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The American Geographical Society Elects Todd Barr to AGS Council

Description: The American Geographical Society (AGS) has elected Mx. Todd Barr to the AGS Council.


Mx. Barr is a seasoned geospatial professional with over 20 years of experience in the field. Their current position is Director of Geospatial Product and Solutions at Verisk - Extreme Event Solutions (EES) - collaborating with Scientists and Risk Analysts to model the impact of natural and man-made events and determine their financial impact. Starting their career as a Geospatial Developer, they’ve worked in several verticals in the field of Geography. Mx. Barr has worked in Intelligence and Defense, Emergency Response, Public Health, Transportation, Precision Agriculture, and Oil and Gas. He created the national Common Operational Picture (COP) for the National Guard Bureau, worked in Hurricane Response for Katrina and Rita, and led the Long Island Breast Cancer Initiative Geospatial Hub, among other accomplishments. In 2018, Mx. Barr was a Lecturer at Northeastern University’s Graduate Program for Geospatial and Remote Sensing. He is an active mentor with URISA and Women+ in Geospatial.

On joining the AGS Council, Mx. Barr remarked, “I am deeply honored and humbled to be accepted as a board member of this esteemed organization. In the face of emerging challenges such as Climate Change, Agricultural Collapse, and Public Health, geography, together with the AGS, will spearhead the solutions to these pressing issues. I take great pride in being a part of this organization.”

“It is my pleasure to welcome Todd to the AGS Council. We are looking forward to the unique perspectives they will bring to AGS as we provide leadership in this era of ubiquitous use of geospatial tools,” said Dr. John Konarski, Chief Executive Officer of AGS.

The AGS Council is the governing board of the Society and has been leading the organization since 1851. Some of the nation’s most prominent historical leaders have served on the Council including Henry Grinnell, Seth Low, Archer M. Huntington, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John Noble Wilford, and many of the leading geographers, business leaders, and political figures throughout the decades.

The AGS is a 21st-century learning society dedicated to the advancement of geographic thinking, knowledge, and understanding across business, government, academe, social sectors, and most importantly with teachers and students. The vision of AGS is to be the foremost champion of geography for the benefit of society. The mission of AGS is to convene a diverse global community of innovators, thinkers, and practitioners; create and curate geographical knowledge, learning, and exploration; and advance geographic knowledge and technologies to address society’s challenges and opportunities. Established in 1851, AGS is the oldest professional geographical organization in the United States and is recognized worldwide as a pioneer in geographical research and education. AGS seeks to engage the
American public, from its youngest to its oldest citizens, with new and amazing ways to understand and characterize our changing world. The Society maintains its headquarters in New York City.

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