

# Behind the Scenes



## Executive Director's Report

The Board Operations Committee met on September 19 and has recommended that the Board of Directors resume meeting monthly as a group in lieu of having subcommittees meet every other month. This recommendation will be taken up by the full Board at its next meeting on October 23.

Access' Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday November 1, 2023 at 11:00am. This will be a virtual meeting and I hope you can join us to review last year's performance and to recognize those who have gone above and beyond in serving our community.

**Andre Colaiace**  
**Executive Director**

## Esri User Conference

I recently attended the 2023 Esri User Conference in San Diego. The conference brought together GIS experts and global leaders to share their knowledge and experience with the attendees. I attended 12 technical sessions, including topics on geocoding, geodatabase, map visualization, and had the opportunity to speak with Esri experts and different exhibitors at the Expo.



The highlights of the conference were the sessions on geocoding. The sessions provided an in-depth look at how geocoding functions and how it can be used to improve location-based data analysis. The speakers shared their experiences and best practices for using geocoding in various industries, including transportation, emergency management, and business analysis. By converting addresses and other location data into geographic coordinates, geocoding can provide valuable insights that can help enhance spatial data analysis for Access.

In addition to the technical sessions, I also had the opportunity to speak with Esri experts and different exhibitors at the Expo. The experts were able to provide valuable insights and solutions to the problems I encountered in my work, by answering my questions thoroughly. The exhibitors showcased their latest products and services, which gave me a better understanding of the current state of the GIS industry.

My experience at the 2023 Esri User Conference was both informative and enjoyable. I am grateful to Access for giving me the opportunity to attend this conference because I was able to meet other GIS professionals from around the world.

**Yilin Zhang**  
**GIS Developer**

## 16th Annual ISAC Meeting

Bill Tsuei, Access' Director of IT, and I recently attended the 16th Annual ISAC Cyber Meeting held at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City. The meeting attendees are members of the Multi-State Information Sharing & Analysis Center (MS-ISAC), the Elections Infrastructure Center, and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). These organizations exist to improve the cybersecurity posture of state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and are designated as critical resources for cyber threat protection, response, and recovery.



This year's theme was United and Protecting as One, and the motto did not disappoint as the sharpest minds gathered in a collaborative effort to share innovative ideas and ground-breaking insights to defend against cyber intrusions.

The meeting offered customized tracks designed for individuals at every level, from executives to managers and analysts. Some breakout sessions included topics such as security incident lessons for leaders and several tabletop series on ransomware and insider threats. In addition to the various informative sessions, there were service review engagements to ensure that all the ISAC members leveraged the invaluable defensive tools and protection services offered at low cost.

The event offered opportunities to network with peers from different public sectors and hear from industry experts about the latest tactics and techniques to guard against attacks today and in the future. Access would like to thank MS-ISAC for their continued partnership and the vital services they provide to help keep local government agencies protected against ever-evolving cybercrimes.

**Ruben Prieto**  
*Cybersecurity Specialist*

## Congresswoman Barragán's Sixth Annual Senior Briefing and Luncheon

I had the opportunity to join Steve Wrenn, Mobility Management Administrator to participate in Congresswoman Barragán's Sixth Annual Senior Briefing and Luncheon. The event is a great opportunity to showcase Access Services to the local community. There were over 60 vendors in attendance who provided informational resources to over 1,200 older adults. The event brought together healthcare providers, transportation services, representatives from the Social Security Administration and Veterans Affairs to assist older residents who reside in Southeast and Harbor area of L.A.

This event serves as a valuable reminder of the significance of healthcare and the necessity to provide transportation access to all Americans. It is crucial to be involved in the community and be part of events like these to advocate for older Americans and provide access to resources that can enhance the quality of life.

**Mayra Noriega**  
*CTSA Analyst*



**CONGRESSWOMAN NANETTE BARRAGÁN- U.S. REPRESENTATIVE FOR CALIFORNIA'S 44TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**

## Commendations

"I am calling in a commendation for my driver Katheren. She was great during my ride and even helped me carefully carry all my groceries."

***Rosa Burgee***

***Rider since August 2016***

"Gloria leads by great example and deserves a commendation. She is very professional and an excellent worker."

***J Melvin***

***Rider since September 2003***