and collaboration.

Other Notable Activities

In the last quarter of 2025, a new opportunity arose to collaborate with Geospatial World to contribute to a discussion paper that would set the framework and benchmarks for an invitation-only roundtable forum at the 2026 GeoBuiz Summit, focused on Public-Private-Partnerships (PPPs) and state-federal-industry collaboration models for the NSDI. The purpose of the roundtable was to bring together local, state, federal, academic and industry leaders to continue a discussion on sustainable partnership approaches – effectively aligning with NGC’s “building blocks” vision by addressing the policy and funding models needed to support the implementation of the NSDI at the state level. NGC assisted in coordinating participants as well as pre-roundtable virtual engagements with them to ensure the discussion paper captured accurate views, challenges and opportunities of PPPs. Outcomes from the roundtable will be shared with the participants and community following the event.

Going into 2026, NGC will leverage the GeoBuiz roundtable to gather momentum and insights, and pursue a Phase 1 study (potentially in partnership with an academic institution) to formally assess the “NSDI readiness” of states. Lessons from Phase 1 will inform a larger Phase 2 strategy, which could involve scaling successful partnership models or securing dedicated funding for state-level data infrastructure improvements.

During 2025, the Board also identified geodesy and surveying workforce capacity as an emerging national concern with implications for geospatial infrastructure, emergency response, and federal and state modernization efforts. Initial discussions explored workforce pipeline challenges, awareness gaps, and potential education and grant-funded pathways spanning K-12 through professional development. While no formal initiative was launched in 2025, this early exploration positioned NGC to evaluate future workforce-focused efforts aligned with national needs.



Financial Overview

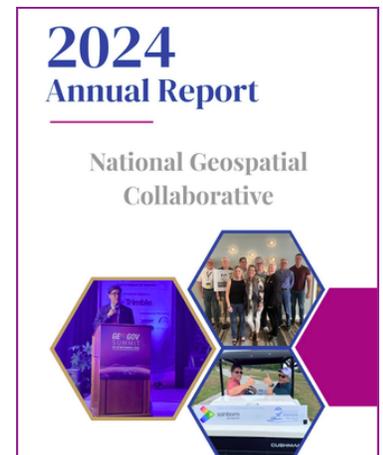


NGC began 2025 with only a modest financial reserve and operated with careful frugality throughout the year. Routine expenses were minimal and primarily covered basic administration.

On the revenue side, NGC made measurable progress in strengthening its financial foundation. The NGC Geospatial Golf Classic, held in fall 2025, was a successful fundraising event supporting the organization’s mission-driven work. In addition, [10 Little Rules for Navigating Change](#)—a collaborative publication featuring women leaders from across the geospatial community—contributes ongoing revenue to NGC, with 100% of author royalties donated in support of its charitable mission to boldly pursue a more effective geospatial ecosystem. NGC Director Jenna Leveille, NGC Secretary Susan Miller, and Chief Operating Officer Lindsey Peña are among the contributing authors.

In terms of financial governance, NGC aligned its reporting with standard nonprofit practices. The 2024 Annual Report (finalized in 2025) included a concise financial snapshot and was timed to coincide with the organization’s annual IRS Form 990 filing, underscoring NGC’s commitment to transparency. As 2025 closed, the Collaborative’s finances remained lean but stable, with the year-end bank balance boosted by the golf fundraiser and no outstanding debts. With new funding opportunities (grants, sponsorships, and donations), NGC is positioned to scale up its budget in 2026 to support the ambitious initiatives.

Additional information on NGC’s financial activities, including income, expenses, and compensation is available in the 2025 990 report.



Strategic Partnerships & Supporters



Partnerships

Throughout 2025, NGC actively pursued and strengthened partnerships to amplify its impact. These collaborations spanned training organizations, industry consortia, international networks, and event partnerships, all aimed at leveraging external resources and expertise for NGC’s mission. Key partnership initiatives included:

Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC): A milestone for NGC in 2025 was establishing a formal link to the OGC. In September, the Board voted unanimously to join OGC as a small nonprofit member. This decision was driven by the desire to have a “seat at the table” in OGC’s collaborative projects and to be eligible for OGC-managed Calls for Sponsors (CFS) that align with NGC initiatives. By joining OGC, NGC can directly participate in working groups and potentially influence standards or pilot project definitions. Overall, joining OGC is a strategic partnership move that embeds NGC into a broader professional community, opening avenues for collaboration and raising NGC’s profile as a national contributor.

Alliances and Outreach: Beyond formal partnerships, NGC networked with a variety of organizations to further mutual goals. For instance, NGC maintained its role as a supporting partner of the GeoGov Summit – an annual summit on geospatial governance. In 2025, NGC’s Chair Tim Johnson served on the Summit’s planning committee to represent state/local viewpoints. NGC also benefited from cross-promotion in NSGIC’s communications; NSGIC’s 2025 Annual Report featured NGC’s work, highlighting the collaborative relationship. Moreover, the Board identified groups as potential allies, especially for shared interests like sustaining federal base geospatial programs (e.g., NOAA’s geodetic and remote sensing initiatives). While not formal partners, these alliances mean NGC is plugged into broader geospatial dialogues. They pave the way for future cooperative efforts.

