**Voting for the 2025 IGC-EC Run-off election is open through Friday, March 28th**

Please scroll down to see the nominee bios, the ballot, 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)

**CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES:**

**RYAN HOWERTON** (Naval Nuclear Laboratory-NNL)

Ryan obtained his master’s degree in GIS from Idaho State University in 2016 and his GISP in 2024. Shortly after graduating from Idaho State University, he started his professional GIS career as a GIS Specialist for the City of Chubbuck. After 3 years, Ryan moved into a position as the GIS Coordinator for the City of Pocatello.

In late 2023, Ryan made the move to work as a contractor with the Naval Nuclear Laboratory (NNL) to help guide the deployment of Enterprise GIS for the NNL GIS System Administrator for Fluor Marine Propulsion.

**ERIC BUEHLER** (USDA)

Eric Buehler holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Geographic Information Systems and a Master’s Degree in Natural Resources.  Eric works on the national geospatial training team for the USDA Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) Geospatial Enterprise Operations (GEO) division.  He loves all things GIS and outdoors.  He has been on the SWIG committee for several years, including the SWIG Chair in 2018.

Eric is an Idaho native and anyone that knows him has probably heard him talk about being raised on his family farm/cattle ranch in Malad City, ID.  He was able to move back to Idaho in 2015 to take a State GIS Specialist position with the federal government (USDA).  Previous to his federal government career, he was the GIS Manager for Horrocks Engineers (covering several western states, including Idaho) and was also involved in the Utah Valley GIS user group leadership.  He has worked in both the private and public sectors of GIS for 20 years.  When not working on GIS he enjoys coaching several youth soccer teams, playing frisbee golf, and playing old school pinball.  He enjoys being involved in the GIS community at the local, state, and national level.  He is looking forward to the opportunity to continue serving the Idaho GIS community.

***SCROLL DOWN TO SEE THE BALLOT AND VOTING INSTRUCTIONS***

**BALLOT:**

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| **Position** | **Nominees** |
| Federal (Seat 3)  **Choose ONE** | Eric Buehler, USDA FPAC-GEO  Ryan Howerton, NNL |

**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:

* Federal ***(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 28th**