



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**  
**National Satellite Land Remote Sensing Data Archive**  
**Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes of**  
**Third Meeting of 2-Year Charter**  
**EROS Data Center, Sioux Falls, South Dakota**  
**October 20-22, 1999**  
**Committee Membership**

**Academia**

Laboratory researcher-data user: Dr. Marion Baumgardner, Purdue Univ. (Retired)  
Classroom educator-data user: Dr. Grady Blount, Texas A&M

**Government**

Federal data user: Mr. Glenn Bethel, USDA/Farm Service Agency  
Federal data user: Dr. Darrel Williams, Landsat Scientist, NASA/GSFC  
State data user: Ms. Amy Budge, Univ. New Mexico, EDAC  
Local data user: Mr. Paul Tessar, Boulder County, CO

**Industry**

Data management technologist: Dr. John MacDonald, Chairman, MacDonald-Dettwiler (Retired)  
Licensed data provider: Mr. John Copple, CEO, Space Imaging  
Value-added or other data provider: Ms. Kass Green, President, Pacific Meridian  
End user: Mr. Joseph Harroun, Cargill, Minneapolis, MN

**Other**

Non-affiliated individual at-large: Prof. Joanne Gabrynowicz, Univ. of North Dakota  
Non-government organization: Ms. Prudence Adler, Assoc. Dir., Research Libraries  
International non-U.S. representative: Dr. Edryd Shaw, Director General, CCRS  
At-large from any sector: Dr. George Robinson, Robinson & Assoc. Law Offices (General Counsel Smithsonian-Retired)  
At-large from any sector: Dr. Annette Krygiel, National Defense University

**Ex-Officio**

Land Archive Mr. Thomas Holm, EROS Data Center  
Ocean & Atmospheric Archive Dr. Kenneth Davidson, NOAA

The NSLRSDA Advisory Group **recommends** that:

1. In recognition of the importance of an adequate Landsat 7 archive to global change research, that EDC and NSLRSDA recommend to the Landsat Coordinating Group that it investigate alternative ways of providing for data acquisition from countries where economic situations might not allow payment.

Moved to approve (Budge); Seconded (Blount); Unanimously approved by all present.

2. In order to initiate meaningful, good faith negotiations between NSLRSDA and a private remote sensing system licensee, the following recommendations should be submitted to NOAA:

Within 6 months of an anticipated data purge, a licensee should be required, to:

- notify NOAA and NSLRSDA
- provide metadata on data to be purged

3. AAC meeting minutes are to be distributed no later than 30 days after the meeting.

Moved (Krygiel); Seconded (Budge); Unanimously approved by all present.

4. In order to assist the user community currently supported by subsidized data from the LP-DAAC, to assist in the migration of data from the LPDAAC into the NSLRSDA, and to define "cost of filling a user request", the USGS and NASA should enter into discussions to establish a transparent regime which uses the mechanism of data grants to minimize the cost impact of the transition of responsibility for the data in the LPDAAC to the NSLRSDA.

Moved (MacDonald); Seconded (Blount); Unanimously approved by all present.

5. The AAC write a white paper on the policy for acquiring, archiving and distributing non-U.S. government funded data. The white paper subcommittee will be Adler, Budge (Chair), Copple, Davidson, Krygiel, and MacDonald.

Moved (Gabrynowicz); seconded (Budge); Unanimously approved by all present.

6. In order to ensure compliance with NSLRSDA responsibilities, EDC and NSLRSDA should create an archive qualification process for affiliate archives.

Moved (Copple); Seconded (Green); Unanimously approved by all present.

7. EDC and NSLRSDA provide information regarding goods and services available from the remote sensing industry by establishing a goods and services clearinghouse and providing a central web site that lists sources for products and services.

Unanimously approved by all present.

8. The AAC reinforces and endorse a prior recommendation to increase the visibility of the Archive through a series of workshops.

Moved (Krygiel); Seconded (Adler); Unanimously approved by all present.

9. In order to be consistent with the 3-year time line contained in MOUs between USGS and NASA and to provide stability to the user community who have come to rely on this time-line, NSLRSDA should only ingest Landsat 7 data when it is 3-years old. The AAC further recommends that the NSLRSDA present to it, on a case-by-case basis, future questions or problems raised by the 3-year time line or regarding transition of other data sets from other archives to NSLRSDA.

Moved (Budge); Seconded (Gabrynowicz); Unanimously approved by all present.

10. The USGS should (1) inventory and promote the data sets available within the NSLRSDA and (2) increase the visibility and the utility of NSLRSDA.

Unanimously approved by all present.

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