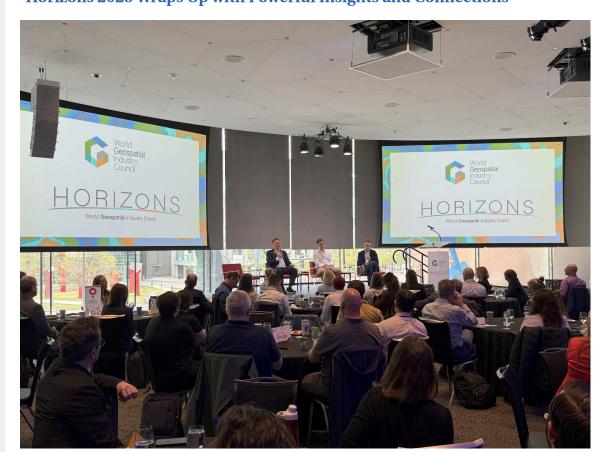


HORIZONS NEWSLETTER

April 2025

## 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**.

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

It was a powerful moment of connection, collaboration, and inspiration. WGIC welcomed its

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

and stories from the event will follow —stay tuned!



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

WGIC has constituted the Executive Board for 2025-2027. We are happy to announce the

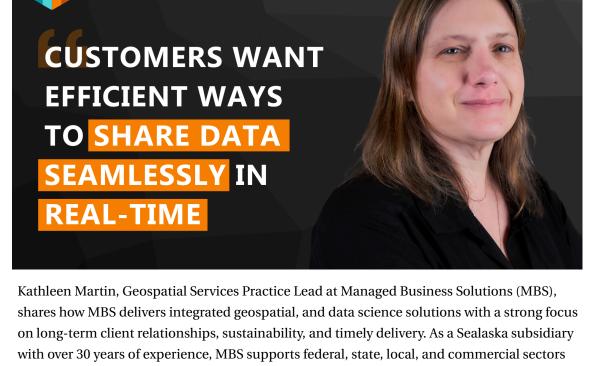
meaningful dialogue with our global network.

INTERGEO in Messe Frankfurt, Germany. We look forward to continued momentum and

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

<u>Versatility in Every Receiver</u>

**HORIZONS PODCAST VIDEOS** 



by aligning geospatial data with business processes.

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Larry Fox, Bad Elf: Transforming GNSS Solutions: Accessibility and



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<u>Kevin Pomfret, Attorney, Williams Mullen: Keeping Up With The Evolving AI Laws Is Important For Geospatial Sector</u>



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



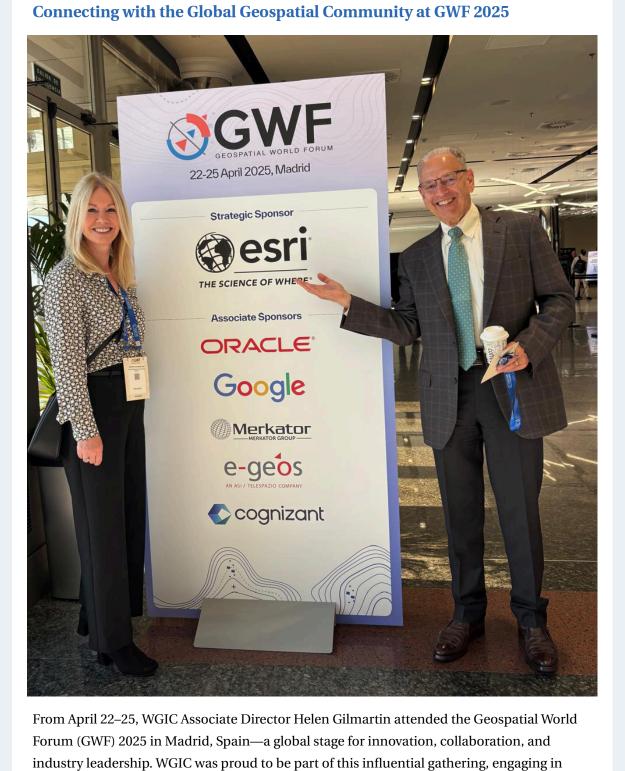
In Brisbane, Australia, WGIC Executive Director Aaron Addison took part in Locate 2025 and the FIG Working Week, two flagship events bringing together global geospatial professionals and surveyors. On April 9, Aaron moderated the insightful panel discussion, "Is the Future of our Profession a Coherent 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



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.

Associate Director Helen Gilmartin spoke at the CICES Manchester Lecture, offering insights



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** 

# Panel of Speakers



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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS TopoDOT UC | May 5-9**

future of the profession.

**GEOINT Symposium 2025 | May 18 - 21** GEO Business 2025 | June 4-5 EO Summit | June 10-11 I-GUIDE Forum 2025 | June 17-19

Hexagon LIVE Global 2025 | May 16-19

UCGIS Symposium 2025 | June 23-27

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