



Announcing the VAMLIS FY-2021 Executive Board

Voting was held for annual elected positions June 1-5th online. The link was made available to members via email and social media. The results were tallied and the following officers will begin their term on July 1, 2020.

President: Stuart Blankenship

As the previous President-Elect, responsible for planning GeoCon2020, Stu will continue this role as he takes over the VAMLIS President position for the new fiscal year. Experienced in product management and development using a working and educational background in geography and planning, Stuart has successfully overseen multimillion dollar statewide aerial photography projects as well as numerous data and application development projects. He is the Vice President of GeoDecisions; former Senior Director of WorldView Solutions Inc.; former GIS Projects Manager for VGIN (VA Geographic Information Network); and former GIS Manager for VA Economic Development Partnership, all based in Richmond, VA. Specializations include geographic information system (GIS) applications, spatial analysis, cartographic design, implementation planning, and product/project management. Software skills encompass ArcGIS Server, ArcGIS Desktop, ArcGIS Online, ArcSDE, ERDAS Imagine, LizardTech GeoExpress, and AutoCAD. Proficient in VB Script, Avenue, Python, ModelBuilder, and HTML.

President Elect: Eric A. Schmidt

Eric has been professionally engaged in cartography, mapping, and GIS for thirty years. He has worked in both the public and private sectors and has spent the last ten years as a county GIS Coordinator; formerly in Nevada and now Franklin County, Virginia. He has substantial experience serving on state-wide professional organizations. He has worked on multiple state GIS conference committees in both South Carolina and Nevada. He has also served two terms as Vice President, and four years as an at-large member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada Geographic Information Society (NGIS). Closer to home, Eric currently serves on the Southwestern Virginia Type-III Incident Management Team. He has extensive experience in Emergency Management and community preparedness, and also serves on the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Eric is a certified GIS Professional and holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee and a master's degree from Appalachian State University.

Vice President: Yeoanny A. Venetsanos

Yeoanny A. Venetsanos, LS, CMS, GISP, PMP is a highly motivated, dedicated, and diligent geospatial professional with nearly two decades of experience in the geospatial sciences; has a reputation for excellent technical skills, customer service, and project management. Mr. Venetsanos currently serves as the GIS Services Manager for the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services. He is a licensed Land Surveyor in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; certified as a GIS Professional and a Certified Mapping Scientist - GIS / LIS; certified as a Project Management Professional. Yeoanny develops and mentors others through teaching workforce development courses, workshops, and seminars on various geospatial technologies, methodologies, and disciplines. Yeoanny served as the 2019-20 Vice-President and now continues his position for the new fiscal year.

Secretary: Shonia Holloway

Shonia has served in many roles during her 20-year career including GIS technician, GIS analyst, GIS developer, GIS project manager, and solutions design, and implementation lead for spatial and non-spatial systems and processes. She is a technical expert in the design, development, implementation, and support of standard and customized geospatial applications and has extensive experience with ESRI ArcGIS Desktop, Server, and Microsoft SQL Server technologies, implementations, and solutions. Shonia's ability to consistently initiate work flow improvements to streamline business processes and increase staff productivity will be a great asset to the VAMLIS organization. Shonia served as the 2019-20 VAMLIS Secretary and now continues this position for the new fiscal year.

Treasurer: Brian Kingery

Brian served as the VAMLIS 2017 Vice President and assisted with the planning of the 2017 and 2018 Virginia GIS Conferences. He also has experience with the Virginia Department of Transportation and holds a GIS Professional (GISP) certification. Currently, Brian is a GIS consultant and project manager with Timmons Group working on all types of GIS projects across various industries at universities, local governments, and state governments across the United States. Brian was appointed to fill the vacancy from the 2019 Treasurer's resignation and now continues his position for the new fiscal year.

Past-President: Autumn Fitch

As the VAMLIS 2019-20 President, this executive officer will remain on the board in an advisory position as Past- President for the new fiscal year. Autumn was responsible for leading the planning of the annual Virginia GIS conference (GeoCon2019) in Harrisonburg. She has over 15 years of progressive experience in local government mapping & land records management throughout Virginia. Autumn is currently the GIS Coordinator for The Town of Culpeper VA and a certified GIS Professional (GISP).