

GIS Report to WLA Executive Board

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Spring Meeting Plans

Venice Beske, GIS Chair Elect, has been working on the planning of the GIS spring meeting. The meeting will be held in early June at Cheyenne. The site of the meeting has yet to be determined; it depends on the situation at the Wyoming State Library. Like the 2004 spring meeting, it will be a combined meeting of WLA GIS, the Wyoming Consortium, and Colorado Government Publications Interest Group (GoPIG). Venice will be coordinating with Tim Byrne, University of Colorado on the agenda.

Some possibilities under consideration for the agenda are a discussion of the continuing status of the Government Information Section and training sessions from either GPO Access of FDLP personnel. Scheduling someone from GPO is more likely for the spring meeting; in the fall the WLA Annual Conference and GPO's Federal Depository Library Council Meetings overlap. This would also fit well with the Colorado group. Most of Tim's GoPIG meetings have involved some kind of training.

WLA Annual Conference

Given the GIS concern with reorienting the section activities to appeal to a changing WLA membership, the programs under consideration may appeal to a wider audience. Venice has been thinking about 1) a tour of the new Yellowstone Research Center in Gardner, Montana; 2) a program on government documents for children by Peter Kraus, University of Utah Documents Librarian; and 3) a program and panel discussion on collecting local documents by Dan Stanton from Arizona State University.