

HIGICC Newsletter - November 2023



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[HIGICC Annual Meeting October 27th, 2023](#)

We were honored to have so many members join us for our annual meeting and social at Liko's Tap and Table! A special Mahalo to Hawai'i Life Real Estate for hosting us at their Kalaniana'ole Hwy office. Attendees received stickers, and lucky raffle winners took home (2) Yeti tumblers with the HIGICC logo, a shaded relief map, and (3) GIS Day t-shirts. It was great to see all of you and we hope to be able to see you again soon!



[2023-2024 Membership](#)

HIGICC would like to express our sincere appreciation for our renewing and new members! The Board of Directors each year volunteers time and effort to encourage the Hawai'i geospatial community to participate in collaborative projects and gives us all an opportunity to interact and share information.

Without you, this 501(c)(3) non-profit Coordinating Council would not be possible. The HIGICC relies on Annual Membership dues and tax deductible donations in addition to our Annual Sponsors. Your participation allows us to continue to provide a platform for advertising Employment, Internship, and Volunteering Opportunities. HIGICC is also proud to host events such as the annual GIS Expo on O'ahu and GIS Day as well as organize the Summer BBQ and Esri Pau Hana.

Unfortunately, as with everywhere, our annual costs of operation continue to increase. Although the Board of Directors operates on a strictly volunteer basis, our website and other assets sadly do not.

We are pursuing options for increasing our Annual Membership numbers and exploring Fund-raising possibilities in the coming year. If you are a Community member, please consider 'leveling up' to an Individual Membership, follow us on Social Media and tell your friends!

The most important asset to our Hawai'i Geospatial Community is you!

[Geek Meet 2023](#)

September 24, 2023

HIGICC events committee members Michael Wahl and Andy McGowan were onsite representing HIGICC at the [Hawaii Geek Meet](#) at Magic Island Park in Honolulu. The event is a fun, casual family-friendly, grassroots gathering for curious people with a passion that they love to share. Like GIS! It was a great opportunity to meet other like-minded techies, tell people about HIGICC, and learn about other professional organizations in Hawaii. If that sounds interesting to anyone, we would suggest adding it to your calendar for next year.



[GIS Day November 15, 2023](#)

HIGICC-MAGIS GIS Day 2023

Join the HIGICC-MAGIS in-person event at the University of Hawaii at Manoa from 9:00 - 12:00 pm at the Government Documents & Maps Ground Floor, Hamilton Library. Celebrate GIS Day with us. UH Students are eligible to enter the StoryMaps Competition for a chance to win cool prizes and showcase your work! Please include the link to your storymap in the [registration form](#). The deadline to submit is **November 8, 2023**. Winners will be announced at the event.

Learning Endeavors GIS Day 2023

HIGICC is proud to participate in [Learning Endeavors GIS Day!](#)

Registration is open for this free virtual event from 8:30 - 2:00 pm HST, featuring Coastal Resilience presentations from GIS professionals from around the Pacific Islands. Middle & High School teachers are encouraged to tune in from the classroom and discover the power of digital maps and geospatial technology (and students can win Prizes!) [Learning Endeavors](#) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to inspire the next generation of leaders by developing and managing innovative education programs in Hawai'i and beyond. We hope to continue developing and fostering this exciting relationship by collaborating in future endeavors.

[DoD Quarterly GIS Practitioners in Hawai'i Meeting](#)

On Thursday, **November 16th, 2023** the 3rd Quarterly DoD GIS Practitioners in Hawai'i Meeting will be held. These recurring meetings are informal, held on a quarterly basis, and limited to DoD. This quarter's event is generously hosted by Regional Dispatch Center (RDC) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. It will feature a tour of the RDC facility, and presentations by RDC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) - Honolulu District (POH).

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- (1) identify DoD GIS practitioners throughout Hawaii,
- (2) establish and maintain working relationships with other DoD GIS practitioners throughout Hawaii via in-person activities,
- (3) streamline inter-agency efforts:
 - (a) mitigate overlapping efforts,
 - (b) encourage coordination and collaboration,
 - (c) understand various agencies' roles/responsibilities,
 - (d) identify authoritative dataset(s),
 - (e) etc., and
- (4) exercise a proactive approach towards mission readiness.

If you are a DoD GIS practitioner in Hawaii, and interested in attending, please email HQMC MCICOM CTR, Clare Mamura: mamura@pacificgeos.com

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[AAG Annual Meeting in Honolulu, Hawai'i](#)

The AAG waives conference registration for native and indigenous peoples of the site of their conferences. For the Honolulu meeting, this applies to all Pacific indigenous groups. To receive the waiver, the individual needs to email meeting@agg.org to request it.

We invite you to organize and get involved in sessions, workshops, field trips, special events, and activities and we look forward to seeing you virtually and in Honolulu.

The local arrangements committee has put out its call for proposals for land engagements (field trips) for the meeting. If you are interested in proposing one, please fill out this form by a soft deadline of November 16: [2024 AAG Annual Meeting Field Trip Form](#)

- **November 16:** Abstract Submission deadline
- **December 14:** Session Organizing deadline
- **January 18:** Program Released
- **February 29:** Abstract/Session Editing and Presentation Conversion deadlines
- **March 14:** Program Finalized
- **April 16-20:** Annual Meeting

For more information on abstract formatting and submission, and session guidelines, visit the [AAG 2024](#) website.

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Did You Know?

HawaiiView is pleased to release the 30-m spatial resolution forest height map for the island of Maui (<https://hawaiiview.org/data/l2fhm-maui/>), predicted using [Landsat-8 cloud-free mosaic](#) and calibrated using airborne lidar data.

This is an extension of the 30-m forest height map for Oahu (<https://hawaiiview.org/data/l2fhm-oahu/>) released two years ago .

Be sure also to see the [HiMACC: Hawai'i Moving-average Annual Cloud-free Composite](#) for each of the Counties in Hawai'i. HiMACC is an annual Cloud-free Composite (CC) image dataset created from L8 satellite imagery from 2013 to 2021. The CC image of any given year was created by merging the L8 top-of-atmosphere (TOA) reflectance images from that year and the two neighboring years.

[HawaiiView](#) is a Nonprofit Organization to Promote Remote Sensing Data and Technology in Hawai'i. HawaiiView is part of AmericaView, a nationwide partnership of remote sensing scientists who support the Use of Landsat and other public domain remotely sensed data through applied remote sensing research, K-12 and higher STEM education, workforce development, and technology transfer.

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