**Voting for the 2024 IGC-EC election is open through Friday, March 15th**

Please scroll down to see the ballot, the nominee bios, and voting instructions.

**Only members of the Idaho Geospatial Council may vote.**

To learn more about the IGC-EC:

* [Committee by-laws](https://ita.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2018/10/IGCBylaws_01182018_APPROVED.pdf)
* [Current membership](https://ita.idaho.gov/committees/#igc)
* [Schedule of meetings and approved minutes](https://townhall.idaho.gov/PublicEntityHome?e=1115)

**BALLOT:**

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| **Position** | **Current Nominees** |
| State (Seat 1)  ***(Choose ONE)*** | Sydney Lewis, ITD (CHAIR)  Katey Jones, IDFG |
| Federal (Seat 4)  ***(Choose ONE)*** | Dan Determan, NOAA  Ryan Howerton, NNL  David Duty, USDA |
| Local (Seat 6) | Bob Folsom, City of Post Falls |
| Local (Seat 7) | Sue Parsons, City of Chubbock |
| Tribal (Seat 8) | Laurie Ames, Nez Perce Tribe |
| Private (Seat 10)  ***(Choose ONE)*** | Stewart Ward, Dioptra  Lacey Summers, Esri |

**HOW TO VOTE:**

1. Copy and paste the following list into an email and fill in the names of the candidates you want to elect:

* State ***(Choose ONE)***:
* Federal ***(Choose ONE)***:
* Local ***(Choose TWO)***:
* Tribal:
* Private ***(Choose ONE)***:

1. Type **IGC VOTE** in the email subject line.
2. Send the email to [IGCvoting@its.idaho.gov](mailto:IGCvoting@its.idaho.gov)

**DEADLINE FOR VOTING: Friday, March 15th**

***SCROLL DOWN TO SEE CANDIDATE BIOS***

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:**

**SYDNEY LEWIS** (Idaho Transportation Dept)

Sydney Lewis, GIS Analyst III at the[Idaho Transportation Department](https://itd.idaho.gov/) (ITD). Sydney was born in Utah, but raised in Idaho, where she now lives with her husband and 2 children. She has been a GIS professional for 11 years, and she’s worked most of her career at ITD. She first worked as an ITD District GIS Analyst II at the Shoshone, ID office (South Central Idaho). Sydney then promoted up and now works as a GIS Analyst III at ITD’s HQ location (Boise, ID).

Sydney has served on the IGC-EC for almost 4 years, in the State Seat position and has served as chair for 2 years. Sydney also chairs the [Transportation TWG](https://gis.idaho.gov/?page_id=244).

**KATEY JONES** (Idaho Dept of Fish and Game)

Katey Jones, GIS Analyst III at the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, has over 15 years of experience in the GIS industry and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Geography from the University of Nevada, Reno. Katey's GIS journey has taken her across various landscapes, from managing GIS projects in Alaska to GIS coordinating for Pendleton, Oregon’s Public Works Department. Since settling in Idaho in 2015, Katey has worked for the City of Meridian Public Works Department as a GIS Analyst.

She has also been an active participant in local and regional GIS communities, serving in leadership roles. For the past five years, she has had the privilege of working for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in the Technical Service Bureau as a GIS Analyst III. Katey looks forward to connecting with fellow GIS enthusiasts, both locally and statewide, and she is excited about the prospect of contributing to the GIS community in meaningful ways.

**DAN DETERMAN** (NOAA)

Bachelor’s degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE): Geography/Cartography.

Department of Defense (DOD): [Defense Mapping Agency (DMA) 🡪 National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) 🡪 National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA)] – 17 years: Cartographer (3.5), Geodesist (10.5), Orbit Analyst (3).

Department of the Interior (DOI): [U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) - Earthquake Science Center (ESC)] – 8 years: Geodesist/GPS Network Coordinator - Responsible for the operation, maintenance and management of the Southern California Integrated GPS Network (SCIGN) for crustal deformation studies (plate tectonics) and various research projects. The SCIGN network operations are run in cooperation and coordination with Caltech’s seismic network, in Pasadena, CA.

Department of Commerce (DOC): National Geodetic Survey (NGS); Northwest Regional Geodetic Advisor (WA, OR, ID) – 5 1/2 years

**RYAN HOWERTON** (Naval Nuclear Labs)

Ryan Howerton, GIS System Administrator for the Naval Nuclear Laboratories.

Ryan obtained his Master of Science in GIS from Idaho State University in 2016. Shortly after graduating, he started his professional career as a GIS Specialist for the City of Chubbuck helping deploy enterprise GIS for the city. After 3 years, he moved into a position as the GIS Coordinator for the City of Pocatello. In 2023, he made the move to work with the Naval Nuclear Laboratories to help expand the deployment of GIS at the Naval Reactor Facility. Throughout his career, Ryan has enjoyed taking an active role in providing internship opportunities for Idaho State University students interested in learning GIS.