GeoBuiz / Geospatial World: In concert with the State-Level NSDI initiative, NGC formed a partnership with Geospatial World, the organization behind GeoBuiz and GeoGov, to facilitate dialogues between government and industry. NGC worked with Geospatial World’s leadership (Sanjay Kumar and team) to plan a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Roundtable at the GeoBuiz 2026 conference. The concept is to gather roughly 20 high-level participants to develop models for NSDI collaboration. This partnership is significant as it places NGC at the center of a national conversation on geospatial PPPs, and it gives NGC a stage to highlight state needs and success stories. Coordination was ongoing through 2025 – initial plans and topic outlines were shared, and NGC ensured that the roundtable’s focus (e.g., licensing, data sharing agreements) dovetails with issues from its own initiatives. By engaging with Geospatial World, NGC also gains media and thought leadership exposure; Geospatial World’s interest in NSDI “building blocks” and NAD 2.0 indicates an alignment of global industry interest with NGC’s state-centric approach. This partnership will culminate in the January 2026 event, but its groundwork in 2025 has already expanded NGC’s network and credibility in the geospatial community.

Joint Disaster Management and Public Health Ecosystem: The NGC Board is preparing an application to join the Joint Disaster Management and Public Health Ecosystem (or “ecosystem” for short). This is a national network of universities, corporations, and organizations engaged in public health aspects of disaster management. NGC learned about this network from the National 9-1-1 Office at USDOT as well as the National Association of State 911 Administrators (NASNA), the latter joined the ecosystem in 2024. We believe that NGC will help close a gap in the ecosystem with our expertise on the authoritative geospatial data that underpins emergency dispatch, such as street address points built and maintained by local governments and managed for state 911 systems. A variety of projects are funded through the ecosystem and this could become a future source of funding for NGC initiatives. NGC Board members Tim Johnson and Bill Johnson have met with the Program Director of the ecosystem and have been formally invited to submit an application proposal. That work began late in 2025 and is underway.

Through these partnerships, NGC substantially extended its reach in 2025. By engaging training providers, industry consortia, international bodies, and event organizers, NGC is building a coalition of support around its vision. These relationships provide NGC with additional expertise, platforms for influence, and potential funding avenues. They also reinforce NGC’s identity as a collaborative – working across organizational boundaries to achieve common geospatial objectives. The coming year should see many of these partnerships bear fruit, from co-hosted events to joint project opportunities, further integrating NGC into the national and global geospatial ecosystem.

Supporters

The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) is grateful for the continued support of strategic partners and supporters whose financial contributions, in-kind assistance, and collaborative engagement significantly advanced the organization's mission during the reporting year. These partnerships strengthen NGC's operational capacity and support long-term organizational sustainability.

NSGIC Support

The National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) provided critical operational support by committing to fund the salary and benefits of the NGC Chief Operating Officer. This investment ensures leadership continuity, advancing strategic initiatives, and supports effective coordination across NGC initiatives and partnerships.

Individual Contributors

Individual contributors play a vital role in advancing the National Geospatial Collaborative's mission by providing flexible, mission-aligned support that strengthens organizational capacity and program delivery. During the reporting period, individual donations complemented event-based revenue, helping NGC continue its work. NGC is grateful for the generosity of its individual supporters and their continued commitment to the geospatial community.

Author Royalties - 10 Little Rules for Navigating Change

[10 Little Rules for Navigating Change](#) is a collaborative publication featuring women leaders from across the geospatial community, highlighting lessons learned through professional experience and personal growth. The publication advances leadership development and knowledge sharing by pairing practical guidance with reflective insight relevant to navigating organizational and individual change. One hundred percent (100%) of author royalties are contributed to the National Geospatial Collaborative, directly supporting NGC's charitable mission.

Annual National Geospatial Golf Classic Fundraiser

Held in conjunction with the NSGIC Annual Conference, the National Geospatial Golf Classic combined networking and community engagement with mission-driven fundraising, with event proceeds supporting NGC's work to boldly pursue a more effective geospatial ecosystem. The 2025 Geospatial Golf Classic was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at the Franklin Bridge Golf Club in Nashville, TN.

NGC extends its sincere appreciation to the players and sponsors whose support made the event possible, including Allstate Consultants, Bad Elf, GeoComm, Dewberry, EagleView, HERE, Langan, Peace Love Freedom, Sanborn, Surdex, Survey123 Jedi, VIP's Prints, members of the NGC Board, and individual supporters.

For those unable to attend, NGC now accepts tax-deductible contributions directly through its [website](#), expanding opportunities for ongoing support of the organization's mission.



Go Boldly Awards & Recognition



The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) proudly recognizes individuals whose leadership, service, and commitment have played a pivotal role in advancing the organization's mission. The following awards honor those who exemplify NGC's values of collaboration, stewardship, and bold leadership, and whose contributions have helped strengthen the foundation and future of a more effective geospatial ecosystem.

