

Geotechnical FAC Meeting at Infrastructure Conference, Reno, NV
17 August 2001

The first GTFAC meeting was held after conference hours on 14 August at the Infrastructure Conference. The main objective was to do a face-to-face with members on the FAC and POC's that attended the conference and provide an overview of where we are.

GTFAC Members in Attendance:

Bill Rochford
Candida Koenig
Erik Matthews
Troy Cosgrove for Bruce Rogers
Kato, Glenn
Travis Tutka
Madison, Paul

GTFAC POC Members in Attendance:

Mary Perlea
Michael Ramsbotham for Roger
Tellefson

Everyone introduced himself or herself and we quickly went thru the background of COE FAC and interface with FWG's and HQ. Always be thinking of projects for next year, and small things that we could get done with small HQ funding if it is COE specific and would not make the ERDC Projects listing.

First on our list was a GT Exploration Log projects. We are still in a fact-gathering mode, and in the process are doing a short general GT Software listing, and will publish the information as it will probably be of general help to others using similar software or routines.

Eric Matthews is looking at the GTFAC Database, hopefully we can get the software side populated once we have more data from the POC's.

1999 GT Survey by WES used as a example of what has been done in the past, and we still have not seen useable programs from it.

The discussion was varied and covered numerous topics including exploration log creation, CASE software, GIS, the conference, etc. Along with some clarification of the purpose and goals of the group.

We seemed to always end up back on the "communication" issue, which is very timely because of the opening topics of the conference was that of "Knowledge Management". Also the CASE group is re-evaluating their role and services again looking at the

Knowledge Management aspect. Which is what the GTFAC is all about, communicating important matters in a timely manner.

We went around the room to those who did not yet express an opinion and adjourned.

One of the underlying goal is to keep things simple, and work on things that can be done relatively quickly, with minimal overhead, and have a useful product.

The primary goal may well be to facilitate communication.

Current works in progress are:	
Item	Status
FAC roster	Done
POC roster	90%
Simple Software inventory using the POC's	30%
Populating a database of the software	25%
Making the rosters and software inventory accessible via the WEB	80%
Other projects for FY02 may be:	
Use the news group server	Volunteer to coordinate with NPD
Once the Software listing is complete, consider a software POC, if any.	All
Communicate issues regarding Insitu, CASE and others to pertinent parties.	Paul, Glenn
While the main goal may be to survive the first year.	All

Glenn Kato