In addition to his passion for GIS, Ryan loves spending time outdoors.

**DAVID DUTY** (USDA)

David Duty works as the regional Natural Resource Management Infrastructure Coordinator for the USDA Forest Service out of the Boise National Forest office. David was born in Tucson, Arizona, grew up mostly in Lubbock, Texas, and has a bachelor’s degree in Land Use from Metropolitan State University of Denver. Together with his wife and two kids, he moved out to Boise in late 2021.

David has been working as a geospatial professional for over 20 years. David started his geospatial career in the U.S. Army, then worked with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (DoD) and then HDR Inc. before joining the USDA Forest Service in October 2023.

**BOB FOLSOM** (City of Post Falls)

Bob Folsom, GIS Coordinator with the City of Post Falls.  Bob has worked in the GIS industry for over 30 years. Prior to his employment with the City of Post Falls he worked for the Spokane County Assessor’s Office researching and creating Tax Parcel data from Land Surveys, Simultaneous Conveyances, and deeds of record.

Bob has worked for the City of Post Falls for the last 7 years and absolutely is enjoying having the opportunity to take an active role in not only the data creation step but the sharing of the GIS Spatial data to assist in the making of decisions by not only to the Employees of the City but the Public as well.

**SUE PARSONS** (City of Chubbock)

Sue Parsons is currently the GIS Coordinator for the City of Chubbuck.  She has been a GIS practitioner since 2006 and holds a Master’s degree in Landscape Genetics (with a strong GIS component) and a post-baccalaureate GIS Certificate.  Sue has a diverse background in research, local government, and education, and has been involved in various National Science Foundation-funded projects as a Research GIS Analyst and Data Manager.

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**LAURIE AMES** (Nez Perce Tribe)

Laurie Ames is the GIS Coordinator for the Nez Perce Tribe.  She has B. S. in Geography emphasis in Physical Science and Environment from University of Idaho, also completing the GIS Certification.  She has M.S. course work in Remote Sensing/GIS at the University of Idaho.  She worked as a Climate Technician for the Idaho State Climate Lab and Idaho Department of Environmental Quality as the Smoke Management Coordinator. She helped write the first draft of Idaho’s Smoke Management plan.

In 2002 she undertook building the Remote Sensing program at the Nez Perce Tribe.  The tribal council saw the benefit of remote sensing in managing the tribal lands and made the job permanent.  She became the GIS Coordinator for the Nez Perce Tribe in 2013.  The GIS program oversee GIS software, manages data for all tribal departments and maintain servers and ArcGIS licensing for tribal department use.  Additionally, GIS staff help departments with data analysis.

It is Laurie’s desire to build relationships with other GIS staff and programs that led her to become a part of the IGC-EC.  An avid knitter and reader she can be found curled up with a book or knitting needles.

**STEWART WARD** (Dioptra)

Stewart Ward, PLS is a registered Professional Land Surveyor in Idaho, Utah, and Alaska. He is the managing partner at Dioptra LLC, a full-service Land Surveying and Geomatics firm located in Eastern Idaho. Stewart earned his Bachelor’s degree in Geomatics Technology from Idaho State University in 2008 and has been involved with surveying since 2001 with experience in land surveys, construction staking, control surveys, 3D Scanning, mapping and GIS applications.

Stewart has been involved with GIS since 2006. Since 2009, he has been involved with the Cadastral Reference TWG and Geodetic Control TWG and had a role in defining the attributes to be used in the Multi-State Control Point Database (MCPD). Stewart served a previous term on the IGC-EC as an Open Seat Representative. Stewart is currently the Chair of the Geodetic Control TWG.

Stewart is actively involved in the local, state, and national land surveying communities, serving in leadership roles at the local and state levels. He currently serves as the Idaho Director to the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS).

Stewart’s background in land surveying and his experience with the Technical Working Groups will bring fresh ideas and knowledge to the IGC-EC that may enhance the GIS efforts in Idaho. Stewart also believes that land surveyors need to be involved with the GIS efforts in Idaho and without this involvement and support the GIS and Surveying communities will struggle to work together.

**LACEY SUMMERS** (ESRI)

Lacey Summers is an Account Manager at Esri and Geographic Information Systems Professional (GISP), where she supports state agencies in meeting their geospatial goals and strategies.

Before joining the Esri team, Lacey worked in local government as a Program Manager in the GIS and Business divisions in the Butte County Information Systems Department. Her role included supporting the GIS needs of the county departments, emergency operations, communications and the central financial infrastructure and data.

Lacey’s passion for geospatial data and systems began with her discovering the relatively new field of GIS in a surveying magazine at her father’s engineering office, a passion that has continued over the span of her 20- year career in GIS. She holds a Bachelor’s in Applied Geography and Geographic Information Management from Northern Arizona University and a Master’s in Business Information Technology from the University of Redlands