Arches

Technical Advisory Committee

Arches Project Governance

Meeting Minutes
20 May, 2025

Present

Alison Dalgity, Getty (GCI)
Annabel Lee Enriquez, Getty (GCI)
Brett Ferguson, QED Systems Inc.
Mike Fisher, Arcadia Fund
Rob Gaston, Farallon Geographics
Andy Jones, Historic England

Kevin Kochanski, Getty (GCI)
Galen Mancino, Scholium Technologies
David Newbury, Getty (Getty Digital)
Samuel Scandrett, Knowledge Integration Ltd.
Phil Weir, Flax & Teal Ltd.
Nina Young, Getty (GCI)

New Business (Inaugural Meeting)
Introductory agenda set by GCI representatives, facilitated by KKochanski

1. <u>Introductions & welcome</u>

2. <u>GCI Arches team: Orientation</u>
   a. *Importance of governance; purpose and overview of Technical Advisory Committee*
      i. GCI to help maintain throughline of communication; will help funnel topics from the Community Advisory Committee to this committee
      ii. Formalized advice through the committees will provide the backbone for decision-making by Getty
   b. *Meeting logistics*
      i. Minutes or at least summary of decisions will be publicly available; KFogel will help us decide how to archive and share
      ii. Agendas will be collaborative, in future members can contribute directly to document
      iii. Meeting frequency, according to the Governance Charter, should be at least 3 meetings/year, with additional meetings in the first year. A fixed time to be identified following the meeting (**KKochanski**).

Committee Open Discussion

3. <u>Governance and responsibilities to the Arches mission</u>
   c. *KKochanski shared a reminder of purview: Software roadmap considerations, prioritization, recommendations to Steering; keeping open source community in mind vs. individual interests.*

          i.   While establishing governance, we have learned we need to provide clarity on governance mandates (eg, providing a distinction between user groups and the Community Advisory Committee orArches developer standup calls and the Technical Advisory Committee.

          ii.   "More forest than the trees": governance should keep perspective on larger questions and direction of the Project.

    d.   *GMancino asks if there is guidance on items to suggest for the agenda?*

          i.   No guidance on our end for suggestions, but nothing is off limits.

4.   <u>Takeaways or updates following Belfast Developer's Meeting</u>

    a.   *PWeir hopes to share recap draft before next Arches bulletin (May 27 publication)*

          i.   Unconference Day 3 – adding in notes from the collaborative post-it exercise and trying to summarize outcomes and action items.

          ii.   Will have visuals from the presentations soon (to be shared on the Arches YouTube channel)

    b.   *Question raised during the Developer Meeting: what is the best way to gather feedback and communicate about Arches software work in-progress? Following suggestion of a monthly forum post to bring people together, PWeir has created 2 RfC posts on the Community Forum. Thoughts from Committee on purview and possible other solutions to this problem:*

          i.   GMancino: could help match-making by encouraging people to share their work; Technical Committee could review a summary of these topics

          ii.   AJones: we want to be able to quickly and at a high-level raise questions about collaboration.

          iii.   BFerguson: format of the forum becomes hard to understand, when unfiltered. Want to keep a concise list of topics to scan the variety.

          iv.   PWeir: project-based collaboration could raise new opportunities. But there are two different scenarios that foster collaboration :

                1.   Example: I need to have something implemented in a short period, can anyone in the community help?

                2.   Example: I've had to make customizations or solve a code problem before - can this solution be made useful to others?

    c.   *Another question raised during the Developer Meeting: how to navigate new applications and projects in addition to core code on Forum or GitHub:*

          i.   RGaston: currently wanting to clean up the Arches Project GitHub presence. Increasingly difficult to manage the various applications.

          ii.   BFerguson: GitHub keeps it close to the core code, could create SQL notes.

          iii.   PWeir: [GitHub discussions](#) tool has worked for his team.

          iv.   KKochanski: Solutions regarding alignment need to factor in that we're also managing across multiple Arches applications; if we tie to a repository via Github, we may silo the conversion to a specific application. Concern about fracturing community.

                1.   RGaston: what are we focusing on - core Arches vs. other extensions?

                2.   KKochanski: there will be many topics that fall under the purview of this Technical Committee, not necessarily just core Arches.

                3.   SScandrett: maybe not everything needs to be on the Arches documentation, they may be on individual organization repos. How do we decide what is official? Currently, QGIS repository for Arches app was moved from K-Int to Arches on GitHub.

4. AJones: as Arches changes, how does the community ask questions about future features or uses?

Action Items:

- KKochanski to determine standing meeting time with committee
- KKochanski to share minutes with attendees
- Developer alignment posts:
  - KKochanski/NYoung to share potential platforms w/ committee members
  - Interested committee members to research and define requirements for this initiative
- GCI Team to meet with KFogel and discuss communications between meetings