Going Boldly Award

Presented to: Sheila Steffenson

In Recognition of Visionary Leadership and Collaborative Spirit

As a founding NGC Board director, Sheila's commitment, dedication, innovative thinking, and leadership have helped build a solid foundation for NGC bringing the organization from vision to reality as we navigated our founding process, determined our mission-focused initiatives, and planned our strategic path forward. We are deeply grateful for Sheila's invaluable contributions and look forward to her ongoing partnership and support as NGC continues to boldly pursue a more effective geospatial ecosystem.

The NGC Board of Directors was pleased to present Sheila Steffenson with the Going Boldly Award at the 2025 NSGIC Midyear Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO on February 24, 2025.

The Bold Stewardship Award

Presented to: Dan Ross

In recognition of his exceptional service as Treasurer and Founding Officer of the NGC

Dan's thoughtful leadership, deep knowledge, and forward-thinking approach have laid a strong financial foundation for NGC's future. Through his dedication, generosity, and collaborative spirit, he has helped shape a sustainable and resilient organization from the ground up. This award was presented at the NSGIC Annual Conference in Nashville, TN, on September 16, 2025.

The Bold Contributor Award

Presented to: Kate Hickey

In recognition of her extraordinary contributions to the NGC

As a master facilitator and strategic thought leader, Kate has guided our work with insight, intention, and unwavering patience. Her advocacy for collaboration and purposefulness has created space for inclusive dialogue and meaningful progress across our community. Through her strength and thoughtful leadership, Kate has helped shape NGC's path with clarity and care, advancing our mission and embodying the spirit of bold, collaborative service. This award was presented at the NSGIC Annual Conference in Nashville, TN, on September 16, 2025.



Recognition of Former NGC Board of Directors & Officers



The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) extends its sincere appreciation to the following individuals for their service and leadership as former Board of Directors and Officers. Their time, expertise, and commitment were instrumental in supporting NGC's growth and advancing its mission during formative periods of the organization.



Sheila Steffenson, CEO, US Operations, **1Spatial**
Founding Board Director, 2023–2024



Eric Kolb, Geographic Information Systems Team Manager, **Google Maps**
Board Director, 2024–2025



Richard Wade, Deputy Executive Administrator, **Texas Geographic Information Office**
Vice Chair, 2025



Dan Ross, Retired Chief Geographic Information Officer, **MNIT Services**
Treasurer, 2023–2025

NGC is grateful for their leadership, stewardship, and lasting contributions, which helped establish a strong foundation for the organization's continued work toward a more effective and collaborative geospatial ecosystem.



2025 Board of Directors



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RICHARD WADE, VICE CHAIR
JENNA LEVEILLE, DIRECTOR
JONATHAN DURAN, DIRECTOR
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BILL JOHNSON, DIRECTOR
ERIC KOLB, DIRECTOR

2025 Officers

DAN ROSS, TREASURER
SUSAN MILLER, SECRETARY
LINDSEY PEÑA, PhD., CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER



Looking Ahead



The coming year will see NGC pursue avenues for funding of its three major initiatives and those additional activities that boldly advance the work of the geospatial community. Action plans created in the past year provide the blueprint for engaging the broader community to participate in the work effort. As we advance, funding support for NGC and its initiative will be sought to achieve the goals of each action plan. In alignment with NGC's mission and purpose, it is well positioned as a collaborative convener to lead the NAD 2.0, NSDI Governance Pilots, and NSDI State-Level Building Block efforts, based on critical thinking and outreach last year.

NGC has been approached to be an advocate for other aspects of the geospatial ecosystem such as workforce development, and specifically, GIS training needs in the 50 states. NGC is exploring creative ways to help address the issue. NGC will look for new ways to contribute to national conversations as they evolve, focusing on how public and private sector interests can be combined to achieve national geospatial goals.

The coming year will see plans turn into actions as NGC continues to find ways to add value through its unique perspective and set of experiences among its Board directors.

Tim Johnson
2026 Board Chair





NGC exists to ensure that the geospatial community can rise to meet challenges that no single sector can solve alone. Together, we are working to boldly pursue a more effective geospatial ecosystem.

Who We Are

The National Geospatial Collaborative (NGC) is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization established in 2023 through the foresight of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC). NGC was created to fill a critical gap in the geospatial ecosystem: convening and connecting stakeholders across federal, state, local, tribal, academic, nonprofit, and private sectors to pursue issues larger than any single organization or sector can address alone.

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Our Role in the Geospatial Community

NGC is uniquely positioned to:

- +** Serve as an unbiased platform for multi-sector collaboration.
- +** Mobilize funding and partnerships that extend beyond the reach of traditional associations.
- +** Catalyze nationally significant projects that improve governance, efficiency, and innovation in the geospatial ecosystem.

NGC Leadership

NGC's board includes leaders from across the geospatial community including state Geographic Information Officers (GIOs), industry executives, nonprofit leaders, and retired public sector innovators. With more than 200 years of combined experience, they provide strategic vision and governance for NGC's initiatives.



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