



World Geospatial Industry Council

HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

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WGIC UPDATES

Horizons 2025 Wraps Up with Powerful Insights and Connections



WGIC's inaugural event, Horizons 2025, has just wrapped up—and what an incredible event it was!

Held in Denver, Colorado, the event brought together leading voices from the geospatial industry and beyond. From AI and digital infrastructure to climate resilience and space tech, we explored what's **Beyond Boundaries**.

It was a powerful moment of connection, collaboration, and inspiration. WGIC welcomed its guests, members, and partners, sparked new conversations, and built lasting bridges across industries.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and made Horizons 2025 memorable. More insights and stories from the event will follow —stay tuned!

WGIC Constitutes Executive Board, Elects Office Bearers for 2025-27



WGIC has constituted the Executive Board for 2025-2027. We are happy to announce the election of Zubran Solaiman (Director, Bentley Systems) as the president and Matthew Pennells (Director, Esri) as the treasurer for a two-year term starting May 2025. Zubran and Matt bring deep industry expertise and a forward-thinking vision that aligns with WGIC's mission to foster innovation and cross-sector collaboration. The results of the recent election were announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on the sidelines of Horizons 2025 in Denver.

Looking ahead, the Q3 WGIC Board Meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025, during INTERGEO in Messe Frankfurt, Germany. We look forward to continued momentum and meaningful dialogue with our global network.

HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS

[Kathleen Martin, MBS: We Emphasize Long-Term Relationships With Customers Over Short-Term Gains](#)



Kathleen Martin, Geospatial Services Practice Lead at Managed Business Solutions (MBS), shares how MBS delivers integrated geospatial, and data science solutions with a strong focus on long-term client relationships, sustainability, and timely delivery. As a Sealaska subsidiary with over 30 years of experience, MBS supports federal, state, local, and commercial sectors by aligning geospatial data with business processes.

[Watch here](#)

[Larry Fox, Bad Elf: Transforming GNSS Solutions: Accessibility and Versatility in Every Receiver](#)



Larry Fox, VP of Marketing and Business Development at Bad Elf, discusses how the company's high-performance GNSS receivers, like the Bad Elf Flex, are making accurate, affordable field data collection accessible across industries. With 15 years of innovation, strategic partnerships, and a focus on training and turnkey GIS solutions, Bad Elf is simplifying geospatial adoption and empowering smarter asset management for organizations and local governments worldwide.

[Watch here](#)

[Kevin Pomfret, Attorney, Williams Mullen: Keeping Up With The Evolving AI Laws Is Important For Geospatial Sector](#)



Kevin Pomfret, Attorney at Williams Mullen and Executive Director of the Centre for Spatial Law and Policy, explores the complex legal and policy challenges emerging from the rapid growth of geospatial technologies. He highlights evolving issues around privacy, intellectual

property, and regulatory risks, emphasizing the need for greater awareness, cross-sector collaboration, and updated legal frameworks to keep pace with innovation.

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EVENTS & OUTREACH

Shaping the Future of the Profession at Locate 2025 & FIG Working Week



In Brisbane, Australia, WGIC Executive Director Aaron Addison took part in Locate 2025 and the FIG Working Week, two flagship events bringing together global geospatial professionals and surveyors. On April 9, Aaron moderated the insightful panel discussion, “Is the Future of our Profession a Coherent and Merged Approach?”, where industry voices explored how the profession is evolving through increased collaboration across disciplines, integrated technologies, and a shared vision for the geospatial future.

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.

Connecting with the Global Geospatial Community at GWF 2025



From April 22–25, WGIC Associate Director Helen Gilmartin attended the Geospatial World Forum (GWF) 2025 in Madrid, Spain—a global stage for innovation, collaboration, and industry leadership. WGIC was proud to be part of this influential gathering, engaging in meaningful conversations around the future of geospatial technologies and fostering new connections across sectors. Events like GWF continue to shape the dialogue on how our industry can create impact at scale.

Empowering Careers in Geospatial: WGIC Joins EUROGI Women in Geospatial Event



On April 2, 2025, WGIC Associate Director Helen Gilmartin spoke at the Irish Chapter of the EUROGI Women in Geospatial Group's virtual event, sharing valuable insights on building and advancing a career in the geospatial field.

The session covered practical strategies for job searching and interviews, the importance of networking, and honest reflections on overcoming barriers—especially for women in the industry. Helen also explored emerging trends in geoinformatics and how they're shaping the future of the profession.

UPCOMING EVENTS

[TopoDOT UC | May 5-9](#)

[Hexagon LIVE Global 2025 | May 16-19](#)

[GEOINT Symposium 2025 | May 18 - 21](#)

[GEO Business 2025 | June 4-5](#)

[EO Summit | June 10-11](#)

[I-GUIDE Forum 2025 | June 17-19](#)

[UCGIS Symposium 2025 | June 23-27](#)

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