



World Geospatial Industry Council

HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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WGIC UPDATES

Horizons 2025 Speakers You Don't Want to Miss – Join us in Denver

HORIZONS
World Geospatial Industry Event
April 27-29, 2025 | Denver, USA

Speakers

- Kate Zimmerman**
Generative AI Innovation Center (GenAIIC) Geo Leader, AWS
- John Hickenlooper**
U.S. Senator, Colorado
- Joe Oddi**
Director, Partner Strategies - Government, EagleView
- Nadine Alameh**
Executive Director, Taylor Geospatial Institute
- Eve Psalti**
Senior Director, Microsoft Artificial Intelligence

7+ SPEAKERS

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Join WGIC in uniting leading minds from within and beyond the geospatial industry at Horizons 2025. Reflecting the theme “Beyond Boundaries,” the event will explore how geospatial thinking and technologies are driving change across disciplines and reshaping the future.

Taking place April 27–29, 2025 at the Denver Art Museum, Horizons 2025 will feature a diverse lineup of speakers and thought leaders offering fresh perspectives on the evolving role of geospatial innovation in a rapidly changing world.

Explore the [full speaker lineup](#) and check the [agenda](#) to learn more about their keynotes and sessions.

[Register today!](#)

WGIC Board Meetings – Key Dates for 2025

2025 WGIC Board Meetings

<p>Annual General Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 April 29, 2025 — during WGIC Horizons 2025 📍 Denver Art Museum, USA 	<p>Q3 Quarterly Board Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 📍 October 8, 2025 — during INTERGEO 📍 Messe Frankfurt, Germany
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We are pleased to announce the key board meeting dates for 2025. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on April 29, 2025, at the Denver Art Museum, alongside the WGIC Horizons 2025 event. The Q3 Quarterly Board Meeting (QBM) is scheduled for October 8, 2025, and will be held during INTERGEO 2025.

We look forward to welcoming our board members to these important gatherings as we continue to advance the global geospatial agenda.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT VIDEOS

[Theo Agelopoulos, Autodesk: We Are on the Cusp of Massive Increase in Efficiency Through AI](#)

BIM-GIS CONVERGENCE REDUCES FRICTION IN CONNECTED WORKFLOWS

Theo Agelopoulos, Vice President of AEC Design Strategy at Autodesk, shares how Autodesk is redefining geospatial workflows through cloud-connected platforms, CAD and BIM convergence, and a strong focus on sustainability. With its leading tools, Autodesk enables greater collaboration and efficiency across civil engineering and infrastructure projects. As a WGIC Patron Member, Autodesk advances the convergence of BIM and GIS, driving innovation in digital twins, smart cities, and the Metaverse—shaping a more connected and sustainable future.

[Watch here](#)

[Nadine Alameh, Taylor Geospatial: We Need to Inspire the NextGen to be Curious About Geospatial](#)

MANY INDUSTRIES ARE FINALLY UNDERSTANDING WHAT GEOSPATIAL CAN DO

Nadine Alameh, Executive Director of the Taylor Geospatial Institute, emphasizes the power of collaboration in building a more efficient and impactful geospatial ecosystem. By integrating AI, Generative AI, XR, spatial computing, and edge computing into geospatial practices, the institute accelerates innovation, strengthens disaster preparedness, and addresses the workforce gap through focused development and inclusion. Taylor Geospatial plays a key role in fostering partnerships that advance technology and industry growth, shaping how the sector evolves over the next five years. Don't miss Nadine's keynote at #Horizons2025 on “Towards a More Efficient, More Impactful Geospatial Ecosystem.” Secure your spot: <https://www.wgic-horizons.live>

[Watch here](#)

EVENTS & OUTREACH

[Exploring the Power of AI in Geospatial Analysis at MENA Geospatial Forum](#)



At the MENA Geospatial Forum in Dubai, UAE, Executive Director Aaron Addison led a dynamic panel on “Integrating Geospatial Data with AI – Transforming Analysis and Decision-Making.” Industry leaders shared compelling insights on how machine learning is

revolutionizing geospatial data processing, enabling predictive modeling for environmental change, and enhancing urban planning strategies to bolster climate resilience.

Shaping the Future Geospatial Workforce at the CICES Manchester Lecture



Associate Director Helen Gilmartin spoke at the CICES Manchester Lecture, offering insights into the evolving skillsets required to thrive in today's dynamic geospatial landscape. She emphasized the growing importance of data management, enterprise geospatial capabilities, problem-solving, and digital agility—core competencies essential for driving sustainability, accountability, and long-term industry resilience.

WGIC at the Esri UAE User Conference



Executive Director Aaron Addison participated in the Esri UAE User Conference, joining geospatial professionals and industry leaders to explore the latest advancements in geospatial technology. The conference showcased impactful use cases powered by Esri's platforms and tools, highlighting their role in solving real-world challenges. The event also offered a valuable opportunity to strengthen connections, share insights, and explore new partnership opportunities across the geospatial ecosystem.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Locate 2025 | April 6

Geospatial World Forum (GWF) 2025 | April 22-25

Horizons 2025 | April 27-29

WGIC AGM Meeting | April 29

GEOINT Symposium 2025 | May 18 - 21

GEO Business 2025 | June 4-5

EO Summit | June 10-11

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